



Mr. Charles Bovan Jr.

December 3, 1931 - February 4, 2021

Charles Bovan, Jr., passed away peacefully on February 4, 2021 at Detroit Receiving Hospital, Detroit, Michigan at the age of 89 years.

Charles Bovan is survived by his son, Charles Bovan III; daughter-in-law, Sarah Bovan; granddaughter, Amaris Bovan; his sister, Lana Bovan.

Charles Bovan was born on December 3, 1931 in Memphis, Tennessee to the parents of Charles and Irene Bovan. He graduated from Michigan State University in Lansing, MI with a degree in Industrial Engineering. He went on to play in the National Football League for the Dallas Texans (now Kansas City Chiefs). Afterwards, he moved to Saginaw, Michigan and accepted an engineering position at General Motors, where he worked for more than 26 years. Upon retiring from General Motors he started his own business, Advanced Building Maintenance and after a successful run, retired from this business to pursue other passions.

Charles Bovan lived a full life. He mentored others, assisted many in finding jobs and set an example by pursuing his passions throughout life. He was actively involved in his church through teaching Sunday school and singing in the choir. He enjoyed playing sports, umpiring high school and college athletics, and working out. His family and friends will always remember him as one who tried to treat people as he would want to be treated.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Bovan and mother, Irene Bovan.

The funeral service will take place at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at the Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, Michigan 48607. Pastor Mike Hanafee will officiate with interment in Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI 48442. Visitation 9:00 a.m. until time of service.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 10. 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 N. Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607
(989) 754-0481
evansbrownes@gmail.com
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

FEB 10. 2:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 North Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607

Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Charles Bovan Jr.*



Browne's Mortuary - February 10, 2021 at 01:55 PM

ER

So sad to hear that my friend passed away. Back in the 60s we were the best of friends as Executive Directors of our respective Opportunities Industrialization Centers and while in Philadelphia or Washington, DC, when in restaurants the servers had to bring a gallon pitcher of water to our table because we both drank lots of water. I visited his home in Saginaw later and met his Mother, a wonderful Lady. There was Karlene Besaty who worked for a politician in Michigan who rode from Philadelphia with me because I always had my car. I was the Executive Director of the Champaign, Illinois OIC at the time. I now live at Modesto California.

Ernest R Richardson - September 14, 2025 at 11:06 PM

MA

“ *Rest Up Chuck.. You will be Missed*

Markus - January 11, 2024 at 04:48 PM

MD

“ *Mildred DorseyBell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Bovan Jr.*



Mildred DorseyBell - February 24, 2021 at 09:57 AM

DB

“ *Dorothy Burch lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Bovan Jr.*



Dorothy Burch - February 19, 2021 at 06:58 AM

LJ

“ *RIH Charlie, Leon Jackson*



Leon Jackson - February 11, 2021 at 08:22 AM

BF

“ *I worked alone side Mr. Bovan as a high school intern student at Saginaw Steering Gear (now Nexteer) back in 1983 he taught me an awful lot and was a mentor when I attended Michigan State.... I will never forget him in the many laughs we shared.... he was truly a good man may he rest in peace my prayers are with his family*

Ben Frazier - February 10, 2021 at 08:02 PM

LD

“ Mr. Charles (Chuck) Bovan I will always remember your beautiful voice in the Male chorus and in the Gospel Choir at Greater Freewill MB Church and your encouraging words.



Lorane Dorsey - February 10, 2021 at 09:29 AM

KF

“ Ken Fields lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Bovan Jr.



Ken Fields - February 09, 2021 at 10:17 PM

CS

“ Colleen Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Bovan Jr.



colleen smith - February 09, 2021 at 12:34 PM

WH

“ William & Freddie Hodges sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Bovan Jr.



William & Freddie Hodges - February 08, 2021 at 10:14 PM

CJ

“ I was truly shock when I saw of Chuck passing I met him at church" Prayers and condolences for the family He was truly a very person to know. May God give the family comfort during this most difficult time. He left you with joyful memories and he will always be in your hearts and in spirit. he will truly be miss. God Bless you now and always. Another soldier whom got his wings.



Cynthia Johnson - February 08, 2021 at 10:07 PM

DM

“ Derrell Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Bovan Jr.



Derrell Martin - February 08, 2021 at 08:14 PM

GB

“ Gwen Bowman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Bovan Jr.



Gwen Bowman - February 08, 2021 at 06:11 PM

DJ

“ Doris Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Bovan Jr.



Doris Jones - February 08, 2021 at 11:52 AM

MC

“ Marie Clark-Parker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Bovan Jr.



Marie Clark-Parker - February 08, 2021 at 06:32 AM

LE

“ It was a pleasure knowing you Mr. Chuck Bovan. Your singing voice in Freewill Baptist Male Chorus was enlightening. Will miss you!



LUCY ERBY - February 08, 2021 at 12:17 AM



“ Atonya Holliman Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Bovan Jr.



Atonya Holliman Patterson - February 07, 2021 at 10:56 PM

CM

“Charlotte McMillan-Harper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Bovan Jr.



Charlotte McMillan-Harper - February 07, 2021 at 08:09 PM

AM

“Audrey McKandes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Bovan Jr.



Audrey McKandes - February 07, 2021 at 06:29 PM

AJ

“Amelia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Bovan Jr.



Amelia Johnson - February 06, 2021 at 02:13 PM

LM

“Larry & Pamela Monroe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Bovan Jr.



Larry & Pamela Monroe - February 06, 2021 at 10:59 AM

JH

“ *Joyce Williams Harvin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Bovan Jr.*



Joyce Williams Harvin - February 06, 2021 at 07:48 AM

JH

“ *Jacqueline Hill-Hollins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Bovan Jr.*



Jacqueline Hill-Hollins - February 05, 2021 at 07:03 PM

MS

“ *Min. Thomas & Helen Speed sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Bovan Jr.*



Min. Thomas & Helen Speed - February 05, 2021 at 06:57 PM