



## Charles Phillip Bauer

June 28, 1921 - May 11, 2015

Former School Superintendent dies at 93.

Charles Phillip Bauer, 93, of Judsonia, died Monday, May 11, 2015 in Searcy. Born June 28, 1921, in Judsonia, he was the youngest child of James Alexander Bauer, Sr. and Quro Anne Quick Bauer. He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Jean Rae Keith Bauer; three brothers, Floyd Bauer, Ralph Bauer, and James Alexander Bauer; two sisters, Mona Loudermilk and Norma Young. Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Maxine Richards Bauer; five children, Melissa Lacy (Jerry) of Judsonia, Leah Miller (Donnie) of Searcy, Marilyn Richards of Indianapolis, Paul Richards (Sharon) of Bentonville and Joe Richards (Trish) of Greenbrier; six grandchildren, Matthew Miller (Carrie) of Little Rock, Meredith Lacy of Searcy, Nolan Richards of Bentonville, William Joseph Dyer of Indianapolis, IN, Janessa Chambers (Nathan) of Greenbrier, and Carley Richards of Greenbrier and two great-granddaughters, Caroline and Samantha Miller of Little Rock; one sister, Mary Elizabeth (Libba) Patterson of Novato, California. Mr. Bauer graduated from Judsonia High School in 1940 where he was an all-state basketball player. He served in the United States Army during World War II in the Aleutian Island, Philippines, Okinawa, and Leyte. He was the recipient of two bronze star medals. Following the war, he was awarded a full scholarship to Oklahoma City College where he played basketball and then transferred to Harding College where he earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education. He received his master's degree in school administration from

George Peabody College in Nashville, Tennessee. His entire educational career was spent with the Judsonia Public Schools where he was a history teacher, basketball coach, high school principal, and was named Superintendent of Schools in 1955. He retired from that position in 1982. He was a dedicated Christian man and served as a deacon for many years. A natural born athlete, he loved basketball, tennis and golf. He enjoyed working with cattle and spending time with family and friends. He was a devoted leader in the public school system, in his church, and in his community. A gentle, but strong man who touched the lives of many, he was a member of Trinity Baptist Church in Searcy.

Visitation will be held Sunday, May 17, 2015 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the Trinity Baptist Church in Searcy with funeral services to immediately follow. Interment will be in the Evergreen Cemetery in Judsonia. Memorials may be made to Trinity Baptist Church, 1601 East Moore, Searcy, AR 72143; First Baptist Church, 611 Van Buren Street, Judsonia, AR 72081; or Unity Health Foundation, 1200 South Main, Searcy, AR 72143. Arrangements entrusted to Powell Funeral Home Bald Knob-Judsonia. [www.powellfuneralhome.net](http://www.powellfuneralhome.net)

# Tribute Wall

CP

“ *This world was a better place because of Charles Bauer. Only good memories come to mind when I think of Mr. Bauer's leadership over Judsonia Public Schools. I always admired his character and his love for all of the students. My deepest sympathy is extended to Melissa, Leah, and the many other family members as you grieve your loss. Judsonia has lost a great man, and Heaven has gained a saint.*

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**Carmen Ransom Pate** - May 04, 2016 at 03:45 PM

KW

“ *Mr Bauer was always in my life and my family's. He was a good man and mom liked working for him in the Judsonia school system. He will be missed R.I.P.*

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**Ken Wilson** - February 10, 2016 at 01:44 PM

ME

“ *Such a long life, filled with love and laughter, and an adventure or two!! Charles knew how to capture an audience, how to tell a story to get a laugh or a chuckle and how to get right to the heart of a matter when needed. He set an excellent example in his community and has left a fine legacy for his family. To me, he was always just a bit bigger than life - May God bless his family.*

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**Melissa Ekman** - February 10, 2016 at 01:44 PM

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**Carmen Ransom Pate** - February 10, 2016 at 01:44 PM

IC

“ Melissa, Leah, and Mrs. Bauer, so very sorry to hear of your loss. Mr. Bauer was such a great superintendent during my school years. He, not only, was fair with all his school children, he was willing to help with a variety of situations. He always was such a friendly, outgoing man in the school system and the community. I will never forget him! May God comfort you during this difficult time.

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**Iris Cook** - February 10, 2016 at 01:44 PM

BB

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. He was a very special Man to thousands of his students and I am a better man for having had him in my life.

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**Benny Bolding** - February 10, 2016 at 01:44 PM

DD

“ Mr. Bauer was a wonderful man that helped to teach a lot of us many years.

*His kindness and loyalty to the Judsonia School System will never be forgotten.*

*May you rest in peace now.*

*Prayers of comfort to all of your family at this time.*

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**Donna Hubach Dewitt** - February 10, 2016 at 01:44 PM

GA

“ *Maxine, Melissa and Leah: May God Bless you during these difficult days.*

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**Gwen E. Anderson** - February 10, 2016 at 01:44 PM

EL

“ *I was so sorry to read of the loss of Mr. Bauer, your husband & father. He was such a nice man & I learned a lot about History from him. My thoughts & prayers are with you at this time.*  
*Prayerfully yours,*  
*Trudy (Hoofman) Langley*

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**Ellatruie H. Langley** - February 10, 2016 at 01:44 PM

LT

“ *We were so very sad to hear of wonderful Uncle Charles passing. We know he is with God and his son Jesus Christ and at peace. He was one of our favorite people in the world! So funny, always telling a tale of his life and times. I remember riding on the farm tractor as a child and then watching my children do the same, very blessed. Maxine, Leah and Melissa we love you and our prayers are with your families.*  
*Leah and Sterling*  
*Tres and Kathryn*

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**Leah and Sterling Tucker** - May 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM