



Charles Elza Eales

June 4, 1930 - June 21, 2012

Charles Elza Eales, 82, formerly of Alton, died at 9:10 p.m. on Thursday, June 21, 2012 at Elmhurst Memorial Hospital in Elmhurst, IL. He was born June 4, 1930 in Godfrey the son of Elza and Lelia (Schudel) Eales. He was a 1948 graduate of Alton Senior High School.

Charlie was a welder for Litchfield/Madison railroad, A.O. Smith, Waters Blacksmith, and Rotary Ram Inc. in Godfrey. He retired in 1994 from Lenhardt Tool and Die in Alton. He worked part time as a self-employed welder for many area small businesses and farmers. As a longtime member of Evangelical United Church of Christ in Godfrey, he served as a trustee for several years. Charlie found great joy in tinkering. He restored antique engines and displayed them at area tractor shows. He also felt strongly about helping the hungry. He and his wife faithfully delivered many meals to those in need through the Meals on Wheels program and proudly helped with delivering food to the Crisis Food Center in Alton.

Surviving is his wife Helen (Lippoldt) of 57 years. They were married by Rev. Leonard Todd at the Alton Evangelical Church at 8th and Henry Streets. Also surviving are two daughters; Cynthia "Cindy" Fields and husband Tim of Westfield, Christina "Christy" Soldano and her husband Frank of Elmhurst, IL, one son in law; Michael Kimball of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, eight grandchildren; Megan Fields, Ashley Fields, Paige Fields, Benjamin Kimball, Nicholas Soldano, Anna Kimball, Annalise Soldano and Francesca Soldano, a sister; Alice Wood of Alton and one brother; John Eales and his wife Joyce of

Meadowbrook and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one daughter; Cathia "Cathy" Kimball and one brother; Robert Eales and an infant sister; Elsie Mae Eales. Visitation will be from 4:00-8:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 24, 2012 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton where a funeral service will be at 11:00 a.m. on Monday with Reverend Jerry McCaskey officiating. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. Memorials may be made to the Crisis Food Center, Evangelical United Church of Christ or a charity of your choice.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Elza Eales*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Charles Elza Eales*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *I worked with Charlie for many years at Lenhardt Tool and Die and always considered him a good friend. My thoughts are with you at this difficult time.*

Colin Mandorca - July 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *The pain of losing someone you love is something that we will never get use to because God's Word refers to death as 'the last enemy.' May your family find comfort as I have in knowing that our loving heavenly Father promises us that very soon he will have our enemy 'brought to nothing.' (1Corinthians 15:26) What a wonderful day that will be!*

K. Jackson - June 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I worked with Charlie at lenhardt's he was a good friend and co-worker. My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time.*

Bill Linton - June 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Christy,

We are so sorry for the loss of you father. We are praying for Divine comfort and peace for you and your family.

Steve and LeAnne

Steve and LeAnne Getz - June 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Helen,

I was so sorry to read of your husband's passing. I'm praying for God's blessings and comfort for you and your family.

Your old friend and classmate, Joyce.

Joyce (Dunn) Cunningham - June 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM