

## Charles C. Venis

October 9, 1924 - January 20, 2015

Charles C. Venis was born October 9, 1924 in Fairland, Oklahoma to the late Alvin and Nannie (Hudson) Venis. He was raised in Fairland along with his two brothers, Walter and Billy and a sister, Marie. Charles graduated from Fairland High School and began working for the Cooper Funeral Home in Miami. He joined the United States Army in 1944, serving in Germany, and received an Honorable Discharge on August 9, 1946. Soon after returning from the war, Charles met Alma Jean Parkhurst and on January 11, 1948 they were married in Fairland. After starting their family, they moved to Miami and he worked for various companies before starting a long career at B.F. Goodrich. Charles and Jean had three daughters that he proudly followed and supported. He later retired from B.F. Goodrich and worked for several more years as a bookkeeper. Charles also did carpentry work, wallpaper hanging and painting throughout his life.

As a young couple, Charles and Jean belonged to numerous bowling leagues in Miami and later enjoyed many intense card games with their friends. Throughout the years, they spent time on Grand Lake fishing and spending time with their family. Charles was a loyal St. Louis Cardinals fan, rarely missing a televised game. Charles loved woodworking and building keepsakes for his family. He inherited his gift of carpentry from his father, and enjoyed sharing it with others.

Charles was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Miami, where he had served in many capacities over the years, was a member of the United Rubber Workers Union Local 318, having served as treasurer, and was a Charter Member of the NEO Federal Credit Union, where he served on the Board of Directors and was Past-President, but he was most honored by the title of Dad and Grandpa.

Charles was a selfless man, who quietly helped others when he could. He stood as a role model for his grandchildren and believed in treating everyone with respect. He never met a stranger. Charles cherished the time spent with his family and as each generation grew, he had more to be proud of. Grandpa Charlie rarely missed a ballgame or event that involved his grandchildren or great grandchildren.

Charles passed away Tuesday morning, January 20, 2015 in Tulsa at the age of 90. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Billy Venis and Walter Venis, a sister, Marie Armagost, and his wife, Jean, who passed away in 2007.

He is survived by twin daughters, Marilyn Harsch and husband Bill of Eureka Springs, Arkansas and Marsha Baldrige and husband Scott of Miami, and his youngest daughter Alicia Ray and husband Albert of Quapaw, six grandchildren, Jason Winters and wife Nicole of Okmulgee, Kourtney Poteet and husband Matt of Miami, Rhonda Keefe of Oklahoma City, Meagan Frazier of Carl Junction, Missouri, Albert Ray III and wife Tabitha of Joplin, and Kyle Baldrige and wife Lynsey of Miami, eight great grandchildren, Braden and Merrick Winters, Kaden Baldrige, Kamden and Krue Poteet, Kason and Slade Frazier and Kannon Baldrige, and several very special nieces and nephews.

Charles touched countless lives throughout his life and leaves a legacy of

memories for his family and friends to cherish. His family will receive friends on Thursday evening from 5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. at the Cooper Memorial Chapel of the Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service. A Funeral Service celebrating Charles' life will be held 2:00 P.M. Friday, January 23, 2015 at the First United Methodist Church with Minister Leon Weece and Reverend Mark Rickman officiating. Interment will follow in the Fairland Cemetery. Casketbearers will be his nephews, Don Helmig, Terry Helmig, Bill Collins, Bob Collins, Tom Stelle, Paul Hawk and Jeff Collins. Honorary Casketbearers will be Charles' great grandchildren. The family suggests memorials be made in his name to the First United Methodist Church Backpack Program.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Miami. Memories may be shared at [www.brown-winters.com](http://www.brown-winters.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Fairland Cemetery

Fairland, OK 74343

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service  
5 B Street NW  
Miami, OK 74354  
(918) 542-3311  
info@brown-winters.com  
<https://www.brown-winters.com>

## Funeral

JAN **23**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church - Miami  
200 B NW  
Miami, OK 74354  
<http://www.fumcmiami.org>

# Tribute Wall

KI

“ Dear Family- I am so sorry to learn about your daddy's passing. He was so good to me when I worked summer help at Goodrich inspecting tubes. I got lost every day on my way in and he would be waiting for me and get me to where I was supposed to be! He was always so good to my momma and she loved him as I did. May you be comforted knowing he and your momma are reunited forever.  
Love and blessings-Kim Grimes Pace

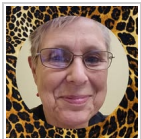
Kimberly - February 04, 2015 at 06:54 PM

RK

“ Ruth Kingsley lit a candle in memory of Charles C. Venis



Ruth Kingsley - January 23, 2015 at 11:41 PM



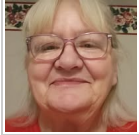
“ Took care of Charles s wife Jean. He was always by her side till the end. A very wonderful person.

Beth Doty - January 22, 2015 at 08:39 AM

LG

“ Charles was a Great man and most of all a Friend. Shared many a conversation while he lead the board at NEO. Was looked up to by many for his many acts of kindness and what he gave to his church and community. Larry and Sally Gatewood

Larry & Sally Gatewood - January 22, 2015 at 06:51 AM

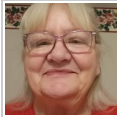


“ Anna Koski lit a candle in memory of Charles C. Venis



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**Anna Koski** - January 21, 2015 at 09:59 PM



*Mr. Venis was a wonderful man, always had a smile for everyone, and wanted you to sit and talk with him. He will be missed.*

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**Anna Koski** - January 21, 2015 at 10:01 PM



“ Jana Lyons lit a candle in memory of Charles C. Venis



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**Jana Lyons** - January 21, 2015 at 09:33 PM