



## Charles Lee Francis

November 5, 1932 - February 17, 2023

Charles Lee Francis, 90, has peacefully “Gone to Glory” while in his home, surrounded by loved ones on Friday, February 17, 2023. He was a loving husband, dad, papaw and great papaw.

He was a 56+ year resident of Kingston who shared his love for sports as a founding member of the Kingston Optimist Club. Charles coached baseball, football and basketball for many years. Born and raised in Oakdale, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and became a Sergeant and Personnel Specialist with honorable discharge in 1955. He immediately relocated back to Tennessee to become an Engineering Lab Technologist over the next 39+ years working for Union Carbide at the K-25, X-10 and Y-12 facilities, until his retirement in 1995. He enjoyed his sweets, watching the UT Volunteers, Lady Vols, and others, as well as camping, boating and fishing with his family over the years. Charles had a heart of gold and dearly loved his family, friends and neighbors.

In addition to parents, Ollie Mae (Fairchild) Francis and Roy Lee Francis of Oakdale, Charles was preceded in death by his infant son, Earl Eugene Francis; big brother, James Eugene Francis; and grand-parents, Charlotte E. and Charles S. Francis.

Survivors include his loving wife of 65+ years, Evelene Ruth “Wilder” Francis, originally of Sneedville; 4 children and their families: daughter, Carmen Denise “Francis” Davis (husband: Tony W. Davis; children: Charlie Ella and Eva Danielle); son, Donald Eugene Francis (children: Alyssa, Tyler, Samantha);

son, Danny Lee Francis (wife: Elaine; children: Matthew, Claire, Danny Jr.); and son, Raymond Francis; along with 8 great-grandchildren and many other loved family members.

The family will be receiving friends on Friday, February 24, 2023 from 5-7 pm at Kyker Funeral Home (350 W Race St., Kingston, TN 37763), with funeral services following at 7 pm. We are blessed to announce Pastor Greg Kelly will be officiating. Graveside services and burial with full military honors will take place at 11 am on Saturday, February 25, 2023, at Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery, 110 Liberty Rd, Wartburg, TN 37887. Kyker Funeral Home of Kingston is serving the Francis Family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **24**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Kyker Funeral Homes  
OUR KINGSTON CHAPEL  
PO Box 69, 350 W Race St  
Kingston, TN 37763  
(865) 376-6531  
<https://www.kykerfuneralhomes.com/>

## Funeral Service

FEB **24**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Burial

FEB **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Liberty Baptist Cemetery  
110 Liberty Road  
Wartburg, TN 37887

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles Lee Francis*



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**Kyker Funeral Home** - February 24, 2023 at 02:10 PM



“ *83 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Kyker Funeral Home** - February 24, 2023 at 02:01 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Charles Lee Francis.*



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February 23, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Charles Lee Francis.*



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February 23, 2023 at 04:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles Lee Francis.*



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February 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles Lee Francis.*



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February 23, 2023 at 09:34 AM



“ *The Trumbles purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Charles Lee Francis.*



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**The Trumbles** - February 22, 2023 at 04:14 PM

YF

“ *Your EnergySolutions Family purchased the Southern Magnolia Tree for the family of Charles Lee Francis.*



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**Your EnergySolutions Family** - February 22, 2023 at 03:34 PM

YF

“ *Your EnergySolutions family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Charles Lee Francis.*



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**Your EnergySolutions family** - February 22, 2023 at 03:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles Lee Francis.*



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February 22, 2023 at 01:19 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Charles Lee Francis.*



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February 20, 2023 at 10:47 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Charles Lee Francis.*



February 20, 2023 at 09:58 PM



“ *Charlie was a very good guy and was always helping with baseball and all the other ball he was loved by all and will be sadly missed .*

**Larry** - February 20, 2023 at 08:55 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Charles Lee Francis.*



February 20, 2023 at 08:06 PM



“ *Good Man...*

**Troy Beets** - February 20, 2023 at 07:59 PM