



Charles R. Royal Jr.

May 5, 1932 - July 29, 2022

Charles R. Royal, Jr., 90, of Bloomington passed away on Friday, July 29, 2022 at the IU Health Bloomington Hospital.

He was born on May 5, 1932 in Childress, Texas, the son of Charles R. Royal, Sr. and Josephine Garcia Royal. Charles was a 1950 graduate of Ysleta High School in El Paso, Texas. He married Jean Esther Ann Lepisto on May 12, 1956 in Laurium, Michigan. They were happily married for sixty-six years. Pursuing a career in automotive sales and service, he was employed at Courtesy Chevrolet in El Paso, Texas and became the General Manager of that dealership. He moved to Bloomington in 1969 and established Royal Chevrolet. He later acquired other interests in automobile businesses in Bloomington and Southern Indiana, including Royal South with its Toyota, Mazda and Volvo brands and Royal on the Eastside with its Subaru, Audi and Volkswagen brands.

He also served as the Chairman of the Board of Monroe County Bank, a member of the National Chevrolet Dealer Council, and President of the Indiana Automobile Dealers Association.

He was deeply devoted to his wife, Jean, and his family. Among his interests were automobile racing, boating, sport fishing and traveling. Late in life, he became a Christian upon accepting Jesus Christ as his Savior and Lord.

Charles is survived by his wife, Jean Royal of Bloomington, and by his five daughters, Lynette (Doug) Long of St. Louis, Missouri, Marla (Chuck) Forney of Bloomington, Terry Harrison of Bloomington, Michele (Dan) Jones of

Noblesville, Indiana, and Amy Royal of Palm Beach, Florida. He is also survived by fourteen grandchildren—Andy (Beth) Long, Charles (Audra) Long, David (Samantha) Long, Laura (Matt) Bobart, Will (Karla) Forney, Joseph (Lauren) Harrison, Jennie Jones, Steven Jones, Emily (Zach) Shiffer, Abby Mitchell, Annie Mitchell, Jack Mitchell, Margaret Mitchell and Teddy Bartholomew, as well as eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Margaret Bonar.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 pm on Saturday, August 6, 2022 at the Allen Funeral Home, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington. Visitation will be from 1:00 pm to service time, Saturday, August 6, 2022 at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to Wheeler Mission Bloomington.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory has been entrusted with arrangements.

Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 6. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory
4155 S. Old State Road 37
Bloomington, IN 47401
(812) 824-5905
<http://www.allencares.com>

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

DJ

“ One of the finest men I have met in the Automobile Business. Charlie shaped my life in the Business. Kind, Intelligent, Giving a truly great person. I am a better person because I knew Charlie. Will see him again.

Dannie Johnson - August 06, 2022 at 06:51 PM

LC

“ Dear Jean and family, love and prayers to you that you'll be aware of God holding you steady during these days. His love is the strength that you need!
Lois Crum

Lois Crum - August 06, 2022 at 08:26 AM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Charles R. Royal Jr..



August 05, 2022 at 06:01 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles R. Royal Jr..



August 05, 2022 at 01:19 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Charles R. Royal Jr..*



August 05, 2022 at 08:09 AM



“ *I only knew Mr Royal thru the Car Business but during the 17 years that I have known him, he and I have had some great conversations and I always respected him and the fresh fruit that he had from the farmer's market, that he always shared! He was straight to the point and was a pleasure to do business with! I was always so happy to see him whenever I would come in to visit one of his Dealerships! I will miss you Mr Royal!*

Michelle Pfeifer - August 05, 2022 at 12:01 AM



“ *Michelle Pfeifer and the CarNow Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Charles R. Royal Jr..*



Michelle Pfeifer and the CarNow Family - August 04, 2022 at 11:52 PM

JN

“ I have known Charlie for many years and marveled his spirit and abilities to operate a very successful business and eventually become the Chairman of the Monroe County Bank board of directors. My brother Rick also has many fond memories of the two of them working together on the MCB Board prior to it becoming Old National Bank. As an Audi vehicle owner, I remember him often being in their Eastside dealership when I would drop in for service or to just look at the newer vehicles. He was always so engaging in our conversations and loved his family. I'm also Praising the Lord that he received Christ later in life so I know I will see him again some day. Jerry Neely

Jerry Neely - August 04, 2022 at 12:51 PM

BS

“ Brad Surian and Laura Stolberg purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Charles R. Royal Jr..



