



Dr. Charles Samuel Byerly

December 21, 1924 - December 16, 2019

Dr. Charles Samuel Byerly, 94, formerly of Easton, Illinois, died peacefully on December 16, 2019 at Luther Oaks in Bloomington. He was born on December 21, 1924 in Elk City, Oklahoma to Sharon and Hazel Byerly. He survived the Dust Bowl, spending most of his youth in Oklahoma and Colorado. Charles left high school during WWII to enlist in the Navy. While stationed in Hutchinson, Kansas, he met the love of his life, Carolee Jean Searcy. They were inseparable during 71 years of marriage.

Charles is survived by his siblings: Wanda Negley of Canon City, CO and Ellen McCormick of Salida, CO; his children: Floyd Byerly of Sault Ste. Marie, MI, Mary Anne (Robert) Harris of Mason City, IL, Scott (Helen) Byerly of Bloomington, IL, Kent (Diane) Byerly of Ridgecrest, CA, Barbara Keith of Pasadena, CA, Pete (Marsha) Bowers of Mason City, IL; grandchildren: Libby (Dan) DeMerit, Megan (Brock) Nissen, Jessica Byerly, Emma Byerly, Alexandra Byerly, Blake Byerly, Alexis Byerly, and Caitlan Byerly; great-grandchildren: Ayda, Ellis, and Drew DeMerit, Jax, Tripp, and Sloan Nissen, and Makayla Byerly. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and five adult siblings.

After an honorable discharge from the Navy, Charles attended Kansas State University, where, inspired by his lifelong love of animals, he received his doctorate in Veterinary Medicine. He was in private veterinary practice in Mason City, IL for 16 years. At age 41, he continued his education at the University of Illinois, where he received a Master's Degree in Veterinary

Pathology. Thereafter, Dr. Byerly was employed for many years as a Veterinary Pathologist at the U of I and for the State of Tennessee.

Dr. Byerly had numerous passions. He was active in his community and the church, belonging to several civic organizations over the years, including Boy Scouts and Gideons. A talented athlete recruited to play football at Kansas State, he was also an avid sports fan of the Cardinals, Kansas State, and U of I. His hobbies included woodworking, gardening, and photography. He loved camping and travel, and, with his loving wife, visited all 50 states. However, he is most remembered for his dedication to his family and friends. He was a kind and loving father and grandfather, and a loyal friend. Charles was devoted to helping others. Regardless of life's circumstances, he remained optimistic. He will be greatly missed.

The Byerly family would like to thank the caregivers at Luther Oaks, the Community Cancer Center, and Compassus for their dedication and compassion. There will be a Celebration of Life service on Saturday, February 8th at 10:30 AM at the Easton United Methodist Church in Easton, Illinois. Memorial contributions may be made to the Easton United Methodist Church or Gideons International.

Condolences can be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

Easton United Methodist Church
108 East Main
Easton, IL 62633

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Charles Samuel Byerly*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *KIM RUSSELL lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles Samuel Byerly*



KIM RUSSELL - February 05, 2020 at 10:48 AM



“ *The Means family sends their condolences to the Byerly family.*

John Means - December 23, 2019 at 08:10 PM



“ *Vickie Bagby lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles Samuel Byerly*



Vickie Bagby - December 23, 2019 at 05:37 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to the entire family. We have the greatest respect for wonderful Doc Byerly, who cared for our animals, shared coffee in the Rutledge kitchen, and led an admirable life. God's peace to you. Gaye and John Maxson*

Gaye Maxso - December 23, 2019 at 04:50 PM

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So sad to hear this, dr.and his family had a big part of my life as a young man more than they'll ever know

robert harrison - December 24, 2019 at 09:50 AM