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**D**EARING SR., CHARLES F., 85, of Louisville, died Monday, February 23, 2009 at Sts. Mary & Elizabeth Hospital. He was a retired agent for The Prudential Insurance Co., and a member of Sts. Simon & Jude Catholic Church. He was a graduate of Mt. St. Francis Minor Seminary, St. Meinrad School of Theology and St. Mary's College. He was a laicized priest of the Archdiocese of Louisville. As a priest, he was assigned to St. Joseph Proto-Cathedral in Bardstown, and the parishes of St. George, The Cathedral of the Assumption and St. Frances of Rome in Louisville. He was a World War II Navy

veteran and later a chaplain in the United States Air Force. He was preceded in death by his brothers, William G. Dearing, Richard E. Dearing, Rev. Arnold Dearing OFM and Anthony J. Dearing. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte (Klosterman) Dearing; son, Charles "Chuck" Dearing Jr. (Kristie); daughter, Celina Marie Dearing (Mark); sisters, Theresa M. Lawson and Mary Ann Dearing; and a close family friend, Vonda Norris. A Mass of Christian burial will be held 10 a.m. Saturday at Sts. Simon & Jude Catholic Church, 4335 Hazelwood Avenue, with interment in Calvary Cemetery. Visitation is 3-8 p.m. Thursday and 2-8 p.m. Friday at J.B. Ratterman & Sons-Southwest, 4832 Cane Run Road. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Sts. Simon & Jude Catholic Church, Mt. St. Francis, Ursuline Sisters (Lexington Road), Sisters of Charity at Nazareth, Franciscan Shelter House or Mass of the Air.

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### 71 Entries

Charlotte, Chuck,Celina,& Kristie,  
Having completed the longest month of your  
lives know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers and Unk is still sorely missed w the  
Cards playing still!

Dick & Marcia

**Dick Dearing**

March 26, 2009

Dear Dad,

Today I was singing a song that made me think of you, as many things do.

"Happy trails to you, until we meet again. Happy trails to you, keep smilin' until then. Some trails are happy ones, others are blue. It's the way you ride the trail that counts, here's a happy one for you."

I felt like you were saying those words to us. You left us with a trail of happy memories, and many smiles. We know that the trail you traverse now is the happiest of all.

Keep an eye out for us. We will be loving you and one another, and making you proud!

Love,  
Celina Marie

**Celina Dearing**

March 16, 2009

Dear Charlotte, Celina, Chuck, Christy,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you. Uncle Charlie was a great confidant and someone that I loved to talk to. I saw this little saying and I think of him "A life that touches the hearts of others goes on forever." I will think of him that way, always. Love to all of you.  
Eldest niece and godchild, Barbara

**Barbara Schmitt**

March 10, 2009

Charlotte, Celina, and Chuck -Thanks so much for the honor of being Unc's pallbearer. He will live in my memory forever. His funeral was a beautiful tribute to his life. It was easy to see and feel the love everyone had for him. Now he and the other Dearing boys can pray us home with them one day.

**Dennis and Susan Dearing**

March 8, 2009

May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

**Debbie (Christy & Holly's mom)**

March 6, 2009

Charlotte,  
You & your Family are in my prayers.  
Mary Jane Haunz Kinser  
(Pewee Valley KY)

March 4, 2009

Celina and family,  
I wanted you to know I am thinking of you and sending you strength and peace as you grieve.  
Warmly,  
Jodi Aker

**Jodi Aker**

March 3, 2009

I know that God is holding you all in the palm of His hands.....much love!

**Pat McGovern Armour**

March 2, 2009

**Sharrie Cannon**

March 2, 2009

Chuck,

I'm so sorry for your loss. I think of your family often and I will miss Charlie terribly.

**Sharrie Cannon**

March 2, 2009

Celina,

I'm sorry about your dad Celina. I have tried to get in touch with you several times but have been unable to. Please try to get a hold of me. If there is ANYTHING I can do for you, please let me know. I love you.

**Sharrie Cannon**

March 2, 2009

Charlotte,

I am so sorry for your loss. I loved Charlie so much. I miss seeing Hailie over in his rose garden. I think of you every day. I love you.

**Sharrie Cannon**

March 2, 2009

Celina,

I never got to meet your Dad, but I know he must have been a great man to have raised such a good daughter. I still tell his jokes that you told me. Jodi and I hope to see you and Mark again soon. We are so sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in our prayers.

