



## Charles Franklin Bedford Jr.

February 23, 1937 - December 29, 2024

Charles Franklin Bedford, Jr., 87 of Raymore, Missouri (formerly of Blue Springs, MO) passed away on Sunday, December 29, 2024, at Foxwood Springs Senior Living Center in Raymore, Missouri. He was born Tuesday, February 23, 1937, to the late Charles Franklin Bedford Sr. and the late Mattie Susan (Gover) Bedford.

Charles was a graduate of Mayview, Missouri High School, class of 1955. After high school, Charles enlisted in the United States Air Force. He graduated from the Air Force Training Academy, and he obtained the rank of Airman Basic E-4, where he was an Aircraft Electrical & Environmental Systems Journeyman. He earned the Good Conduct Medal in 1961. Charles was discharged from the US Air Force in 1962. Charles married Shirley Ann (Krause) Bedford in 1965, and they spent 52 wonderful years together.

Charles worked a lifetime in the electrical field, starting with the Air Force. He then worked at the Bendix / Allied Signal / Honeywell facility in South Kansas City. Charles was always a happy man and was proud of his service in the US Air Force. Charles was full of jokes and liked playing pranks on people. He was a member of the IBEW 124 of Kansas City, MO and was previously an Ararat Shriner, member of the American Legion Post #499, the VFW, and participated in activities with the Veterans Administration. He was a proud veteran and wore his "Veteran" hat at any chance he could. Charles was a member at Timothy Lutheran Church in Blue Springs, Mo.

When Charles was not working, he was often found fishing or watching

NASCAR races. Once he finally retired, he got better at singing some “Old Country Music” and playing his guitar even more, even playing in some small bands. Charles will be loved and missed by all those that knew him and his music.

Surviving his passing are his son, Trevor (Mindi) Bedford of Kansas City, MO; his sister-in-law, Elaine Bedford of Mayview; and nephews Robbie Bedford and Aaron Bedford also of Mayview. Dale was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Shirley; brother Dale Floyd Bedford.

A Graveside Service will be held on Friday, January 17, 2025 at 2:00 PM at Missouri State Veterans Cemetery, Higginsville with full military honors.

# Cemetery Details

## Missouri Veterans Cemetery

20109 Business Highway 13  
Higginsville, MO 64037  
<http://www.mvc.dps.mo.gov>

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JAN 17. 2:00 PM.

Missouri State Veterans Cemetery