



## Charles Updike

October 15, 1952 - August 5, 2022

Charles Douglas Updike, age 69, of Hendersonville, passed away Friday, August 5, 2022 at Centennial Medical Center in Nashville. Memorial Services will be held at 5pm, Saturday, August 13 in the chapel of Austin and Bell in Greenbrier.

The family will receive friends from 3pm until the hour of service at 5pm on Saturday.

Mr. Updike was born October 15, 1952 in Alton , IL to the late Clarence Eugene and Helen Louise Shephard Updike. Doug was a graduate of Eastern Illinois University with a bachelors degree in Music theory and composition. He was a talented pianist, anyone who heard him play knew that was his gift in life. The gift of music. He also worked along side his father and brothers at the Updike Milling Company in Jerseyville, Illinois. He was retired CEO of Priority Medical, a company he built from the ground up. Doug was a loving father, and a unique brilliant soul.

Mr. Updike is survived by his children, Geoffrey (Ashley) Updike, Erin (Chase) Jenkins, Carrie Updike and Michael Updike; 3 grandchildren, Katie And Karleigh Jenkins and Hailey Updike. Siblings William Updike of St Louis, Dr Thomas (Sandra) Updike of Paxton Illinois, Robert (Tammy) Updike of Jerseyville Illinois, Mary Susan (Stan) Watts of Greenfield Illinois, and

preceded in death by his parents Clarence and Helen Updike and brother Paul Eugene Updike.

Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Greenbrier is in charge of these arrangements.

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME-

2619 HWY 41S, GREENBRIER, TN (615) 643-4000

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

AUG 13. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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Greenbrier, TN 37073  
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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

MS

“ Michael and Susan Shortal purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Charles Updike.



Michael and Susan Shortal - August 12, 2022 at 09:48 PM

TH

“ The Cousins Holland purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Charles Updike.



The Cousins Holland - August 12, 2022 at 06:19 PM

RT

“ Ron and Roxann Tuetken purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Charles Updike.



Ron and Roxann Tuetken - August 12, 2022 at 03:15 PM



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



August 12, 2022 at 02:26 PM



“ 124 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Austin & Bell Funeral Home** - August 12, 2022 at 01:57 PM



“ *Morris Webster purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Charles Updike.*



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**Morris Webster** - August 12, 2022 at 11:41 AM

RT

“ Doug and I first met in sixth grade at East Elementary School, Jerseyville, IL. Our classroom was designated as the "band student" classroom since all of us were aspiring musicians. Doug played the trombone and me, the trumpet. It was easy to see even then that Doug was talented well beyond his years. The teacher assigned us seats and Doug (and I) sat next to each other. Unknowingly at the time, Doug and I became "best friends" throughout our gradeschool and highschool years. With few exceptions, when you seen one, you'd see the other. I hardly have a childhood memory that doesn't include Doug. When one was in trouble, most likely the other one was as well. To this day, I can still hear the teachers yelling "Tuetken,,,,,Updike" like it was yesterday. One Sunday afternoon (when we were sophomores), we decided to get a band together to play some "rock songs" of the 60's. With Doug on keyboards (me on drums), we recruited a lead and bass player and thus the beginning of the band "STUW." Doug and I played together in concert band, stage band, marching band, "jug band" and rock bands throughout our early lives. This past year (at our 50th class reunion), Doug and I had a chance to sit down and talk about all the good times we had, which is another great memory I will add to the many others. To a great friend, a great person and the most talented musician I have ever known. You will be sadly missed by us all. Ron Tuetken (or as Doug would tell me aka Ronnie)

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Ronald Tuetken - August 11, 2022 at 10:45 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Updike.



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August 10, 2022 at 01:46 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Charles Updike.*



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August 10, 2022 at 11:41 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Charles Updike.*



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August 10, 2022 at 11:12 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Charles Updike.*



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August 09, 2022 at 11:06 PM



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



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August 09, 2022 at 10:35 PM

GA

“ I moved to Low Hill Farm in the mid fifties. From then on thru the latter sixties, if there was any trouble to be in, Doug and I were probably involved. We did our best to drive my mom(Dot) and Burke(sp) over the edge. Bluegill fishing in the farm pond, occasionally catching one big enough for Burke to cook for us, but usually just supplying the herd of cats with a snack, war games in the pasture, our attempt more than once to build a log cabin that was never finished, and riding & showing the ponies. Sledding behind the Ferguson tractor. We started to learn to drive on that tractor about the time we started grade school. Doug attempted to teach me to play the piano, but not near as well as me teaching him to play the violin. He picked my violin up one day and within minutes put my two years plus of lessons to shame! I did get to talk to Doug last fall at our 50th reunion and had planned to visit next spring after retirement. Wonderful memories!! Gib Ashlock

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**Gib Ashlock** - August 09, 2022 at 05:46 PM

MS

Where do I start and stop ? Cousin Doug Had more energy and talent than anyone I know. The pond , the hideout , cushman truck, upstairs at the Updike's and his piano playing after supper to the true joy is folks. That's just a few memories . Doug flying over the rail road tracks , and being a devil at the bridge . He played at mothers funeral and many

weddings. Nothing gave us more pleasure than to know he was in the room. Umm he pulled a few stunts on susan and I that will go down in history My sincere condolences to his kids and siblings

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**mary shortal** - August 12, 2022 at 06:24 PM

YF

“ Your Des-Case Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Charles Updike.



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Your Des-Case Family - August 09, 2022 at 05:27 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Updike.



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August 09, 2022 at 10:17 AM

BB

“ 4 files added to the album Doug



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Bruce Baise - August 09, 2022 at 10:15 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Charles Updike.*



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August 09, 2022 at 08:09 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Bruce Baise** - August 08, 2022 at 08:51 PM



*We had some good times in the cullpepper band in jersey county il Sad to see such a fine person and player pass Will miss you Bob Hill*

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**bob hill** - August 09, 2022 at 08:09 AM



“ *Linda Elmore lit a candle in memory of Charles Updike*



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**Linda Elmore** - August 08, 2022 at 01:15 AM



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



August 07, 2022 at 07:33 PM



“ *Memories of our time together at EIU came rushing back when I heard this sad news. Doug was the best of us, both as a musician and a person. His absence from our world will leave a hole in our hearts. Goodbye my friend and brother Sinfonian!*

**Jerry Nicholas Robertson** - August 07, 2022 at 07:30 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Charles Updike.



August 07, 2022 at 01:32 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Bruce Baise** - August 07, 2022 at 10:13 AM

BB

“ *Lifetime of memories,perfect,unconditional friendship,a true genius,I have no regrets.HEY MAN! Inseparable even in death.*

**Bruce Baise** - August 07, 2022 at 10:03 AM

EJ

*Thank you so much Bruce. You meant the word to Dad.*

**Erin Jenkins** - August 07, 2022 at 02:04 PM

LE

*My thoughts and prayers are with all of you and your families.*

**Linda Elmore** - August 08, 2022 at 01:17 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Updike.*



August 06, 2022 at 09:55 PM