



## Charles "Charlie" Joseph Gieseler

February 3, 1957 - February 7, 2020

Charles "Charlie" Joseph Gieseler, 63, a resident of Lowell, Indiana and native of Belle Chasse, Louisiana, went to Heaven on Friday, February 7, 2020, surrounded by his loving family.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Glenda Buras Gieseler; their children: Joshua (Rhoda) Gieseler, Jacob (Amber) Gieseler, Jonathan (Leslie) Gieseler, Jessica (Markus) Bachman, and Janelle (Daniel) Butler; 10 grandchildren: Jordan, Luke, Reagan, Melanie, Corbin, Wyatt, Morganne, Kennedy, Charlotte, Declan; and his mother, Catherine Joyce Gieseler; and sisters: Karen (Ignatius) Koenig, and Carla (Ray) Morrow. He was preceded in death by his father, Charles A. Gieseler.

Charlie and his family have been members of the First Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana, from 1988-1995 and from 2004-2020. He has been a faithful choir member, church deacon, Reformers Unanimous Addiction Program leader, and part of a Men's singing group.

Charlie fought a courageous battle with mantle cell lymphoma for over 13 years. His unwavering trust in the Lord through the valleys inspired others in many ways. The Lord chose to answer Charlie's prayer for healing by taking him to Heaven for the ultimate healing.

Charlie was employed as a welder/fitter by Consolidated Fabrication & Constructors of Gary, Indiana from 2004-2019.

A viewing will be held on Thursday, February 13, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Jack Hyles Memorial Auditorium, 523 Sibley Street, Hammond, Indiana. The funeral will immediately follow at 12:00 p.m. Burial will be at the Memory Lane Memorial Park Cemetery in Crown Point, Indiana. For further information, please contact the funeral home (219) 322-2050. [www.memorylanepark.com](http://www.memorylanepark.com)



# Cemetery

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## Memory Lane Memorial Park

6305 W. Lincoln Highway  
(US 30)

Crown Point, IN, 46307

# Events

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**FEB** **Visitation** 10:00AM - 12:00PM

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First Baptist Church

523 Sibley Street, Hammond, IN, US, 46320

**FEB** **Service** 12:00PM - 01:00PM

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**FEB** **Burial** 02:00PM

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# Comments

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“ An external video has been added.



**Memory Lane Memorial Park & Funeral Home** - February 17, 2020 at 04:29 PM

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“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Charles "Charlie" Joseph Gieseler.



February 12, 2020 at 10:41 AM

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## “ My Tribute to Charlie Gieseler

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. II Cor. 4:7

Charlie Gieseler can best be described as man whose life was filled with all of the goodness and treasures of God. He was not a perfect man. But he was someone who was a devoted husband to his wonderful wife, Glenda. Their life together was a treasure of love for each other, God, and five wonderful children, Joshua, Jacob, Jonathan, Jessica, and Janelle.

Rhoda, Amber, Leslie, Markus, Daniel, and ten grandchildren are crowns of treasure that completed this dear man's life.

Our friendship started the day his son, Joshua became a member of my fifth grade Sunday school class. I was amazed when I learned that Joshua was from my home town in Houma, Louisiana. Charlie and I were attending the same Bible College and didn't realize it at the time.

Soon after I was saved while in the Navy, I began to pray for God to send someone to my hometown to start a Baptist church. God did send a man to start that church and the Gieseler family was reached for Christ. Later Charlie moved his family to Hammond, Indiana to attend Bible College. I am still amazed at how God answered my prayers.

Glenda enjoys researching family trees and learned that Charlie and I were fifth cousins. Then again, in Louisiana we are all one big happy family. He became the brother I never had.

We enjoyed many conversations about the second coming of Christ, end time prophecy, and the Book of Revelations. Our spiritual conversations included talks about boiled crawfish, fried soft shell crabs, raw oysters, gumbo, fishing, and the Mississippi River. The highlight of our fellowship was the Cajun Lord's supper, pecan pie and Community dark roasted coffee.

As the lymphoma began to take hold of Charlie's earthen vessel, the treasure of God's goodness shined brighter and brighter in his life. He never wavered in his love for God. His sweet wife Glenda shined in her never ending love and devotion to Charlie. Their children can rise up and call them blessed.

Charlie Gieseler, I salute you my dear friend. Just like George Bailey in the movie, "It's A Wonderful Life", you sir are the richest man in town. I look forward to seeing you in Heaven. When we meet again on that beautiful shore. Your friend always, Jad Terrebonne.

Jad Terrebonne - February 11, 2020 at 09:35 PM

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“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Charles "Charlie" Joseph Gieseler.



February 11, 2020 at 08:09 PM

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“ Growing up the youngest of three wasn't easy, but it was fun. Charlie was always jovial, just like Daddy. Charlie took after Daddy in other ways, too. Everyone loved him, enjoyed being with him, always felt welcomed and loved.

And like Daddy, Charlie knew how to tell a story. No one can ever forget the way he would retell that one Christmas Eve when my sister and I were in his room waiting for Santa to come. How the three of us were giggling with excitement only to have Daddy startle us by telling us to get to bed. One can remember how Charlie would start to laugh as he told how Karen ran out of his room and leave the door oh so slightly open. His laughter would increase as he would continue the story telling how I jumped up and attempted to run out of his room only to run into the door and fall on the floor. Charlie's laughter would then become infectious as he would continue barely able to get the words out. Tears would be rolling down his face and everyone could barely control their laughter as he tried to mouth out the words, "then she got up and bam! She hit it again!" Charlie's laughter was so uncontrolled that he could only act out how Daddy had to come in, pick me up, bring me back to my room and place me in my bed.

