



CHARLES ANTHONY KRAUTH

June 1, 2017

Charles Anthony Krauth (Charlie), 88, of Bessemer, passed away on June 1st. Charlie was born to Ivan and Dot Krauth and grew up in Chattanooga. After returning from the Korean war, he received a masters in chemistry from the University of Tennessee. In 1956 he married Frances Louise Nelson and they started their family in Birmingham by adopting a daughter, Elizabeth. In 1965, Charlie and Frances decided to pursue their dream of becoming missionaries and were commissioned to Korea, where they served for 11 years. Upon the family's return to Birmingham, Charlie finished his career working as a research chemist at Southern Research Institute. When Charlie retired he began a new career in full-time service work. He volunteered four days a week at Minor Elementary School teaching accelerated math. On Fridays, he worked with Habitat for Humanity rebuilding houses destroyed during the tornadoes of 2011. Charlie also traveled throughout the South working on hurricane and flood damaged areas. In addition, he was active with the Firehouse Shelter and with transitional housing for people dealing with substance abuse and mental health issues. Charlie is survived by children, Tom, Rob, Chuck, and Elizabeth, former spouse, Frances, his daughter-in-law, Marianne Crossley, son-in-law Tom Oprendeck, grandchildren Erin Krauth, Tyler Crossley, and Ian and Liam Oprendeck. He also leaves behind his sister June Smith, brother Tony and his wife Rita, sister Dottie Abston and husband Joe. A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, June 17th, at 1:00 pm at Shades Valley Presbyterian Church, 2305

Montevallo Road in Birmingham. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a donation to the Firehouse Shelter (www.firehouseshelter.com), 1501 3rd Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203.

Tribute Wall

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“ *I didn't know Mr. Krauth but had the privilege of reading his obituary. What a life well lived! I know he heard the words from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ when he arrived in Heaven. Welcome home thy good and faithful servant. Job well done! His obituary has inspired me to live better and use my time here on earth more wisely. May God give you comfort and peace in your days ahead. Sincere sympathy to you.*

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