**Scott & Jodi Aker**

March 2, 2009

Uncle Charlie,

Thank you for the wonderful childhood memories at Mom's and the

out-of-school Mondays when you took me to Bardstown with you to visit the Sisters. I remeber they always had a box of fudge waiting for their special chaplain. You were a very special brother to Mom and Mary Ann. They will really miss your calls.

And Chris, don't worry....Uncle Al and Aunt Betty will keep those Dearing boys in line.

**Kathy Wine'**

March 1, 2009

Oh Charlotte, Chuck and Celina..I will miss Charlie's sharp wit, his bang on Latin translations, and his genuine welcoming ways toward my children and my self. The world is now minus a "bonafide" true Gentleman. I'm sorry for your loss. Love and Prayers, Jane (Lisa, Andy, Meg and John's mom)

**Jane Whalen**

March 1, 2009

Dearing Family,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.  
We are sorry for your loss.

With deepest sympathy,  
Chris and Marie Branham

**Marie Branham**

February 28, 2009

Dear Charlotte, Chuck and Celena:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to you.

Charlie always had a way of connecting with us out-of-towners, whether it was asking about the Yankees pitching rotation, or life in places like New York, West Africa, St. Louis, or wherever.

We will miss him dearly.

**Dominic Schmitt**

February 28, 2009

Charlotte, Chuck and Celina,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Uncle Charlie will be dearly missed. I will always remember the sweet scent of his pipe at family gatherings at Geema's house.

Proctor Family

**Megan Proctor**

February 28, 2009

Charlotte,

I just heard about Charlie. I am sorry for your loss, but know your faith will comfort you. I so enjoyed having you as a colleague. Your spirit came through loud and clear. Charlie was a delightful guy and I know you loved and cherished each other. I will keep you and your family in my prayers. God Bless.

**Tony Riegling**

February 28, 2009

Dear Charlotte, Chuck and Celena,

I have good memories of living on Spanish Court. The Dearing family are very much a part on those memories.

**Pat Warner (Stonecipher)**

February 28, 2009

dear Mrs Dearing, Chuck and Celina,

I will keep you all in my thughts and prayers.

**Kirk Heitkemper**

February 28, 2009

Dear Charlotte, Chuck and Celina,

We are all aware of the vast loss and will always remember Charlie. I will always remember Charlie in the garden and in his favorite chair completing crossword puzzles with a baseball game on in the background.



**Troy Stonecipher**

February 28, 2009

Mrs. Dearing and Family,

I am so sorry for your loss. Charlie was a wonderful and kind man. I always enjoyed watching him with my children. He was truly a man of God. May fabulous memories keep you smiling in this difficult time.

**Gary & Kelle Davis**

February 27, 2009

Dear Uncle Charlie,

Finbar and I hear there is one heck of a card game going on up in heaven right now! We will certainly miss you and your gentle manner. I loved reading your letters from the war, letters to the editor, and hearing your voice on local radio call-in shows. Your voice was so distinctive and they knew you on a first name basis. You were my GREAT uncle in more ways than one. Finbar and I loved the jokes especially "Why are the Irish so rich? Because its capital is always DUBLIN." (ARF!) Love and miss you. Give your brother Bill, my Grandpa, a big hug!

Our family also sends our love to Charlotte, Chuck & Celina.

Kathy, Finbar & Ronan

**Kathy Schmitt Kinsella**

February 27, 2009

Dear Charolette, Chuck and Celina,

I will always have a smile on my face when I think of Charlie. Our world is such a better place because he was in it. May the memories of happier times comfort you now. Deepest Sympathies,

**Elizabeth Champa Graf**

February 27, 2009

Charlotte, Chuck, & Celina,

I feel honored to have been his "Godchild" and his nephew, from my earliest of times when he sent a welcome note to "Pewee" to Dad & Mom for me, to his throwing a football with Dad and allowing me to participate, serving for him at Mass at St. Columba...always great moments. Recently as we talked our

discussions went everywhere, politics, religion, sports, health...he truly was a "man for all seasons" Lastly, his ability to eulogize Uncle Bud and Uncle Tony and deliver one of his punch lines (spittoon?) was a sign of strength, even tho weak in body, strong in voice nonetheless, will live in my memory and of course, be sorely missed. He told me not long ago he looked forward to seeing his brothers and parents again. Bless Uncle Charlie and bless you all for sharing him with us.  
Dick & Marcia

**Dick Dearing**

February 27, 2009

Mrs. Dearing and Family,

Our prayers are with you. May you find comfort in the wonderful memories you all must have.

