



Charles Edward Ruckel

June 12, 1950 - April 26, 2026

Charles Edward Ruckel age 75 of Jackson, Ohio went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, April 26, 2026 with his family and friends surrounding him in a circle of prayer. He was born on June 12, 1950 in Rexton, Kentucky to the late Albert Ruckel Sr. and Francis Hattie Ruckel.

Chuck was a proud U.S. Army veteran who served during the Vietnam Era. He later retired from the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility, where he was honored as Correctional Officer of the Year. Above all, Chuck's greatest joy in life was his grandchildren. He loved following them in all their activities and sports, always their biggest supporter. An avid outdoorsman, enjoying hunting and fishing. In his later years he found peace in working in his yard and watching the birds with his dog Sadi. Chuck was a born-again Christian, and he was ready to make this journey—his faith giving him peace and assurance. He is survived by his wife, Sharon Ruckel; sons, Tobi (Marie) Ruckel, Travis (Shawna) Ruckel, and Josh (Bethany) Ruckel; brother, Keith (Debbie) Ruckel; sister, Virginia Souders; grandchildren, Zoe (Todd) Moore, Ty Ruckel, Jenna (Jacob) Davis, Rowan Ruckel, Reese Ruckel, Tanner Ruckel, Devon Ruckel, and River Ruckel; as well as one great grandson, Henry Moore. Besides his parents, he is preceded in death by his sister, Gail Ruckel, and his brother, Albert Ruckel Jr.

"A man tells his stories so many times that he becomes the stories. They live

on after him, and in that way he becomes immortal."

-Big Fish

Funeral services will be held at 1pm on Friday, May 1, 2026 at the Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home with Pastor Bub Norris officiating and burial in the Fairmount Cemetery to follow with military graveside service being conducted by the DAV Chapter 45. The family will receive friends from 4-7pm on Thursday, April 30, 2026 at the funeral home. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mayhew-brownfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Fairmont Cemetery

12 Fairmont St
Jackson, OH 45640

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 30. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home
135 Broadway Street
Jackson, OH 45640
(740) 286-4161

Funeral Service

MAY 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JE

“ *Fond memories of attending church together many years ago. Love and prayers to the family! Jim and Diana Eberts*

Jim & Diana Eberts - April 30 at 03:02 PM



“ *Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Charles Edward Ruckel.*



April 30 at 09:42 AM

WE

“ *Weston purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Charles Edward Ruckel.*



Weston - April 29 at 09:25 PM

RH

“ *Randy and Teresa Hiles purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Charles Edward Ruckel.*



Randy and Teresa Hiles - April 29 at 11:03 AM

VP

“ Valmet Pep PSM’s planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Edward Ruckel.

Valmet Pep PSM’s - April 28 at 06:44 PM

VP

“ Valmet Pep PSM’s purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Charles Edward Ruckel.



Valmet Pep PSM’s - April 28 at 06:44 PM

JS

“ Joe Scurlock lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward Ruckel



Joe Scurlock - April 28 at 11:27 AM

VT

“ Valmet Consumable Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Edward Ruckel.

Valmet Consumable Team - April 28 at 11:09 AM

VT

“ Valmet Consumable Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Charles Edward Ruckel.



Valmet Consumable Team - April 28 at 11:09 AM



“ Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Edward Ruckel.



April 28 at 10:48 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles Edward Ruckel.

April 28 at 10:48 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of Charles Edward Ruckel, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete.
I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom.
You will not be forgotten...
My thoughts
and prayers to the family of

US Army Veteran, Charles Edward Ruckel, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - April 28 at 09:00 AM

BW

*To Sharon Josh and the family of Charlie Ruckel
May God be with you during this passing days
I will always remember Charlie as a wonderful baseball coach and a great influence on so many boys lives through his coaching
God bless him*

Becky Walton - May 06 at 12:15 PM

RF

“ *Reffitt family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Charles Edward Ruckel.*



Reffitt family - April 28 at 08:56 AM

KM

“ Great man indeed. Loved to hear those stories he had. Just sad to see you go, but now you have the best seat in the house. My heart goes out to the family with my prayers and condolences.



Kimberly L (Sherwood) Moses - April 28 at 08:40 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles Edward Ruckel.

April 28 at 07:29 AM



“ In Heaven's Arms Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Edward Ruckel.



April 28 at 07:29 AM

KE

“ My favorite memory was me, him, pup and Larry Hawk driving back from the old Mansfield reformatory. Larry and Pup were sawing logs after getting their bellies full. I was driving and Potlicker was right in my ear telling stories for 3 hours!! Heard the same stories multiple times! Such a great man and some great boys! Rest in peace Breeze.

Kevin - April 27 at 08:13 PM

JP

“ Jason Taylan Crue Plummer purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Charles Edward Ruckel.



Jason Taylan Crue Plummer - April 27 at 07:38 PM

BW

“ Rest Ruckel. Good man. Baby Ruck!! Prayers friend. Condolences to your family

Brady womack - April 27 at 07:32 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles Edward Ruckel.



April 27 at 07:01 PM