But this story, as hilarious as it was, only paled in comparison to the story that Charlie could never tell enough. He would tell it to anyone who listened. He would tell it anywhere he went. He found every opportunity he could to tell that story whether it was on the street, at a party, or even while undergoing treatment. He would tell it more than once if he had to. That's how much he loved telling that story. That story was the story of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Charlie never tired of telling this story. He wanted everyone to hear the words of how Jesus was his Savior and could be theirs, too. If you have ever heard that song by Brandon Keith "Give Me Your Eyes", you would know that this is how Charlie lived. He saw everyone through God's eyes. He loved everyone with God's love. He prayed for the broken-hearted and those beyond his reach. His heart was for the ones forgotten. He wanted everyone to enjoy knowing our Lord and Savior - the only One who would never leave them, the only One that everyone could count on. He would tell this story because he wanted everyone to join him in heaven worshipping our heavenly Father. This is how I remember my brother – the man who loved telling a story, the man who loved his Lord, the man who loved his family, the man I call not only my brother by earthly blood, but my brother in Christ – the best example a baby sister could ever have.



Carla Morrow - February 11, 2020 at 05:38 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles "Charlie" Joseph Gieseler.



February 11, 2020 at 04:18 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles "Charlie" Joseph Gieseler.



February 11, 2020 at 04:13 PM

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“ 4 files added to the album Gieseler Family



**Glenda Gieseler** - February 11, 2020 at 10:33 AM

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“ True love lasts forever! I officially met Charlie and got to know him at age 19 while attending church. I was attracted to him first because of his friendly, genuine personality. Within weeks I realized that he was the type of man I had been looking for in a husband. The big question was if he would want me for a forever type of love. My answer came about one month into knowing him when we became engaged.

Charlie told me that if I stuck with him, my life would not be boring. Boy, was he right! We were best friends from the beginning and truly became one flesh. God blessed us with five children on this earth. By now Charlie has probably met another one of our children we never had the privilege to rear.

In recent days, Charlie told me he will be waiting in Heaven for me. Charlie accepted Jesus as HIS personal Saviour on December 19, 1982. His desire in life was that others would have that assurance of an everlasting life in Heaven someday when they would die. He truly loved people and wanted them to have the free gift of salvation Jesus offers to all that trust totally in HIM. Charlie was willing to be mocked for his stand on Jesus. I am certain that he heard "Well done, thou good and faithful servant" when he entered Heaven.

Life is short and soon I will see Charlie again. What a reunion that will be! Until then, I will cherish all the precious memories we shared together alone and with family and friends. My heart aches like never before. My Lord will carry me through until I see my true love again.

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint,"  
Isaiah 40:31.

**Glenda Gieseler** - February 11, 2020 at 10:24 AM



“ Absolutely beautiful Glenda!! Thanks for sharing bits of your life!! Our neighbor will be deeply missed!! We will miss him cruising on his motorcycle as he drove by!! Can you imagine his ride now?? What a glorious site!! Our deepest condolences and prayers!! Hugs

Love, Donny and Jeana

**Jeana & Donny** - February 11, 2020 at 10:31 AM

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“ Was a great man to work with going to miss you

**David Myers** - February 10, 2020 at 09:06 PM

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“ You are a great man that will be missed dearly. My sincerest condolences for the family. Sending love and prayers. Rest in Peace Charlie



**Tara Blackwell** - February 10, 2020 at 07:09 PM

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“ Kristy Hornburg lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Joseph Gieseler



**Kristy Hornburg** - February 10, 2020 at 06:17 PM

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“ Bro. Charlie, was a one of kind a faithful Christian. He had a very infectious smile a big heart and a love for our Lord Jesus Christ. My favorite memory of Bro. Charlie Gieseler is that he didn't know a stranger his willingness to help anyone any way he could. Charlie told my husband earlier this year that he needed to get on the winning team! Referring to the New Orleans Saints! Charlie will dearly be missed by my husband Richard Hornburg and I. We are pleased that we got to know Bro. Charlie as good as we did. He will forever live in our hearts. We will miss you Bro. Charlie and we love you dearly Bro. Charlie Gieseler.

**Kristy Hornburg** - February 10, 2020 at 05:31 PM

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“ This is my brother. He always had my back and was always there when I need him. I will miss him greatly. He's my rock. He witness every where he went and to everyone. Not only words but by example. I only hope and pray that I will be able to continue his work. I will certainly try.

Love always Karen Koenig



**Karen G. Koenig** - February 10, 2020 at 02:04 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles "Charlie" Joseph Gieseler.



February 10, 2020 at 01:35 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles "Charlie" Joseph Gieseler.



February 10, 2020 at 12:07 PM

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“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Charles "Charlie" Joseph Gieseler.



February 10, 2020 at 10:50 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles "Charlie" Joseph Gieseler.



February 10, 2020 at 08:42 AM

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“ Glenda, you and your family have my heartfelt condolences. Will be thinking of you during these next few days. Hug your memories tight.  
Shannon Baird

**Shannon Baird** - February 10, 2020 at 07:52 AM