



## Charles Richard Austin Sr.

January 27, 1937 - February 25, 2022

Charles Richard Austin, age 85, of Sterling Heights, passed away on February 25, 2022. Beloved husband of the late Betty. Loving father of Laurel (Johnny) Williams of Orange, TX; Charles Jr. (Patricia) of Virginia Beach, VA; Eraitt (Deborah) of Sterling Heights, MI; and Paul (Mary) of Richmond, VA. Dear brother of Donna Gottschall of Westerville, OH, the late Shirley Gerling and the late Louis Austin. Proud grandfather of Marla Mitchell, Shaina Williams, Alicia Rhyne, Ashton Austin, Alivia Austin, David Austin, Eraitt Austin II, Ashley Austin, Elora Austin, Elia Austin, the late Ethan Austin and great grandfather to Melody Mitchell, Jackson Rhyne, Kennedy Rhyne, and Graham Austin. Charles also leaves behind his adored dog, Bahbu. Charles proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He would later work at and retire from the General Motors Technical Center in Warren. Charles was firmly devoted to his faith and family. He was a founding member of First Church of Sterling Heights. He assisted in the construction of the original sanctuary of First Church, as well as the sanctuary of the Apostolic Church of Auburn Hills, where he was currently attending. He was a Bible scholar, a prayer warrior, Sunday school teacher, and Christian counselor to many couples and individuals through his church. Charles loved spending time with his family who loved him deeply and will miss him dearly. Charles' family will receive friends for visitation on Wednesday, March 2, 2022 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road, (3 blocks East of Van Dyke), Utica. Visitation and funeral services will

continue on Thursday, March 3, 2022, visitation from 6:00 p.m. until his service at 7:00 p.m. at the Apostolic Church of Auburn Hills, 3655 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills. Interment at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are appreciated to The Salvation Army, Gleaners Community Food Bank, Purple Heart, or Beaumont Hospice. Please share a memory at [www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road  
Holly Township, MI 48442

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
utica@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Visitation

MAR 3. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Apostolic Church of Auburn Hills  
3655 N. Squirrel Rd.  
Auburn Hills, MI

## Funeral Service

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MAR 3. 7:00 PM (ET)

Apostolic Church of Auburn Hills  
3655 N. Squirrel Rd.  
Auburn Hills, MI

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Donna, Robert, & Robyn Gottschall purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Charles Richard Austin Sr..*



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**Donna, Robert, & Robyn Gottschall** - March 01, 2022 at 11:16 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Richard Austin Sr..*



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February 28, 2022 at 03:36 PM

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“ *Mr. (and Mrs. Austin) were wonderful neighbors and friends to me, my husband Jim and our boys. Mr. Austin always had a smile, a wave and a friendly word to share. He helped us many times with house related questions. So thankful to have him as a friend and neighbor for almost 10 years. Celebrating his life and all that he gave to others and his strong faith. Thanking the Lord for his positive influence in our lives. Praying for all of the family. - Julie and Jim and boys*

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**julie Kaminski** - February 28, 2022 at 10:15 AM

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“ Prayers and many thoughts of Uncle Richard ! Keeping his love of God in your heart , keeping his memory of him through out the house, and always in your heart. The Austin family is in my prayers as they grieve and continue to move on, never forgotten. Love to all!! From Janice and Ron McIntosh

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**Janice McIntosh** - February 26, 2022 at 08:27 AM