Karen, David, Brian and Chris Schultz  
St. Rose School

**Karen Schultz**

February 27, 2009

Charlotte and family,  
My prayers are with you as you journey through this difficult time.  
Peace to you all,  
Dianne

**Dianne Forst**

February 27, 2009

Charlotte, Chuck and Celina,

I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. He was a kind and gentle man. We will always remember him.

**Anne, Mike and the Boys Brownell**

February 27, 2009

Dear Charlotte (and family),  
You know how much I loved and revered your husband. I first met him when I was a fifth grader at St. Columba School (I remember being slightly envious of my classmate, Dennis Dearing,

because he had an uncle who was a priest) and he was the dashing Air Force Chaplain. I remember telling my mother I didn't know priests could be so handsome!! Then, I was fortunate to have him as a religion teacher at Mercy Academy. I always knew I was in the presence of a truly holy man of great integrity. And the years, I believe, only increased his holiness and integrity. Tonight Celina told Sister Miriam Corcoran and me how much he loved being a dad--he put his whole heart and soul in everything and I know he was a wonderful husband and father.

A few years ago, I wrote him a letter telling him how much I thought of him, what a difference he made in my life and in the lives of so many girls at Mercy Academy, and telling him that he was a "prince among men." And so he was and is--I know our loving God rushed to meet him and welcome him into heaven.

I could never call him anything but "Father Dearing" -- I believe his marriage to you and his becoming a father to your children only enhanced his holiness and integrity. In so many ways, he was a father (a life giver) to everyone he met.

And tonight and for all time, he is with the Giver of all Life as he watches over you and waits to welcome you to heaven one day!

He is one of the finest men I have ever known. We shall not see his like again.

Love,  
Sister Angie Shaughnessy, SCN

**Sister Angie Shaughnessy, SCN**

February 26, 2009

Charlotte,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
I have nothing but warm memories of the time I was given to work with Charlie.  
God Bless,

**Charlotte Coomer**

February 26, 2009

Charlotte,  
My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. It has been some time since we have seen you, but I think of you both often. You and Charlie have a special place in my heart.

God bless

Donna

**Donna Belew McCutchan**

February 26, 2009

Charlotte and family; Though we have not seen Charlie or you all for years, due to relocations etc, we have the fondest memories of Charlie and Charlotte and our early days at Prudential. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Denny and Mary Helen Axman, Orange Park, Florida

**Denny Axman**

February 26, 2009

Charlotte,

I loved Charlie. He was the first person outside of my family that made me feel special. From that Spoonful of Sugar routine at St. Francis of Rome, I thought I mattered. He had the most wonderful smile, and a kind, gentle soul. I'm grateful that he remained in my life throughout my adult life. He impacted my life on a profound level, and I will always cherish each and every memory I have of him. My prayers are with you and your family.

**Cheryl Holland-Gianni**

February 26, 2009

Charlotte, Celina & Chuck

I am sorry for your loss but we all know that he will always be around you. I never really got to know Charlie, but the times I talked to him you knew you were considered a friend. I especially liked that he talked to me about the days when I was at St. Ann's and all the priests I knew that he went to seminary with. He knows so many and we are all the better for knowing him.

**Carol SanSota**

February 26, 2009

I know that Uncle Charlie made it to heaven...the thunder this morning was the roar and laughter from everyone that saw him. They are finding as much joy in his stories and wit as we did.

Aunt Charlotte, Chuck, Kristie, Celina and Mark: Uncle Charlie's wit, wisdom and love will remain in your hearts forever. There is a new Guardian Angel and he is gracing all of us with his smile, just as he did all his life.

Love and Prayers from Julie, Aurryella and Zorryonna

**Julie Frazee Mason**

February 26, 2009

Thank you for taking care of the troops while you where here on earth. I know you will continue to take care of them in heaven. I have a joke to tell you later

Love John

**MAJ John Schmitt**

February 26, 2009

Mrs. Dearing and Family,

We are so sorry for your loss and will keep you and your family in our prayers.

Kelty Family from St. Rose

**Laura Kelty**

February 26, 2009

Dear Mary Ann and Vonda,

Please accept my sympathies on the death of your brother. I hope your love and your happy memories will keep his spirit alive in your hearts.

He and you are in my prayers.

