



## Charles L. Steele

April 8, 1926 - August 22, 2017

Charles L. Steele age 91 of Fredonia, passed away on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at Lakepoint Care Center in Augusta, KS. Charles was born on April 8, 1926 in Broken Bow, OK, the son of Robert and Viola (Skienes) Steele.

Charles retired from Midwest Minerals Inc., where he worked as a scaleman and loader operator for 26 years, around the Fredonia and Neodesha areas. Prior to that, he worked for Tom Elder at the Elder Tire Shop on 7th St. in Fredonia.

Charles was a WWII veteran serving in the South Pacific theater from 1943 through 1946. After his release from the military, he became a professional musician, working with several big name musicians, and played in some of the largest Casinos in Las Vegas and Jackpot, Nevada and surrounding states.

On March 26, 1971 Charles married Norma Jean Smith. Charles and Norma Jean were married for 46 years, she survives at their home.

Other survivors include:

5 Children:

Ron Huckins of Wichita, Ks

Greg Huckins of Wichita, KS

Randy Huckins of Wichita, KS

Jon Huckins of Wichita, KS  
Kathy Balfour of Wichita, KS

Charles was preceded in death by his parents and son: Mike Huckins.

Cremation has been requested, a memorial service for Charles will be held by the family on Saturday, September 16th, 2017 at 11:00 AM at the Calvary Wesleyan Church in Fredonia. Memorials have been suggested to the Calvary Wesleyan Church and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Services are entrusted to: Countryside Funeral Home 420 S. 20th St., P.O. Box 247, Fredonia, KS 66736

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP **16.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Calvary Wesleyan Church  
1900 E. Washington  
Fredonia, KS 66736

# Tribute Wall

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“ Rest Charles, until you hear at dawn,  
the low, clear reveille of God.

*Thank you for your service to this nation.*



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**Harry Simpson** - September 02, 2018 at 08:16 PM

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“ No one sang "The Old Rugged Cross" like Chuck did on Sunday mornings in the Fall River Christian Church. Many fond memories of him and Jean as neighbors! Especially on 4th of July, with fireworks

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**Kirsten Ruehman** - October 26, 2017 at 11:38 PM

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“ Peggy & Kevin Carr lit a candle in memory of Charles L. Steele



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**Peggy & Kevin Carr** - September 06, 2017 at 09:51 PM

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“ I remember and cherish the memories of making music with Chuck and the church at fall river and Fredonia. truly great memories .  
Kenny hughes

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**kenny hughes** - September 06, 2017 at 03:16 PM