



## Charles Edward Rich

April 14, 1931 - May 15, 2025

Charles Edward Rich, 94 of St. Robert, Missouri, departed this life Thursday, May 15, 2025, in his home. A native of Spindale, North Carolina, he was preceded in death by his wife: Lema Faye Smawley Rich; parents: William Bunyan and Dovie Poteat Rich; brothers: Gus, Thomas and Billy; and sister: Marjorie. He was a graduate of Harris High School, Gardner-Webb Jr. College, and Robinson's Business College. He was of the Reformed Christian faith.

Rich was a Korean-era veteran of the United States Air Force.

He retired from Dynagraphics, Inc., a commercial printing company of Greenville/Spartanburg, South Carolina. His interests were history, theology and genealogy.

He is survived by two children: Rebecca Johnson (Craig) of Dixon, MO, and Lori Rich-Fox (Ellen) of Jasper, GA; two stepchildren: Jerry Blanton (Cynthia) of Chesnee, SC, and Cathy Land (Jim) of Cherryville, NC; two grandsons: Benjamin Johnson and Phillip Johnson; six step-grandchildren: Heath Blanton, Noel Blanton, Aaron Remley, Wesley Remley, Laurel Braddock and Whitney Cardman; one great grandson: Eli Thomas Johnson; one great granddaughter: Abigail Nicole Johnson; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Graveside services with military honors were held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, 2025 in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery with honors being provided by the Missouri Honors Team. Services were under the care and direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Charles Rich and may be left at Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

# Cemetery Details

## Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H  
Waynesville, MO 65583

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAY 21. 2:30 PM.

Missouri Veterans Cemetery Of Waynesville

# Tribute Wall



“ 29 files added to the album Life Tributes



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - May 19, 2025 at 01:14 PM

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“ Charlie was my father-in-law. But not just that, he was a father to me for over 40 years, he was also my buddy. We enjoyed many years of playing golf. Golf became one of his many passions. He was also a great wood carver. We have several wood carvings on display in our house. Charlie was a proud member of the Air Force in his early years. Several years ago I took him to Dayton, Ohio where the US Air Force Museum is located. He so enjoyed seeing the aircraft he flew on during his service. Charlie was also an avid reader. I have many books he had finished reading. We both enjoyed military history, especially anything related to General George Patton. I will miss him greatly. But I know where he is and knowing he is reunited with his wife of 65 years. God Bless Charlie.

Craig Johnson - May 19, 2025 at 06:41 AM