Sister Marilyn Mueller

**Sister Marilyn Mueller**

February 26, 2009

Charlotte,

It was such a pleasure to know you and Charlie. He made re-hab at Sts. Mary & Elizabeth so enjoyable....his constant crossword puzzles and his great wit were a joy.

I will miss him a great deal.  
Charlie was a classic " gentleman ".

**Sandy Murphy**

February 26, 2009

Celina, Charlotte, and Chuck,

We're so very sorry for your loss. Emma and I are keeping you in our prayers through this difficult time.

Love always,  
Kelly and Emma

**Kelly Joy**

February 26, 2009

Please know that Charlie touched so many with that endless sense of humor. He may be gone from this earth, but he will live on in our hearts. (Charlotte, I think that pitching arm is going to be just fine).

Belica "B" Graf, RRT (UK)

**Belica Graf**

February 26, 2009

Dear Charlotte, Chuck & Christie, Celina & Mark,

Not only was Uncle Charlie my uncle he was my GREAT Uncle Charlie. And he was truly great in every sense of the word. Kind, gentle always made time for me, my husband and children. I will miss him but I know he is with the Lord watching down on us. Another Guardian Angel up above, having fun with my Grandpa (his big brother Bill).

Love, Karla & Jeff Blain ( Erin & Kelsey)

**Karla Blain**

February 26, 2009

Kristie, Chuck & Family may all the fine and enjoyable memories stay with you forever. Our hearts and prayers go out to you during your time of bereavement.

**Kevin McNaboe**

February 26, 2009

To the Dearing Family ,

I was deeply saddened today when I opened the paper and saw of Mr. Dearing's passing. I believe it was a few years back when I last had the pleasure of talking to him , it was at St Martin of Tours one sunday for the Latin Mass but my association with him goes back many many years , If memory serves me correctly it was at the start of his tenure with Prudential and lasted through to his retirement but I had the pleasure many times since of seeing him here and there and having conversation with him , which usually turned out to be lengthy ,which was a good thing , because he was an excellent conversationalist but most of all a wonderful person and a true gentleman in every sence of the word and people like that are few and far between in todays world .

Be assured of my prayers .

**Steve Ammon**

February 25, 2009

Aunt Charlotte, Chuck, Kristie, Celina and Mark - Our prayers are with you all. Uncle Charlie always had wonderful "words of wisdom" and was a great storyteller. (I love what he wrote about the photo of the Dearing generations in the front of the yard - why would anyone throw a sewing machine out the 2nd floor window?) Uncle Charlie was very sensitive and intelligent! He will appreciate my recent one-liner at a workshop the other night - his spirit must have been with me. I am proud to say - I am a member of the extended Dearing Clan! Have fun in heaven with all of your brothers....

Love, Gina & Chuck Priddy (Jacob, Gretchen and Collette)

Remember what you said about the man who named his puppies - Spot, Sparky and Rachmaninoff. Why did he name the one "Rachmaninoff?" Because he was the pianist! (Arf!)

**Gina Priddy**

February 25, 2009

Mrs. Dearing & family,

I'm so very sorry for your loss of such a fine man as Mr. Dearing. It was a pleasure to give him his breathing treatments at the hospital and to see his smiling face. He would cheer me up and make my day better when that was actually my place to do that for him. I hope I did. I will miss him and I wish you peace Mrs. Dearing.

Sherry Busch, RT. St. Mary's

**Sherry Busch**

February 25, 2009

**Sonny Leisa**

February 25, 2009

Uncle Charlie,  
Finally, someone to talk some political sense into my Dad : )  
I've been worried about about him these last two years.

Aunt Charlotte, Chuck, Celina, Aunt MaryAnn, Aunt Theresa, and family,  
Tears are falling in Cincinnati. Our prayers are with you all.

Is any one just a little worried about all five Dearing boys reunited in one place?

Love, Chris and Ray

**Chris Kroner**

February 25, 2009

Chuck and Kristie,

We are so sorry for your loss. You are both in our prayers, and if you need anything you know you can call anytime.

**John & Lora Bowling**

February 25, 2009

I spent countless hours at the Dearing household as a young girl. I remember the clock in the kitchen had a before and after sign as a teaching tool for telling time. Such a small space but a lot of love was given there. I was one of many that received that love and kindness, especially from Mr. D. I love how he said my name and he always followed it up by "How ya doin' kid?". Awww. I love ya, he would say. I will truly miss the way he always made me feel so special. They don't make them like Mr. D anymore!!

