



SSG (Ret) Charles Edwards Berry Sr.

April 26, 1961 - June 24, 2019

Charles Edwards Berry, Sr., son of the late William Lear and Dollie Berry, was born April 26, 1961 in Cincinnati, Ohio. He passed away Monday, June 24, 2019 in the Phelps Health Hospital of Rolla, Missouri having attained the age of 58 years, 1 month and 28 days.

In October 1984, Charles entered the United States Army and served his country faithfully until his retirement in 2006 after 22 years of service. He had attained the rank of Staff Sergeant. For his faithful service, Charles earned several awards and commendations; some of which include: Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (4th Award), Army Achievement Medal (6th Award), Army Good Conduct Medal (7th Award), National Defense Service Medal (2nd Award), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, South West Asia Service Medal w/Bronze Service Star (2nd Award), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Non Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (2nd Award), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (3rd Award), NATO Medal, KU-LIB-MDL (Saudi Arabia), and KU-LIB-MDL (Kuwait).

On February 20, 1988 in Covington, Kentucky, Charles was united in marriage to Loretta Wheeler. They shared over 31 years of marriage together and were blessed with two children: Valentina and Charles, Jr.

Charles obtained a Bachelor of Engineering Administration Degree. In his spare time, Charles enjoyed being outdoors while fishing. He loves his family tremendously and enjoyed spending time with them whenever he was able. He will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those who knew and loved him.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife: Loretta Berry of St. Robert, MO; two children: Valentina Newman (Randy) of Cincinnati, OH and Charles Berry, Jr. of St. Robert, MO; seven grandchildren; one great grandchild; two sisters: Francine Earl of Indianapolis, IN and Nichelle Hampton (Rick) of Cincinnati, OH; one brother: Lorenzo Berry of Cincinnati, OH; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Charles was preceded in death by his grandparents: Lorenzo and Sarah Berry; and four siblings: Linda Harris, William Lear, Victoria Berry and Vernon Berry.

Services were held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, July 1, 2019 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert officiating with Pastor Susan Marshall officiating. The songs "Take Me To the King" and "Never Would Have Made It" were played. Several friends and family members recalled their wonderful memories of Charles. Burial with military honors followed in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery of Waynesville, Missouri.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H
Waynesville, MO 65583

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 1. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
202 Historic 66 W.
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Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of SSG (Ret) Charles Edwards Berry Sr.*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - July 09, 2019 at 08:52 AM

UN

Can someone please get in connect with the family for my....my name is Undray Jones.... SSG BERRY was my first squad leader at Fort Stewart Georgia from 1997 to 2000. I have been looking for him ever since I got out the army in 2007. The last time I seen him was at Fort Leonard Wood Missouri.

Undray - September 26, 2019 at 12:02 AM



“ *SSG (Ret) Charles Edwards Berry Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM

BR

“ *Brian Reese lit a candle in memory of SSG (Ret) Charles Edwards Berry Sr.*



Brian Reese - June 07, 2020 at 04:41 AM

KA

“ Kayla lit a candle in memory of SSG (Ret)
Charles Edwards Berry Sr.



Kayla - August 01, 2019 at 04:49 PM

CB

“ CSM Harold And Brigitte Burleson lit a candle
in memory of SSG (Ret) Charles Edwards
Berry Sr.



CSM Harold and Brigitte Burleson - June 30, 2019 at 01:22 AM

PG

“ Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in
memory of SSG (Ret) Charles Edwards Berry
Sr.



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - June 30, 2019 at 01:21 AM

BF

“ Brian Reese And Family lit a candle in
memory of SSG (Ret) Charles Edwards Berry
Sr.



Brian Reese and Family - June 29, 2019 at 12:26 PM

BR

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all... You and your family has my deepest condolences...*



Charles Edward Berry aka Rusty aka SSG Berry you will always have a place in my heart..

So many memories we made together growing up in Walnut Hills ...

You were an AWESOME INDIVIDUAL while GOD had you here on earth with us.... The definition of a friend is you my friend and I thought of you as a brother ...

You sure loved fishing and I know you're up there in Heaven with a surf rod getting your fishing on

One of my fondest memories of Charles is how he came to Maryland to help me move my household items from Fort Meade Maryland back to Cincinnati before I went overseas to South Korea..

SSG Berry a true Soldier that served his country proudly

This isn't goodbye my friend , but rather I will see you later , and I am looking forward to seeing you again my friend / my brother ...

SSG Berry I salute you !

GOD Bless the Berry Family ...

Brian Reese - June 29, 2019 at 12:22 PM



“ 58 files added to the album LifeTributes



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - June 28, 2019 at 07:34 AM



“ Eric M. Reese Sr. “Icky” lit a candle in memory of SSG (Ret) Charles Edwards Berry Sr.



Eric M. Reese Sr. “Icky” - June 27, 2019 at 07:58 AM



“ Mr. Berry , Your are a wonderful man and I am glad I had the pleasure of getting to know you and your stories and the way you made me laugh. You truly were an amazing man to me and my kids when you came over!! You will be truly missed by us! We love you.. Love Always T



Tori Alexander - June 26, 2019 at 11:03 PM

VA

“ *Valentina lit a candle in memory of SSG (Ret) Charles Edwards Berry Sr.*



Valentina - June 24, 2019 at 06:03 PM

VA

“ *Hey pops, I love you more than life itself. I am going to be lost without you but I know you are watching over all of us and you will keep me grounded in life. As your daughter you were my first love and my hero and you will ALWAYS be. Rest easy Pops!!*

Valentina - June 24, 2019 at 06:02 PM

LB

“ *Loretta Berry lit a candle in memory of SSG (Ret) Charles Edwards Berry Sr.*



Loretta Berry - June 24, 2019 at 05:57 PM

LB

“ *I will always Love you SSG(Ret) Charles Edward's Berry RIP my Husband*

Loretta Berry - June 24, 2019 at 05:56 PM

UN

*Hello Mrs. Loretta Berry, you may not remember me, but SSG BERRY was my first squad leader at Fort Stewart Georgia and he used to bring to the house sometimes to visit. Me and my wife was just sitting around talking about all the good times I had at Fort Stewart and I start talking about the good times me and SSG Berry had together.... and my wife decided to see can she find him because the last time I seen him was at Fort Leonard Wood in 2007 right before I got out the army. And then my wife saw this post and showed it to me and instantly I went into tears if you can please contact me here is my email
Undray.jones@gmail.com*

Undray - September 26, 2019 at 12:11 AM