



## Charles "Charlie" Hillen

October 25, 1926 - September 1, 2020

Charles Roy Hillen, age 93, of Peoria, passed away on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at Generations of Peoria. Charlies was born on October 25, 1926 in Kansas City Missouri to George Leroy and Ada Elizabeth (Cracraft) Hillen. He was proceeded in death by his wife, Mareta, Daughter Betty Evans, two sons, Charles Hillen and Larry Mercer, grandson Tom Street, and a great-grandson Demetrius Rodriguez. Surviving are his son Joe Hillen of East Peoria, his granddaughter, Nicole (Dane) Sherlock, great grandson Cameron Sherlock, great granddaughter Kaylee (Mason) Samonia, great granddaughter Kinley Samonia, and Step granddaughter Felicia Wungleuck.

Charlie was a long time member of the carpenters union. He loved being outside gardening, watching and feeding the local squirrels and birds, and working on anything in his garage.

A memorial service will be held at Schmidt Haller Burial and Cremation Services on Tuesday, September 8, at 3:00pm.

Memorials in his name may be given to the charity of the donor's choice.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP 8. 3:00 PM (cst)

Schmidt-Haller Burial and Cremation Services  
1625 W Candletree Drive Suite D  
Peoria, IL 61614  
(309) 699-7208

# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear of the loss of Charlie, I was his neighbor for 20 years, such a sweet man! You will be missed..

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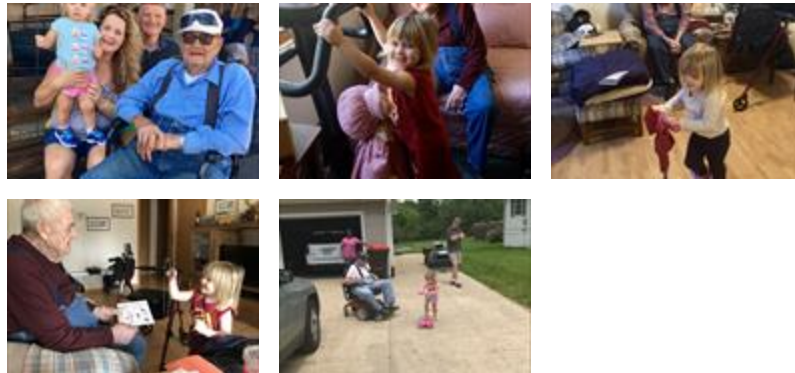
**Teresa** - September 07, 2020 at 06:49 PM

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“ Charles was an amazing man that we are going to miss VERY VERY much!! He could fix anything and loved to tinker around in his garage and play with his many tractors and lawn mowers. He was an amazing gardener too - growing cucumbers, squash, berries, tomatoes, fruits, flowers, avocados ... you name it!  
Our 4 yr old Rosie and Charles have been good friends since she was born. Going to many lent fish fries, Apple orchards, or their favorite Perkins to get sugar free Wildberry pie ! I will always laugh when remembering their scooter races on the driveway - her on the flashing pink one he got her for birthday and he on his riding scooter :) That infectious laugh! The squirrel show outside his window. He would always talk to us about the stock markets, or which vitamin is the best for this and that. We are so saddened by the loss of our good friend but have so many lovely memories to cherish.

*We love you Charles so much ! Give Betty a big hug from us xoxo*

*Tom, Deirdre, and Róisín Schlink*



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**Deirdre Schlink** - September 06, 2020 at 10:35 PM

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“ Charlie has been a friend & neighbor for 32 years. I don't think there was any gas powered engine he couldn't fix. If he heard me start up a chainsaw he was front & center to help...he burned wood and would take it home & split it. Up until the last few years he could work me to death, even tho I'm 18 years younger than him. When my great-granddaughter would go over with me he would go grab a handful of pecans and let her eat them while we worked. He helped me fix several things & would never take any money for it, even though if I fixed something for him he insisted on paying me. He will be dearly missed in our neighborhood and he will leave an especially big hole in my heart. Rest in peace Charlie!

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**Gerry Seely** - September 06, 2020 at 07:41 PM

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“ Ruth. Bush lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Hillen



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**Ruth. Bush** - September 03, 2020 at 07:24 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles "Charlie" Hillen.



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September 03, 2020 at 04:38 PM