



## Charles Freels

August 14, 1951 - November 19, 2024

Retired Staff Sargeant Charles Kennon Freels, "Kenny", was released from duty, passed from our ranks and returned to heaven on Tuesday, November 19, 2024. Services are Saturday, November 23 with Visitation 9am-11am and Service at 11am, all at Stringer Family Funeral Home in Crystal Springs. Burial to follow at Poplar Springs Cemetery.

He was born in Crystal Springs on August 14, 1951, and raised in Covich County where he helped his parents run Crystal Theater. He graduated from Crystal Springs High School in 1970 and enlisted in the Army and completed boot camp at Fort Polk, Louisiana, also known as Tiger Land. He proudly served his country for 22 years within the Mississippi Army National Guard within the 162nd Military Police Company and the 112th Military Police Battalion. He was ordered to active duty and served during Operation Desert Storm/Desert Shield where he received a Letter of Commendation for his hard work as Food Service Specialist. During his service, he was awarded: Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal Ribbon-Triple Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster; National Defense Service Medal Ribbon; Southwest Asia Service Medal Ribbon-Triple Bronze Star Device; Humanitarian Service Medal Ribbon-Four Bronze Star Device; Armed Forces Reserve Medal Ribbon-Numeral 3; Army NCO Professional Development Ribbon-Bronze Numeral 3; Army Service Ribbon; Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon; Saudi Arabian Medal Ribbon for the Liberation of Kuwait; Kuwait Liberation of

Kuwait Medal Ribbon; Mississippi National Guard War Medal Ribbon; Mississippi National Guard Longevity Medal Ribbon-Triple Bronze Star Device; Expert Badge with Pistol; Marksman with Grenade, Machine Gun and Rifle; Army Lapel Button.

He showed his faith every day in the way he lived his life – in kindness to others.

He was preceded in death by his son, Jesse Allen Freels and his parents, James & Maxine Freels.

He is survived by his wife, Micki Freels; son, Jason Freels, daughters, Joy Holmes (Chris), Jennifer Benton (Curtis) and Jackie Abadie (Stephen); brothers, James Freels, Roylynn Freels (Rita), David Freels and John Freels (Kelli) and his favorite sister, Laura (Brad) Marler. Thirteen grandchildren: Daniel Little (Anna Grace), Joshua Freels (Rylee), Zachary Freels, Alex Holmes, Victoria Benton, Solomon Holmes, Kalyn Benton, Kristen Holmes, Collin Abadie, Madalyn Benton, Cora Abadie, Charlotte Abadie and Charles Abadie and two great-grandchildren, Arlo Thomas Freels and Persephone Joy Little; and a host of nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Patriot Guard Riders or Blair E Batson Children's Hospital.

Watch service here: <https://youtu.be/0NW0SXEZ-ww>

# Cemetery Details

## Poplar Springs Cemetery

Harmony Road  
Crystal Springs, MS 39059

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 23. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

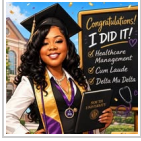
Stringer Family Funeral Home - Crystal Springs  
PO Box 431  
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## Funeral Service

NOV 23. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ I will miss my neighbor! Thank you for being not only a great neighbor, but a wonderful friend.



Shenna Smith - November 23, 2024 at 10:26 AM

YS

“ Your Abadie siblings purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Charles Freels.



Your Abadie siblings - November 22, 2024 at 01:08 PM

DS

“ My Deepest Condolences to Mickie and The Entire Freels Family. My Prayers are with you All. 🙏



Dena Singletary - November 22, 2024 at 01:00 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Charles Freels.*



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November 22, 2024 at 09:06 AM



“ *I am a cousin to Curtis Benton, Jennifer’s husband. Though I have never met Mr Charles; I have been praying for him and my heart goes out to each of you. My precious Daddy went to Heaven just two years ago; and although no one can truly know exactly how you feel; I can tell you; I’m well familiar with the pain. My Daddy was also a Veteran of 22 years. He loved his country. I bet they served together at one time or another. When my Daddy received orders for deployment; he would always say “every morning when you wake up, means you’ll be One Day Closer to seeing me again” I never knew then how beautiful those three words could be and how much comfort they would bring me years later. There is a season and my Daddy knew a season would come when he wouldn’t be with me on this earth anymore; and all those years he was preparing me. I pray that you find comfort in these words too. You and your family are in my prayers today and in the many days ahead. Much Love.*

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**Terri (Tew) Phillips** - November 22, 2024 at 06:07 AM



“ *My heart is with the Freels family. Micki and Jackie, I am sending my love, prayers and deepest condolences. Please know that you are not alone.*

*Patti Thornburgh (RiverSong)*

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**Patti Thornburgh** - November 21, 2024 at 08:37 PM

DH

“ *Micki and family, I'm shocked and saddened by this unexpected news! Prayers and thoughts with you and family. My sincere condolences!!*

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**Denny Hydrick** - November 21, 2024 at 08:28 PM



“ *Prayers for the Freels family from a former classmate of James. Sara (Thomas) Simpson. Losing a sibling must be at the top of the list and I am fortunate to not know that yet.*

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**Sara Simpson** - November 21, 2024 at 06:52 PM