



Charles Robert Dunavant

March 7, 1932 - September 27, 2024

Charles “Chuck” Robert Dunavant, aged 92, passed away peacefully on September 27, 2024, alongside his family in Memphis, Tennessee.

Born on March 7, 1932, to Lucille and Robert Dunavant in Ripley, Tennessee, his family soon moved to Memphis, where he lived the remainder of his life. Upon graduating from Messick High School in 1952, he entered the automotive industry, which would serve as his career for over 60 years.

While his accomplishments were noteworthy in his business life, in his mind they paled compared to his greatest joys. His faith, family, and friends were his pride and joy. He married his wife Debbie in 1955 and was blessed with a loving relationship of 69 years that celebrated the marriages of 2 sons and the births of 2 grandchildren. Chuck’s smiling eyes and warm grin never met a stranger. He believed his true vocation was making those who came into his presence feel welcome, valued, and loved. The family admired that he had never said a bad word about anyone he had ever met. In his later years, his involvement with Emmanuel United Methodist Church’s Men’s Prayer Breakfast highlighted his week and gave him an outlet to share his faith, with plenty of stories about his life and family.

Chuck is survived by his loving wife Vida (Debbie) Dunavant, two children: David Robert Dunavant (Patricia), Kenneth Scott Dunavant (Lisa), grandson

Rob Dunavant, grandson Jack Dunavant, sister Mary Ann Brooks, and brother Jamie Rice.

He was predeceased by his mother Lucille Rice, Father Robert Dunavant, and sister Jeannie Rice.

There will be a private family celebration to remember his life.

The family asks for any donations in his memory to be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Also, we are confident that Chuck would ask you to remember him by acknowledging any stranger that you encounter, smiling with your eyes, and grinning warmly to let them know they are valued and loved.