



Charles Heavin

July 6, 1928 - February 1, 2025

Charles Ray Heavin, 96, Topeka, Kansas, passed away on Saturday, February 1, 2025.

Charles was born July 6, 1928, in Baxter Springs, Kansas, the son of Charles and Mary Gaddy Heavin. He graduated from Baxter Springs High School. Charles married Shirley Graham in 1953. He retired from the Kansas State Department of Corrections. Charles was a member of Westside Christian Church.

Charles was an entertainer at heart. He would share stories with people about his time playing baseball with Mickey Mantle. Charles played instruments and sang, travelling to retirement homes to entertain residents with his music and playing at the Elmont Opry. When he was no longer able to travel, Charles frequently played and sang for residents of Topeka area retirement homes.

Charles is survived by his wife, Shirley; children, Debra Albright (Ralph), Randy Heavin (Carol) and Kathy Figgs; grandchildren, Tammy Tompkins, Melissa Spitler (Jason), Angela Figgs, Valery Figgs, Troy Deppe (Kelly) and Dustin Deppe; great-grandchildren, Stone Tompkins, Mya Tompkins, Cole Spitler, Hudson Spitler, Luke Spitler, Levi Spitler, Blane Deppe and Joel Deppe. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Sandra Heavin; parents; five brothers; and one sister.

Visitation will be 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, February 6, 2025, at Westside Christian Church, 432 SW Lindenwood Ave, Topeka KS 66606. Funeral service will be 12:30 p.m. Friday, February 7, 2025, at the Church. Burial will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Westside Christian Church and sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Cemetery Details

Mount Hope Cemetery

4700 SW 17th Street
Topeka, KS 66604

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

West Side Christian Church
432 SW Lindenwood Avenue
Topeka, KS 66606

Funeral Service

FEB 7. 12:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MG

“ Today Charlie came to my mind. I first met him after I retired from the army and began working at TCF in 1988. Charlie was always very happy and shared a lot of stories with me. After he retired, I used to see him at first cafeteria plan for all the customers. He hadn't changed a bit years later. I'm sorry to say I found out. He had passed away today and wish I had known soon. God bless you, Charlie and your lovely family. See you across the bridge brother.

MICHAEL GAINEY - March 31 at 06:55 PM

RK

“ SHIRLEY, my thoughts and Prayers go out to you and your family. Everytime I saw Charlie he always had a smile and was a kind hearted man. He loved his family immensely. RIP CHARLIE.
Love and Prayer's
Roy Knisley

Roy Knisley - February 17, 2025 at 07:28 PM

PW

“ I am so sorry on the passing of Charlie. I know he is in paradise. I remember my Dad, Lowell Ellis and him teasing around. Dad always called him Frog. He was a great guy and a faithful follower of Christ. Pam Wachsnicht

pam wachsnicht - February 07, 2025 at 09:24 PM

DS

“ Charlie brought the world together with his brilliant light of love for Jesus, his soft melodic voice, his wisdom, kindness, and goodwill to all. Charlie was a man among men, one of the best men we have ever had the blessing to know. Dearest Shirley and all of Charlie’s family, we share your sorrow and offer our deepest sympathy for the loss of your beloved wonderful Charlie. And, as Steve said this morning, “I don’t know if all dogs go to Heaven, but I know that Frogs do.” We love you, Charlie. Always will.

Deb and Steve Southerland

Deborah Southerland - February 07, 2025 at 11:15 AM

JH

“ Sorry for your loss. Charlie and I worked at KRDC for about 10 years before I left to work at the Post Office. He was a good man and always happy. I know he will be playing music for the Good Man upstairs. God speed my friend.

Jimmy Hinton - February 05, 2025 at 02:08 PM

MS

“ Charlie was an amazing person. Loved his guitar picking. Condolences to the entire family.
Mike and Linda Shaver

Mike Shaver - February 05, 2025 at 12:33 PM

HI

“ I met Lt. Heaven when i was a Very young Correctional Officer. I think i was and I about 22 years old. He was one of the Nicest People I every met back in the day. I very Sorry for your loss. Thanks for the Memories Charlie. May you rest in Peace and I will see you on the other side. *Captain Harry M. Hammer III (Retired).*

Harry Hammer III - February 05, 2025 at 11:20 AM

CH

“ We are sorry for Your loss. Sending Prayers and Condolences. Carolyn, Brian and Bridgette Hodge.



Carolyn Hodge - February 04, 2025 at 11:59 PM

MN

“ My wife and I got to know Charles and his wife Shirley in a dance club, we heard him perform at Elmont Opry (a superb guitarist, of course, known by anyone lucky enough to hear him play). They were very capable dancers and a smooth couple on the dance floor. Our warmest thoughts of our memories of Charles at Caravelle/Rendezous Dance Club. And our condolences to Shirley and his family. Mark Neis and Jill Michaux

Mark Neis - February 04, 2025 at 03:14 PM

YM

“ Your team at Mars planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Heavin.

Your team at Mars - February 04, 2025 at 02:12 PM

YM

“ Your team at Mars purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Charles Heavin.



Your team at Mars - February 04, 2025 at 02:12 PM

JC

“ Uncle Frog was a jewel. He was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. He was a good brother, son and definitely a wonderful uncle. The world will not be the same without him in it, yet I wouldn't take away the joy he is having in Heaven with all his family and especially with Sandy. He was loving and giving, quick with a story or joke, and loved everyone with all his heart. I love his tag line at the end of a phone conversation... Tell everyone that ol Frog loves them... And then "hang tight and keep it cool"... The singing and rejoicing in Heaven is raising the rafters right now.. And they are all in tune. Loving and missing him already! ❤️❤️❤️

Janet Carr - February 03, 2025 at 10:22 PM

LP

“ Uncle Frog was the epitome of love, life, and laughter. He shared these virtues with anyone and everyone he came in contact with. He was definitely not ashamed of his Lord and Savior as he shared His love. We will definitely miss him. Until we meet again.

Linda and Russell Price - February 03, 2025 at 07:35 PM