**Andrea Soeder Calhoun**

February 25, 2009

Charlie,

I can never thank you enough for helping to bring the love of my life in to this world. You and



Charlotte have helped fill my life with love and a sense of family that I had never known before.

Though I only knew you a short fraction of your life your impact on me and my personal faith are immeasurable. I will miss having our pre-dinner conversations. I will miss the sound of your laughter. I am a better man for knowing you and I will take care of your girls as best I can. I promise.

You are loved and you are missed dearly.

Love,

Mark

**Mark Whobrey**

February 25, 2009

Mrs. Dearing, Chuck and Celina-

I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Dearing was such a funny and loving man. I'll always remember him, smoking that pipe and making us laugh. It was great to see him at Denny's a few months ago! You will be in my prayers.

**Christy Childress**

February 25, 2009

Uncle Charlie,

You influenced my life in so many ways. Thank you. I read this verse yesterday; it is so appropriate today: Book of Sirach - "study the generations long passed and understand: has anyone hoped in the Lord and been disappointed.

**Pat Lawson-Lenossi**

February 25, 2009

I'll miss you and all your help with my crossword puzzles. Say hi to everyone. I love you.

**Barbara Schmitt (Dearing)**

February 25, 2009

Uncle Charlie was one of the most beautiful people I have ever known. Aunt Charlotte, Chuck & Celina are so blessed to have known him as a Husband and Father. He will be praying for all

of us here on earth & the whole family will be praying for your family, Aunt Charlotte. He will be missed more than words can express. We all loved him so much.

**Clare Schmitt Wright**

February 25, 2009

Charlie,

I will never forget our many Thanksgivings you and Mrs Dearing spent at the Monks'. We could always count on you for a funny pun to keep us wanting more. We will miss seeing you at church to provide us with our weekly joke that kept us laughing all week until we saw you the next week! You were a great person and truly will be missed. I will leave you with this, why didn't the ghost go to the Halloween Ball? Becuase he had NO BODY to go with! HAHA! We love you and miss you Charlie!!

**MOLLIE & KEVIN DUFF**

February 25, 2009

Hey guys...

I am so sorry for your loss, If there is anything you need, please let me know.

**Scott Kraemer**

February 25, 2009

Charlotte, Chuck and Celina, I am thinking of you all and hope you find solace knowing that Charlie is in a much better place, talking and enjoying the presence of God and mom and dad. You are in my prayers. Love you Marie

**Marie Tapp**

February 25, 2009

Charlotte, Chuck and Celina, I am thinking of you all and hope you find solace knowing that Charlie is in a much better place, talking and enjoying the presence of God and mom and dad. You are in my prayers. Love you Marie

**Marie Tapp**

February 25, 2009

I could never asked for a better dad. Many guys don't ever get to hear their father say I love you. I heard it every day. Of course you will be missed dad but it is wonderful to know you will always be watching over us. Oh did you hear the one about....(ARF)

**Chuck Dearing**

February 25, 2009

My deepest condolences go out to you and your family. I know it's hard to lose someone so close to you. May your memories bring you comfort. "A good name is better than a good ointment, and the day of one's death is better than the day of one's birth." --Ecclesiastes 7:1.

**Mauricio Bellido Jr**

February 25, 2009

Chuck and Kristie & family, you are all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God's Angels comfort you as you adjust. May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories. Let me know if you need anything.

**Jenn Lowe**

February 25, 2009

Though I did not know you long, you were very special to me. Uncle Charlie, you were a wonderful man who I loved. My prayers go out to Aunt Charlotte and all of your family.

**Dan Lenossi II**

February 25, 2009

Charlie, I know that you have everyone up there laughing at all your jokes. We will miss them down here. Tell Mom and Dad I said hello.

**Maxine**

February 25, 2009

ANOTHER SAINT IN HEAVEN! CHARLIE WAS NOT ONLY MY CONFESSOR BUT MY FRIEND DEFINED AS A PERSON WHO STILL LIKED ME AFTER THEY GOT TO KNOW ME. GOD WILL WELCOME HIM WITH OPEN ARMS

**DON DOROTHY FEENEY**

February 25, 2009

Hon,

You promised you would be with us always. We feel your presence with us even though we can't see your beautiful face. Thank you for all the love you have given to us. Your life will continue in the two beautiful children you gave to me. Now you know the true meaning of "There's a