



Charles Wayne Rye

March 26, 1951 - May 4, 2026

Charles Wayne “Chuck” Rye, 75, of Raceland, passed away Monday, May 4, 2026, at UK King’s Daughters Medical Center.

Chuck was born March 26, 1951, in Ashland to the late Charles Henry Rye and Marcella Eileen Anders Rye. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Gary Martin Rye.

Chuck was a member of the Bear Creek Bandits Motorcycle Club, where he was known as Bullet, and found joy in fishing, coin collecting, metal detecting, and studying history. He was an avid basketball fan of the University of Kentucky and enjoyed watching westerns. Chuck was truly a larger-than-life man who lit up every room he entered with his humor and playful spirit. Above all, he was a devoted family man.

Chuck was a proud United States Marine Corps veteran, serving as a Lance Corporal during the Vietnam War, and was a member of the V.F.W. and American Legion. He was also a retired electrician with IBEW Local 379, as well as a former Teamster with Local 307.

Those left to cherish his memory include his loving wife, Kathy E. Hutchinson Rye; his daughter, Tywanah Fitz (Larry); his brothers, Shawn Rye and Charlie A. Rye; his sisters, Gretchen Layman and Leilani Burchett; and his grandchildren, Jacob and Ryan Fitz; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, family, and friends.

Funeral services will be held at noon on Friday, May 8, 2026, at Miller Funeral

Home, with visitation from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will follow at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Northeast, with military rites conducted by Ceredo/Kenova American Legion Post #93.

Online condolences may be offered at www.mfhfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Miller Funeral Home in Ashland.

Cemetery Details

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North East

Industrial Parkway
Ashland, KY 41102

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Miller Funeral Home
1941 Carter Ave
Ashland, KY 41101
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jim@mhfhome.com

Funeral Service

MAY 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

Miller Funeral Home
1941 Carter Ave
Ashland, KY 41101
millerfuneralhome@windstream.net

Burial

MAY 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

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