



## Charles Edward Okel Sr.

August 31, 1932 - August 18, 2022

Charles Edward Okel Sr., 89, of Glen Dale, WV, died Thursday, August 18, 2022 at home.

He was born August 31, 1932 in Benwood, WV; the son of the late William G. "Bill" and Hilda Smith Okel.

He was a graduate of Union High School; a proud veteran of the US Navy, serving during the Korean War; a retired machinist/repairman from Allied Chemical and Olin Corporation; substitute bus driver and custodian for Marshall County Schools after his early retirement from the plant; loved his country; and donated to many charities.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Michael Brian Okel in 1964; two brothers, William J. "Bill" and Thomas E. "Tom" Okel.

Survivors include his wife of 69 years, Ethel Newman Okel, they were married August 15, 1953; three children, Charles E. (Katy Barber) Okel Jr. of Cameron, WV, Tamara L. (Bruce) Brinkmeier of Sherrard, WV, Jeffrey S. (Julie) Okel of Fairmont, WV; four grandchildren, Laura Okel of Wheeling, Christopher Lunau of Mechanicsburg, PA, Dalton Okel of Austin, TX, Justin Okel of Fairmont, WV; step granddaughter, Valerie Brinkmeier of Wheeling; sister-in-law, Irene Okel of Wheeling; numerous well loved nieces and nephews; and dear friends and neighbors.

Family will receive friends Friday at Messiah Lutheran Church, 503 Lafayette Ave. Moundsville from 12noon until the time of the funeral service at 1pm with Pastor Sean Smith officiating.

Interment at Halcyon Hills Memorial Park where the Moundsville Honor Guard will conduct military graveside services.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Messiah Lutheran Church, 503 Lafayette Ave., Moundsville, WV 26041 or the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society, <https://givenow.lls.org/> .

Arrangements entrusted to Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, Moundsville.

# Cemetery Details

## Halcyon Hills Memorial Park

Sherrard, WV 26003

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **26**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Messiah Lutheran Church  
503 Lafayette Ave  
M  
Moundsville, WV

## Funeral Service

AUG **26**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DO

“ Our Thoughts & Prayers are with the family. Many memories are shared God’s strength for Ethel, Chuck, Tammy & Jeff 🙏🙏

David & Patty Owens - September 11, 2022 at 02:23 AM

LR

“ Chuck and family.. Sorry to hear of your Dad's passing... You are in my thoughts and prayers. Larry Robbins

Larry Robbins - August 26, 2022 at 07:45 PM

SA

“ My prayers are with the family.

Sarav Jo Anderson - August 25, 2022 at 02:07 PM

SC

“ Dear Ethel and Family..Was sorry to read about the loss of your dear husband and father...We go back a long way in life being friends.. You will all miss Chuck I know but remember all the wonderful memories I'm sure you have..Sending my Love and Sympathy. .Sharon Combs

Sharon Combs - August 25, 2022 at 12:31 PM



“ *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 Okel Sr., 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 Navy Veteran, Charles Edward Okel Sr., 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 †*

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**Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum** - August 25, 2022 at 05:33 AM

BB

“ *Tammy, so sorry to hear of the loss of your dad Mr. Okel. The old neighborhood lost another good one. Prayers to you and your family. Bob Blazer*

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**Bob Blazer** - August 24, 2022 at 08:42 AM

KA

“ *Chuck- So very sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad. Thoughts and prayers for you and your family. Kim Anderson*

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**kim anderson** - August 24, 2022 at 06:36 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Charles Edward Okel Sr..



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August 23, 2022 at 02:59 PM