Brad Surian and Laura Stolberg - August 04, 2022 at 12:26 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Charles R. Royal Jr..



August 04, 2022 at 12:02 PM



“ Jeff & Dana Johnson purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Charles R. Royal Jr..



Jeff & Dana Johnson - August 04, 2022 at 10:47 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles R. Royal Jr..



August 04, 2022 at 10:39 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles R. Royal Jr..



August 04, 2022 at 07:41 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles R. Royal Jr..



August 03, 2022 at 05:02 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles R. Royal Jr..



August 03, 2022 at 04:26 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles R. Royal Jr..



August 03, 2022 at 02:48 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles R. Royal Jr..



August 03, 2022 at 01:33 PM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Charles R. Royal Jr..



August 03, 2022 at 10:17 AM

DR

“ *Dennis and Irene Reedy purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Charles R. Royal Jr..*



Dennis and Irene Reedy - August 03, 2022 at 09:43 AM

CH

“ *Claire Horn purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Charles R. Royal Jr..*



Claire Horn - August 03, 2022 at 12:32 AM

PO

“ *Charlie, my father (Tom O'Brien) and Tom Wood had created an insurance company many years ago. They had an annual meeting at the Ritz Carlton in Chicago, which is where I first met Charlie. I realized then that he was brilliant and cared about financial details. Even though I was young and "green" he embraced me and was so kind. As a fellow Toyota dealer in Indianapolis, I had the chance to be with Charlie on several more occasions. He remained kind and cordial every time we were together. That is the way I will remember Charle Royal.*

Pat O'Brien

Pat O'Brien - August 02, 2022 at 02:23 PM

CP

“ Chris & Kaitlyn Perantoni purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Charles R. Royal Jr..



Chris & Kaitlyn Perantoni - August 02, 2022 at 02:08 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Charles R. Royal Jr..



August 02, 2022 at 11:40 AM

TT

“ Toyota Chicago Regional Team purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Charles R. Royal Jr..



Toyota Chicago Regional Team - August 02, 2022 at 11:10 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles R. Royal Jr..



August 02, 2022 at 10:09 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Charles R. Royal Jr..*



August 02, 2022 at 09:43 AM



“ *Dear Aunt Jean, Lynette, Marla, Terry, Michelle and Amy*

*I was so saddened to hear of the passing of "Uncle Charles"
I have memories of the times you visited and visiting you they were
all great times and memories that no one can take. He was a very
good man and always impressed me with this brilliance and insight
that helped guide me in some things. Always personable, he had a
way about him that always made "you" feel important. I know he will
be sorely missed.*

*The Lord has welcomed him into his house and in time you will be
together once more.*

*The hurt and sadness are a measure of the love we have here take
solace in the memories and
promise that he is in a better place no more ailments.*

Love you All

Tom

Tom Lepisto - August 02, 2022 at 05:15 AM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Charles R. Royal Jr..*



August 01, 2022 at 10:32 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Charles R. Royal Jr..*



August 01, 2022 at 10:28 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Charles R. Royal Jr..*



August 01, 2022 at 05:59 PM



“ *You are forever in our hearts and prayers. While we cannot be physically present during this difficult time, please know you all are always in our thoughts and we are always available to offer support. May Mr. Royal Rest In Peace and may his memory be a blessing. Love, the Curtis family.*

Kimberli and Cecilia Curtis - August 01, 2022 at 04:34 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles R. Royal Jr..*



August 01, 2022 at 01:39 PM



“ *To the Royal Family: I am so sorry for your loss. As many of you know, I first started representing Charlie in 1981 when he and Tom Martin purchased a small, failing dealership. At the closing, there was a dispute over the value of the parts inventory of about \$50,000 (a lot more money then). The seller would not back down, and then Charlie suggested they flip for the difference. The seller backed down. Charlie had a great ability to read people, which also made him a great salesman.*

Much will be said about his business acumen and success. But what is most important was the absolute love he had for Jean and his five daughters.

Charlie has meant a great deal to me as a friend, client and business partner, and he will be sorely missed. I was able to see him twice this year, once visiting him at the house and then taking him to lunch in early June when I also was able to see Jean.

Geoff Grodner

Geoffrey M. Grodner - August 01, 2022 at 12:38 PM