



Charles Edward "Sonny" Markel

April 28, 1925 - June 12, 2021

Charles Edward "Sonny" Markel, 96, formerly of Benton, AR, passed away Saturday, June 12, 2021 at his son's home in Decatur, TX. He was born April 28, 1925 in Bauxite, AR to George Nicholas and Sofia Viola (Stuckey) Markel. He was the only boy out of five children, thus the nickname "Sonny", which stuck with him all his life. Charles married Evelyn Irene McCain on July 11, 1948 in Benton, AR.

Sonny was a retired diesel mechanic. He had retired from Reynolds Mining Corporation of Bauxite, Arkansas, after 31 years. He was a World War II Navy veteran who served aboard the USS J. Franklin Bell in the Aleutian Islands and in the South Pacific. Sonny loved to fish, hunt, and garden. In his retirement years, he enjoyed repairing lawn mowers and small engines for friends and neighbors. He was a member of First Assembly of God Church, in Benton, AR.

He is survived by his wife of 72 years and 11-months, Evelyn and son Nick Markel, both of Decatur, TX; two daughters, Kathleen Gossett of Portland, OR and Gayla Krisann Bullard of Arkansas; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Sophia; and four sisters, Francis Richards, Mable Lewis, Maudie Havner, and Emma

Snodgrass.

A private graveside service will be held in Texas. On-line condolences may be shared at www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

Tribute Wall

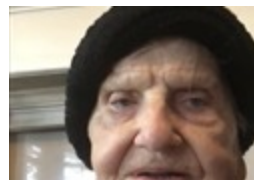


“ My mother and I are so sorry to hear about Sonny. Mom, (Judy Bono) has always considered Sonny and Evelyn has family. I will always remember the times spent with Sonny and Evelyn with their home being the safe place. Sonny was a loving and kind man that will be missed. Rest in Peace! Praying for you all.

Myka Bono Sample - June 17, 2021 at 04:48 PM



“ One of the best men I will ever know AND the greatest Pawpaw in all the land! I always said that you could fix anything Even a broken heart. And even though we are all broken-hearted to see you go I'm incredibly grateful for all the years and memories my family was able to share with you. They are irreplaceable and priceless. To spend almost every day with you for 40 years... and for my kids to have the relationship, the memories, and the time they had with their great-grandfather... is something that I will be forever grateful for! Such a long and amazing life. We love you so much and will see you again! □



Timie Yancey - June 16, 2021 at 06:58 PM

TE

“ You will be greatly missed uncle Sonny. You have always been the kindest, sweetest man on earth. We will see you again in heaven. Love you so much. ❤️

tina earnest - June 16, 2021 at 02:12 PM

HH

“ I'm going to miss you Uncle Sonny! Love you and will see you again some day!



Howard Keith Hunter - June 16, 2021 at 12:47 PM

GA

“ Sonny was the kindest, gentlest, most patient person I have ever known. He was my son Mark's best friend. Mark is on the autistic spectrum and making friends was a struggle, especially when he was young and hard to understand. Sonny always welcomed a visit from Mark and they would spend hours working in the garage. He even had a mower that he said was "Mark's" to drive. The unconditional kindness, love and acceptance he and "Granny Markle" gave was beyond priceless to Mark and our family. That in no small part helped grow Mark into the kind and amazing adult he is today. He was a precious man that will be missed greatly.

Ginger and Steve Allinson - June 16, 2021 at 12:33 PM



“ *Uncle Sonny was one of the kindest, gentlest, most patient people I know. I loved him dearly and am so Thankful to have many wonderful memories of him. He will be missed,But I bet his homecoming was Awesome!!! Rest in Love Uncle Sonny!!!*

Traci Halbert - June 16, 2021 at 08:15 AM

SS

“ *Wonderful ,kind,you can't say enough about sonny, you can sing with Angel's now (Elvis) love you & your family always, sonya & steven skinner*

Sonya Hobbs skinner - June 16, 2021 at 07:24 AM

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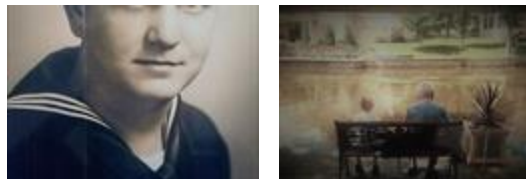
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Gail Harp - June 15, 2021 at 09:26 PM

TB

“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Tim Bullard - June 15, 2021 at 07:29 PM

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“ One of the best men I have ever had the privilege of knowing and blessed to have him as a brother-in-law. Gail and Bill Harp

Gail Harp - June 15, 2021 at 07:03 PM

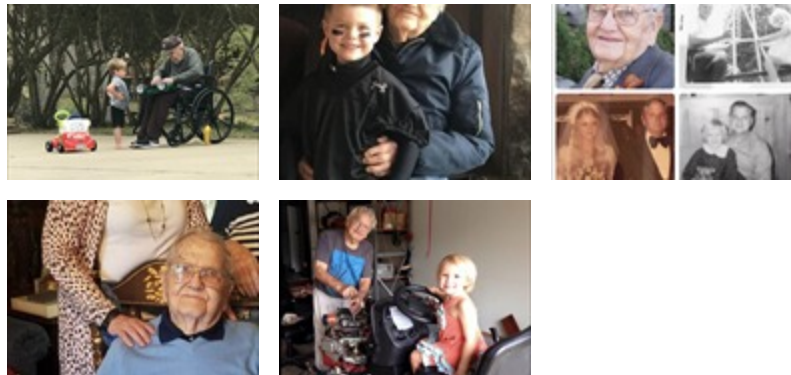
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I feel blessed to have had him as my daddy. He was the kindest most patient man I have ever met. He taught me so much about the Heavenly Father's love through his life and love of others. As someone said to me the other day, "Sonny is easy to love." Krisann and Tim

Krisann Bullard - June 16, 2021 at 12:07 AM



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Krystina Bullard - June 15, 2021 at 03:13 PM

RP

What love he had for all these kiddos! And they sure loved him back.

Robin Parsons - June 16, 2021 at 03:53 PM

PH

“ Was so lucky to spend his last birthday with him. Rest peacefully.



Pamela Aneshansley Hren - June 15, 2021 at 02:55 PM