



## Charles M. "Charlie" Crain

May 22, 1934 - October 3, 2019

Charles M. "Charlie" Crain, age 85, of Huntington, died at 11:04 a.m. Thursday, October 3, 2019 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be from 3 – 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana. Funeral services will be held at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, October 10, 2019 at SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 860 Cherry Street, Huntington, with Rev. Ray Seilhamer and Father Tony Steinacker officiating. There will be one hour of visitation at the church prior to the service. Entombment will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Huntington.

Preferred memorials are to Boys and Girls Club of Huntington County, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, Indiana, 46750.

Charlie was born on May 22, 1934 in Maysville, Kentucky, the son of Owsley S. and Mildred N. (Ratliff) Crain. He graduated from Maysville High School in 1952 and attended Asbury College in Willmore, Kentucky; he also attended Ball State Teacher's College. He worked at Sam Snyder Ford in North Manchester. He married Julie A. Manes on January 31, 2005. For 42 years, Charlie was the owner of Crain Ford in Warren. He enjoyed sports, especially baseball, golf, and basketball; his favorite was watching Big U.K. Basketball.

Survivors include his wife of 14 years, Julie A. Crain of Huntington, daughters

Cindy Crain of Tennessee and Carol (Tim) Gavin of New Hampshire, a stepdaughter, Cassandra (Scott) Rakoczy of Huntington, a stepson, Michael (Sarah) Kocher of Huntington, six grandchildren, and a brother, Mark M. (Judith) Crain of Hillsboro, Kentucky. He is preceded in death by his parents, a stepdaughter, Emma Kocher, and a grandchild.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Hope Cemetery

1700 West Park Drive  
Huntington, IN 46750

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **9**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary  
35 West Park Drive  
Huntington, IN 46750  
(260) 356-1710  
wecare@baileylove.com  
<https://www.baileylove.com>

## Visitation

OCT **10**. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church  
860 Cherry St.  
Huntington, IN

## Service

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Huntington, IN

# Tribute Wall

PA

“ He always would pick on me and call me Parker the poopes and made me mad but now I wish he still could

parker - February 28, 2025 at 07:48 AM

MA

“ today,dec 7, i discovered the passing of my cousin charles, this has been a shock for me.,many good memories of him at my grandmother crains.....maggie

marykelley - December 07, 2019 at 02:36 PM



“ Charlie was a great athlete despite being in a one-armed Bandit, plus he was a great guy...  
This is from bill Smith his bat boy for his baseball team in the 50's!  
Along with Joe clark 1 of the famous clark twins! We will all miss him!

Jessica Smith - October 16, 2019 at 03:37 PM

CT

“ Charlie was one of a kind. He will be missed by his cousins in Flemingsburg. Always enjoyed when I saw him at the Stockyards Restaurant and enjoyed being with him,  
Julie, our sympathy to you and your family.

Love, Cinda, Kelley, Michael, and Brendan Todd  
Flemingsburg, KY

Cinda Todd - October 11, 2019 at 06:27 AM

LG

*So sorry for your loss. Will miss seeing Charlie bringing cars to us. He will be missed.*

*Our sympathy to you and your family.*

*Love, Linda and Bob*

*Flemingsburg, KY*

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**Linda Gossett** - October 14, 2019 at 09:49 PM

 Leona Burns

“ *Deepest sympathy to your family. Art and Mary Wilson*

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**Leona Burns** - October 10, 2019 at 02:32 PM

KW

“ *Picture of Charlie Crain with his daughters Cindy and Carol.*



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**Kelley Whisman** - October 10, 2019 at 07:35 AM

JB

“ *Charlie will be greatly missed. He was always determined to sell me a car....the joke at the shop was every time I went in for an oil change I was going to trade cars. When I lost my job of 19 1/2 years...Charlie was still looking out for me. I got a job out of town & lots more drive time...bless his heart he showed up at my doorstep, when I was sick, with a car with very low miles & warranty. He was determined I was going to buy & I DID!! THANK YOU again Charlie Crain for looking out for me. I will miss our chats. Hope you will still be my guardian angel.*



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**Joni Bruch** - October 09, 2019 at 08:52 PM

ES

“ *Our sincere condolences.*

*Eric & Elaine Sands and Family*

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**Elaine Sands** - October 09, 2019 at 06:31 PM

