



Charles William Pratt

May 12, 1944 - January 3, 2023

On January 3, 2023, Charles William Pratt, 78, of Eddyville Kentucky was welcomed into heaven by his savior, Jesus Christ and he was reunited with his loving wife, Helen Pratt. Charles was born on May 12, 1944, in Chicago, Illinois, to Clifford and Marguerite (McDonald) Pratt. Mr. Pratt, a retired Colonel of the United States Army, served his country from October of 1962 until his retirement in 1994. His military service included receiving the Bronze Star, serving in the Vietnam War, and serving in Italy, Germany, Korea, Greece, and Japan. He served at multiple Army bases stateside as well. During his active-duty service time, Charles gained his officer status attending OCS, served as an Armor Battalion Officer, Military Intelligence Captain, and other assignments at Fort Hood and Fort Campbell. Charles married his late wife, Helen Pratt on May 25, 1968 and they spent 51 years together, traveling the world before settling into their home in Lyon County in 1974.

He is survived by his four loving children, Cheryl (Ed) Silcox of Anchorage, Alaska; Christopher Pratt (Ex-wife, Erika Pratt) of Texas; Thomas (Laura) Pratt of Oxford, Alabama and Amy (Steve) Arndt of Westminster, Colorado. As well as his brother and sisters, Mary Wilson, Carol Nordgren, Dennis (Helen) Pratt, Janice (William) Furr.

Mr. Pratt was most proud of his many grandchildren and often referred to them as his "Great" grandchildren. Some of their favorite memories are of catching fish off the dock in Eddy Creek and cold mornings spent deer hunting with their "Opa". His nine grandchildren are Andrew William, Abigail Dianne,

Evan Charles, Colton William, Aaron Daniel, Anthony Thomas, Alyssa Kei, Amey Louise, and Peyton Marie.

Charles was a devout member of the Roman Catholic Church and was a member of St. Mark Catholic Church in Eddyville. He and his wife, Helen, were founding families of St. Mark. He could be found for many years also attending daily Mass at St. Paul Catholic Church in Princeton. For the last few years, he would watch Mass daily on EWTN and faithfully pray his rosary. Charles wore many hats through the years following his retirement from the military. He was an entrepreneur of many businesses in the Eddyville community including a successful taxidermy business that kept him and his father, Clifford, very busy. Charles was a sworn Deputy Sheriff for the Lyon County Sheriff Department in 1979-1980. Another hat that drew him back to public service was being employed and retired with the Western Kentucky Correctional Complex. He was commissioned as a Kentucky Colonel in 1990 for his work with the community. Mr. Pratt was a member and former Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, Blessed Trinity Council. He volunteered in the community with many organizations including Bright Life Farms and the local senior citizen center. Charles continued to strongly support the Hope Clinic where Helen was a volunteer in Eddyville.

Charlie was most proud of The Colonel's House Bed and Breakfast in Princeton. He completely renovated the interior of the home, paying close attention to details to the history and architecture of the home's original construction. He loved providing hospitality and home cooked meals to the many guests that stayed there. Charles will be greatly missed and remembered by all his family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Hill Cemetery

Princeton, KY

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 6. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM.

St. Paul's Catholic Church

Rosary Service

JAN 6. 11:30 AM.

St. Paul's Catholic Church

Funeral Service

JAN 6. 12:00 PM.

St. Paul's Catholic Church

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr Pratt. There are no words. Rest easy my friend. The measure of a couple are the legacies that they leave on this earth. Besides the incredible deeds that Charles & Helen left indelibly on their community and nation, are their children and grandchildren. I am honored to have known both Charles & Helen through their son, Thom & his family. America’s great legacy is continued with people such as Charles & Helen Pratt. Goodbye friends, until we meet again!*

Ted Heathcock - January 09, 2023 at 11:48 AM

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“ *Charlie was one of the most dedicated men that i had ever worked with,as so was his wife Helen that i also worked with at both KSP & WKCC. My sorrow to the family. God be with you. Jimmy Roberts*

Jimmy Roberts - January 05, 2023 at 08:42 PM

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“ *April, Stephen, Caleb, Caroline LaFollette purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Charles William Pratt.*



April, Stephen, Caleb, Caroline LaFollette - January 05, 2023 at 02:40 PM