



Charles Lee Cummings Sr.

September 17, 1933 - March 12, 2026

Charlie Cummings, father, grandfather, husband, and patriot, passed away on Thursday, March 12th in New Smyrna Beach, Florida. Born in West Virginia to James Clark and Louisa Cummings on September 17, 1933, Charlie was an enterprising young man blessed with a wanderlust mixed with a deep sense of commitment. At the tender age of sixteen he forged his birth certificate in order to enlist in the Army which promptly sent him to fight in the Korean war. His mother found out and drafted a letter to the Army advising them of her son's young age. Military brass found Charlie in a foxhole on the Korean battlefield and whisked him back to the United States. Undeterred, Charlie (now of legal age) enlisted in the Air Force where he spent 20 years until his retirement as Tech Sargent.

Using his military experience, Charlie found work in over the road bus companies, where he worked his way up from driver to management positions. His strong work ethic, no nonsense approach to dealing with work issues and his genuine appreciation for those that worked under him earned him nationwide respect in the bus business.

In May 1952 Charlie married Joan Hartman, a union that lasted sixty-four years until Joan preceded him in death in 2016. Charlie is survived by his daughter Cindy (Scribner) and his son Charles, Jr. Grandchildren include Brent and Brian Miller, Sam and Alex Scribner, Kelly Newsome, Amber

Coleman, Ashley Stacklin, and Charles Cummings III.

Papa will be remembered as a loving husband, a caring father and grandfather, and a strong role model. He said what was on his mind, regardless of the popularity. He was neat, principled and stood behind his convictions. He will be missed deeply.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 18. 12:00 PM (ET)

Lakeside Memory Gardens
36601 N County Rd 19A
Eustis, FL 32726

Tribute Wall

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“ My condolences go out to the family. My children's Papa & Nana played a very important role in their life. Nana is very much missed as now Popa will now be. I cherished them both and am very blessed to have known them. Their memories and unconditional love will guide my children for years to come. Prayers of comfort to you during this difficult time. With sincere sympathies, Charles III & Ashley's mom, Teresa

Teresa - March 19 at 07:00 AM



“ So very sorry for Your loss. What an interesting story about his military. May He Rest Peacefully.



Leilah Ward - March 18 at 06:57 PM