BB

“ *Brian Bowers lit a candle in memory of  
Charles M. "Charlie" Crain*



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**Brian Bowers** - October 09, 2019 at 06:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of  
Charles M. "Charlie" Crain.*



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October 09, 2019 at 05:59 PM

RC

“ *Julie and family*

*We were so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are  
with you.*

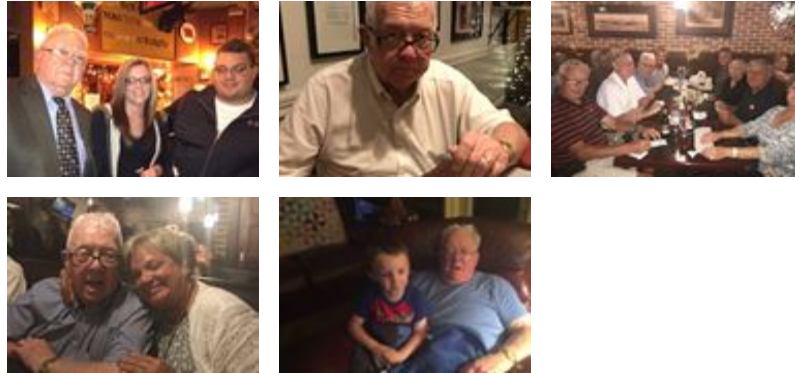
*Robert and Jane Collins and family*

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**Robert Collins** - October 09, 2019 at 11:34 AM

BL

“ 58 files added to the album Life Tributes



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - October 09, 2019 at 08:48 AM

KW

“ I'll never forget buying all 4 cars from my Grandpa, he always told me what I was going to buy not what I wanted but that's expected from him he knew what kind of car would be good for me ! He never would sell me that Ford Mustang I always wanted he told me I'd wrap myself around a telephone pole with it! I have a lead foot just like him. So instead I would just test drive every mustang on his lot and go home with the car he choose for me! He was so upset when I told him I purchased a VW Jetta! But like I told him he is no longer telling me what I would buy! We shared a good laugh over that! As a child he always came to Kentucky to visit around Christmas time he always brought me the best Barbie dolls! He was just one of a kind and truly a wonderful human being! I just wish we spent more time together! I love grandpa and will see you one day up in heaven!

Kelley Whisman - October 08, 2019 at 05:49 PM

JH

“ Julie & family

*For many years I had the pleasure and adventure of spending an hour a day 5 - 6 days a week with Charlie. He bought many mowers from me and in turn we purchased many vehicles from him. I bought from Charlie or I didn't buy. He bought from me or he didn't buy. He was my friend and I will miss him terribly. I will never know anyone as unique as him ever again. His desire to keep going was incredible. He loved life.*

*Jeff Hammel*

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**Jeff Hammel** - October 08, 2019 at 04:03 PM

ST

“ Scott and Marla Trainer.



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**Scott and Marla Trainer** - October 08, 2019 at 02:58 PM

UO

“ United Brethren National Office purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Charles M. "Charlie" Crain.



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**United Brethren National Office** - October 08, 2019 at 08:52 AM


SA

“ Steve Pinkham and Pinkham Lincoln Automotive purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Charles M. "Charlie" Crain.



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**Steve Pinkham and Pinkham Lincoln Automotive** - October 08, 2019 at 08:49 AM

 Cassie McClelland

“ Charlie was a one of a kind guy. I never thought I would have liked a car salesman as much as we liked Charlie. Over the years, nearly my entire family was buying and trading vehicles with him. We will miss him dearly! Here's to hoping our vehicles hold up for awhile! Thoughts and prayers to his family.

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**Cassie McClelland** - October 07, 2019 at 04:24 PM

TB

“ Terry & Rebecca Burris lit a candle in memory of Charles M. "Charlie" Crain



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**Terry & Rebecca Burris** - October 07, 2019 at 02:50 PM

WV

“ My cousin, Charles M. Crain was an outstanding basket ball player for Maysville High School when he lived in Kentucky. I send my deepest sympathy to all of his family members. Wanda Crain Vice, Lexington, Kentucky.

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**Wanda Crain Vice** - October 07, 2019 at 12:56 PM

RT

“ So sorry to hear this. We didn't get to see Charlie often but family always has a special bond. He will be missed. God bless.

Rick & Margaret Tranbarger - October 07, 2019 at 09:49 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles M. "Charlie" Crain.



