

One night I dreamed a dream.
As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.
Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.
For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,
One belonging to me and one to my Lord.

After the last scene of my life flashed before me,
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.
I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,
especially at the very lowest and saddest times,
there was only one set of footprints.

This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.
“Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,
You’d walk with me all the way.
But I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome times of my life,
there was only one set of footprints.
I don’t understand why, when I needed You the most, You would leave me.”

He whispered, “My precious child, I love you and will never leave you
Never, ever, during your trials and testings.
When you saw only one set of footprints,
It was then that I carried you.”



In Appreciation

Chuck's family wishes to express their sincere appreciation for the thoughts, prayers, and many acts of kindness extended to each of them during this time.

Freeman
MORTUARY



Celebrating
THE LIFE OF

CHARLES B. OESTERLY
1936 - 2022

REMEMBERING *Chuck*

Charles Baker “Chuck” Oesterly, age 85, of Jefferson City, went to start his glorious home with the Lord on Tuesday, August 2, 2022.

Charles was born on September 30, 1936, in California, Mo., he was the third son of Walter and Lorene (Baker) Oesterly, who preceded him in death. Charles’ middle name was his mother’s maiden name. He resided in Moniteau County at the old home place, south of California, near the Twin Bridges. He lived there until he married Martha Marie Glass on September 17, 1960.

Charles was raised on the family farm four miles south of California, Mo. He went to grade school at Rock Island School, a rural one room school in Moniteau County. He was baptized and confirmed at the Evangelical and Reformed Church of California, Mo. and then later graduated from California High School in 1954. Charles completed Junior College in Jefferson City.

He worked in various positions with the Department of Transportation for 40 years. Charles began his employment in the survey and planning department and retired in 1994 from their design and construction department. He stayed close with many of his colleagues after retirement and even hosted chili dinners for them on occasion.

After going to work for the Department of Transportation, he started coaching softball teams. When his son, Kevin, turned nine, Charles started coaching him in Little League. Charles became the president of the Babe Ruth League in 1977 and was the president until the ball park was sold in 2014. The ball park was named Charles B. Oesterly stadium on July 20, 1986.

Charles enjoyed being outdoors as much as possible. He could often be found planting flowers in his garden, feeding animals and most of all, fishing on “Lake PaPa” with his grandchildren. He also enjoyed traveling to New Orleans and the Smoky Mountains with his wife. Most of all, he cherished the time that he spent with his family and friends. He will be most remembered for always being there when you needed him, and endlessly spoiling his grandchildren.

Charles is survived by: his loving wife of 61 years, Martha; one son, Kevin W. Oesterly, of Tebbetts, Mo.; daughter, Laura A. Lamberta (Charles), of Columbia Mo; three grandchildren, Sarah Oesterly of Springfield, Mo., Alexander Oesterly of Jefferson City and Annabelle Lamberta of Columbia, Mo; two sisters-in-law Margaret Oesterly and Mary Oesterly from California, Mo.

Charles is preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Lorene; and his three brothers, Paul, Ronald, and Gary; and one sister-in-law, Dorothy Oesterly.



TIME AND PLACE OF SERVICE

11:00 am Friday, August 4, 2022

Freeman Chapel

Jefferson City, Missouri

OFFICIANTS

Brenda Oesterly

Joe Dawson

FINAL RESTING PLACE

Hawthorn Memorial Gardens

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Sarah Oesterly

Alexander Oesterly

Annabelle Lamberta

