



Charles Winters

July 7, 1939 - January 28, 2020

Charles Hadorn Winters' life began in Dover, Ohio on July 7, 1939. He was born to William and Elise Winters. Elise Hadorn arrived in America at the age of 12. She immigrated with her family from Switzerland. As the Hadorn family worked to get establish, Elise found a job as a housekeeper in the home of the Winters' family. William and Elise fell in love The were married at the Mission on February 16, 1938. Charles was the firstborn whom they named after a missionary. Charles' dad, William, had poor health and was not able to fulfill his call to missions. Charles was rebellious in high school. He tried to escape the prayers of his mom and the moving of the Holy Spirit by joining the US Navy. The Holy Spirit was faithful to speak to his heart. Charles finally surrendered his life to Jesus. He got an honorable discharge and enrolled in Kentucky Mountain Bible Institute to prepare for the call to missions. He later went to Marion College to finish his academic preparation. At Marion College, he noticed Keet Rutledge who was a godly and lovely young lady with very pretty red hair. She also believed God wanted her to serve Him as a missionary. Charles and Keet were married on December 27, 1964, at the Bethesda UM Church.

The after being accepted as missionaries with World Gospel Mission, Charles and Keet took their first steps by going to Costa Rica for language school. Once they arrived in Bolivia, Dad's love for the people in Bolivia began to grow. He especially cared about those in the remote areas. He began to form

evangelistic teams that went out preaching, teaching and singing. God's Word reached remote places. People's lives were transformed by the Gospel and new churches sprang up in many parts of Bolivia. Dad's love for the Church in Bolivia became a very deep commitment to him. He served with a faithfulness that knew very few barriers. There are lots of hair-raising tales of raging rivers crossed, muddy roads winched through and narrow, rocky mountain roads traversed. He was not out for the joy of adventure but motivated by a heartfelt commitment. He wasn't fazed by obstacles. He took calculated risks and yes, he trusted in the Lord. His faithful life companion, Keet, made this ministry possible as she kept a nice home and raised Rachel, Ila, and Eric in difficult conditions. Charles and Keet needed each other to make a good team. Charles allowed God's Spirit to flow through him in such a way that he loved and was loved. Charles and Keet served in Bolivia for 35 years.

Charles and Keet retired on the Rutledge Farms in Crystal Springs, Mississippi. They kept serving God faithfully at the Wesleyan Trinity Church. They also blessed and served their family and friends around them.

Charles is survived by his wife Edna Keet Winters; children Rachel (David) Kerney, Ila (Cesar) Ordoñez, Eric (Cheryl) Winters; grandsons Micah Kerney, Wesley Ordoñez, Isaac Winters, Timothy Ordoñez, Benjamin Winters; granddaughters Leah Kerney, and Emily Ordoñez; niece Suzanna; and nephew Stephen Winters.

Visitation will be 12pm-2pm Saturday at Stringer Family Funeral Services in Crystal Springs. Services will be 2pm Saturday at Stringer Family Chapel with burial at Bethesda UM Church Cemetery, 4089 Bethesda Road, Crystal Springs, MS 39059.

Memorials can be given to World Gospel Mission for Peru Bible Distribution Project.

Cemetery Details

Bethesda UM Church Cemetery

4089 Bethesda Cemetery
Crystal Springs, MS

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Stringer Family Funeral Home - Crystal Springs
PO Box 431
26141 Hwy 27
Crystal Springs, MS 39059
(601) 892-1521
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Service

FEB 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Winters*

January 28, 2023 at 04:45 PM



“ *We have known Charles and Keet since we were students at Marion College. We were married just a few weeks before them. A year after our marriage we had an accident that took out the windshield of our car. Due to a mix-up, our insurance had lapsed. Charles very graciously stepped in and helped us find a used windshield and put it on for us. He was a true friend and kindness just flowed from his life that way. Over the years, our paths did not cross very often. While they served in Bolivia, we were in Jamaica and Haiti, as missionaries. We had a nice conversation with them over the phone in 2015. It was time for our 1965 graduating class to celebrate our 50th year reunion. I was in charge of the program and I wanted him to do the devotions. They were unable to make the trip. But he was my first choice because I knew he was filled with the presence of the Lord. Our prayers are with Keet at this time. We will look forward to catching up on all of God's goodness and blessings when we meet in heaven!*

Jim Vermilya - February 03, 2020 at 11:18 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles Winters.*



January 31, 2020 at 12:22 PM

KB

“ I am so sorry to hear about Charles passing. I remember our time at Bible School (KMBI). Charles testimony was exemplary. May God bless you during this time.

Marjorie Heater Shepard

Kevin Brown - January 30, 2020 at 07:43 PM

AB

We are so very sorry to hear of the passing of cousin Charles. He and the entire Winters family remain a spiritual inspiration for us. We stand with you with prayers during this time of sorrow.
Amparo and Ernie Baich

Amparo and Ernie Baich - February 01, 2020 at 09:32 AM

JB

“ *My cousin Charles was a great inspiration to me and my wife as we went to Europe as missionaries in 1995. We looked fondly on his commitment to serve Christ in a strange land. We are sure he is reaping in heaven what he planted in Bolivia! May the Lord bless the family during this time.*

John & Karen Baich

John Baich - January 30, 2020 at 07:29 PM

TH

“ *He was a Godly man and a great missionary! His reward will be great!*

Tom Hermiz - January 30, 2020 at 06:16 PM

SD

“ Keet, Rachel, Ila, Erica:

We rejoice in the fact that Charlie is at home with Jesus. He was a wonderful man and it was a privilege to get to know him. I remember one mini-staff in Bolivia in 1999, after the Wings of Peace disappeared in 1998, that Charlie shared that he had gone to the Beni area where Pastor Juan lived. As I recall his purpose was to find out what the "good" was that had come about after such tragedy. He believed that God would be true to His Word as it says "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28 That was the kind of man your husband and father was.

May God's comforting arm hold you in the days ahead as you sense the loss of his earthly presence.

Susana Donahue

Susana Bev Donahue - January 30, 2020 at 04:39 PM

MB

“ *Tuve el privilegio de conocer a Don Carlos su amor y pasión por trabajar agradando a Dios, los viajes evangelísticos en barro, sol o lluvia. Gracias a Dios por los años que le dio bebida y estoy segura que ahora está gozando en el regazo de nuestro amado Dios.*

Queridos IlaOrdoñez, César y Rachel... que Dios consuele sus corazones en la promesa de que un día nos volveremos a ver con los seres que amamos y que partieron a la presencia del Señor antes que nosotros

Maria Esther Ballivian - January 30, 2020 at 02:57 PM