October 06, 2019 at 08:03 PM

MW

“ To Charlie's family,  
I bought several cars from Charlie and I/we will miss his outlook on life. He knew what to say to make you believe you needed the car he brought to your with the intention of selling it to you. A true salesman he was. He will be missed through the community greatly.  
Max and Jackie Warner

Max and Jackie Warner - October 06, 2019 at 07:16 PM

LV

“ Lonnie & Ottie Vice lit a candle in memory of Charles M. "Charlie" Crain



Lonnie & Ottie Vice - October 05, 2019 at 08:53 PM

KR

“ *Kathryn Raymond lit a candle in memory of Charles M. "Charlie" Crain*



**Kathryn Raymond** - October 05, 2019 at 07:54 PM

GR

“ *Glen And Rhonda Robinson lit a candle in memory of Charles M. "Charlie" Crain*



**Glen and Rhonda Robinson** - October 05, 2019 at 06:15 PM

BF

“ *Brenda And Roger Ferrell lit a candle in memory of Charles M. "Charlie" Crain*



**Brenda and Roger Ferrell** - October 05, 2019 at 05:08 PM

DH

“ *Deni Harper lit a candle in memory of Charles M. "Charlie" Crain*



**Deni Harper** - October 05, 2019 at 04:49 PM

BF

“ *Brenda And Roger Ferrell lit a candle in memory of Charles M. "Charlie" Crain*



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**Brenda and Roger Ferrell** - October 05, 2019 at 11:17 AM

MW

“ *Charlie was not just someone who sold us a car he was family and it feels just like we lost a member of the family. Can't believe I won't receive his calls anymore. Sometimes he was just checking to make sure I was keeping my grandpa in line! I hope my car last a long time because it will be years before I can by a car from someone else. So sorry for your loss Julie. He was a great guy.*

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**Misty Williams** - October 05, 2019 at 11:10 AM

CC

“ *Ron and Cheryl canvin and family brian bowers will miss him very much*

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**Cheryl canvin** - October 05, 2019 at 07:13 AM

BO

“ *Charlie in the 60's always brought a bottle of whiskey to my father-in-law on New Years Eve and they enjoyed the holiday*

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**Bill Oswalt** - October 04, 2019 at 11:18 PM

HM

“ Heather Moore lit a candle in memory of Charles M. "Charlie" Crain



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Heather Moore - October 04, 2019 at 05:49 PM

JK

“ I will miss him sitting at our kitchen table trying to sell me a car, It was fun just bullcraping and trying to sell me a car or truck. We always bought from Charley, will be hard to trust anybody else. Rest in peace Charley, miss you already!

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joe kocher - October 04, 2019 at 04:58 PM

DH

“ Julie and family, I am deeply sorry for your loss of a great guy! I'm gonna miss him always saying "Young lady, you need to talk to that boyfriend of yours and get him in here to buy a truck. I'm serious now. You get him in here." This was always how our conversations ended and he always had a big smile on his face because he always knew the answer. He just loved to heckle Russ. They kept each other on their toes. We are gonna really miss doin work at his house and Charlie always sitting in the car keeping an eye on everything and everyone. Charlie you will be greatly missed! R.i.p. sending tons of thoughts and prayers for everyone!

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Deni Harper - October 04, 2019 at 04:33 PM

DW

“ Will miss making the big deal with charlie, but the random calls and visits will be missed the most. Rest in peace BIG BOY.  
Doug williams

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Doug williams - October 04, 2019 at 04:05 PM

Jl

“ Oh, Charlie. It took me a couple years to know how to take you, but we got to the point where I could give it right back to you! I'll never forget the laughs we shared and chatted about everything under the sun or the times you'd drive up to my office window and blare the horn to get my attention instead of walking in like everyone else. LOL. There will never be another one like you, Charlie. Rest in peace my friend.

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**Jill** - October 04, 2019 at 03:46 PM

ME

“ I always loved talking to him at work. He always called my co-worker and I "the girls" , never by our names. He was always so funny and full of life. Charlie Crain, you will definitely be missed!

*Marti Evans*

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**Marti Evans** - October 04, 2019 at 03:44 PM



JT

“ Joan McClure Tardy lit a candle in memory of Charles M. "Charlie" Crain

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**Joan McClure Tardy** - October 04, 2019 at 02:58 PM

