



## Charles Hugh Benedict

March 15, 1943 - September 26, 2017

Charles “Chargin’ Charlie” Benedict Sr, 74, of Independence MO, passed away, 9/26/17

Charlie B was born March 15, 1943 in Independence, MO to Joseph and Mary Benedict. He joined the United States Army in March 1960 and served 3 years in Germany. It was in the Army he developed his love for automobiles. Coming out of the service he began to work at many shops around the Independence area, before opening his own shop in 1974. Charlie enjoyed passing on his knowledge of cars and mechanics to his children and grandchildren. Charlie B enjoyed nothing more than being behind the wheel of a stock car. The grabber orange #88 has been known as a short track hero in the Midwest, racing his heart out at some of the best short tracks in the country. His home track was I-70 Speedway and he always treasured the memories he had there. He passed his love of racing on to his whole family, even forming Benedict Motorsports in the 1990’s.

Charlie is survived by his seven children, Veronica, Jeffrey, Shelly, Buddy, Billy (Wife Erin), Andy, and Barbey (Husband Kevin); 15 grandchildren; 7 Great-Grandchildren; his sister Susie and brothers Larry and Phillip; and two wonderful ex-wives Janie and Kathie. He was preceded in death by his

parents, Joe and Mary, his Step Mother Marie, and his granddaughter Amanda.

A Celebration of Life is planned for October 21st from 2pm-6pm at the VFW Hall 12810 E Kentucky Ave, Independence MO 64050. Memorials may be made to the Esophageal Cancer Awareness Association.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT **21**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

VFW - SUGAR CREEK  
12810 E KENTUCKY AVE  
INDEPENDENCE, MO 64050

# Tribute Wall

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“ Out at 70 I would go get the line up for Randy Ainsworth. As I pass the driver and show them the line up I remember Charlie sending me back to recheck the line up. Oh no Charlie says that's not right!!!! Go back and tell them I wanna trade spots!!!! I preceded to tell him no I can't do that. Then he would give me that grin. Stand on it Charlie and we would high five. Charlie thanks for the memories and all the laughs. RIP my friend and just STAND ON IT  
Carol Bird

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