

Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher

January 11, 1961 - April 17, 2026

Charles Leon Witcher, affectionately known as "Big Papa," was born on January 11, 1961, in Waldo, Arkansas, to the late Laverne Witcher and Howard Witcher Sr. He departed this life on April 17, 2026, in Magnolia, Arkansas, at the age of 65.

Charles was a 1979 graduate of Waldo High School. He worked at Elk Roofing in Stephens, Arkansas, and later dedicated 35 years of service to Alumax/Alcoa. At an early age, he joined Cedar Grove Baptist Church, where he remained connected until his health began to fail. He was also a member of the International Free & Accepted Modern Masons.

Charles had a deep love for sports. He played both baseball and basketball and also served as a baseball coach to Mark Ludwig. He enjoyed all sports and loved spending time talking with his friends, sons, and grandchildren. Known as a people person, Charles had a kind and caring spirit. He also helped his wife care for multiple children who did not live in their home, showing the love and compassion he had for others. In his spare time, he enjoyed watching the cooking channel and Dr. Pimple Popper.

Charles was united in marriage to Patsy Witcher in 1983. At the time of his passing, they had shared 43 years of marriage. Patsy remains to cherish his memory, along with his sons, Jamarkey Witcher and his wife, Kenyaira, of

Waldo, Arkansas, and Charles Witcher and his wife, Tiara, of Irving, Texas; his godson, Pierre Robinson of Little Rock, Arkansas; his honorary son, Randy Hill of Balch Springs, Texas; and his goddaughters, Robin Robertson of Hot Springs, Arkansas, and Denisha Turner of Magnolia, Arkansas.

He also leaves his grandchildren, Stry'Darius Witcher, Da'Tayvious Flowers, Jamarion Witcher, Dawayvein Witcher, Charles "CJ" Witcher Jr., JaRiya Witcher, Kaylee Witcher, Ladaja Sanders, JaKayden Witcher, Ja'Miir Witcher, Ja'Miya Witcher, and LaTerrion Alexander; and his great grandchildren, Kenslee Witcher, Loyal Witcher, Skylyn Sander, and Tyler Davis. Charles also leaves to cherish his memory his siblings, John (Annie) Witcher and Mary Beth (Fred) Cooper; his godchildren, De'Nicklas Brown, Heaven Brown, Sundaey Brown, and Dior Williams; two god-great grandchildren; his very special aunt, Linda Askew; his special uncle, Richard Askew; his favorite sister and brother-in-law, Patricia and Eugene Priggett; and very special cousins, Kendall Dismuke, Darlene Maxwell, Jerry Smith, and Shelly Freeman.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents, Laverne Witcher and Howard Witcher Sr.; his son, Strodney Witcher; his sister, Marylin Witcher; his brother, Howard Witcher Jr.; his maternal grandmother, Corrine King; his maternal grandfather, Ernest Howell; his paternal grandparents, Brass and Lillian Witcher; and his nephew, Jamelle Cooper.

Celebration of Life services will be held Sunday, May 3rd, 2026, at R.L. Reed Funeral Home in Magnolia, Arkansas at 2:00 p.m., with burial to follow at Kendrick Chapel Cemetery in Willisville, Arkansas, under the direction of R.L. Reed Funeral Home, LLC.

Visitation will be held Friday {May 1st}, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., at R.L. Reed Funeral Home in Magnolia, Arkansas.

“For precaution due to the COVID-19, Masks are Encouraged but Not Required While Attending the Services and During Visitation Hours. However, wearing masks ensures safety for you and others. Thank you.”

Cemetery Details

Kendrick Chapel Cemetery

Nevada Rd 6
Willisville, AR 71864

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

R.L. Reed Funeral Home
100 Hwy 79 North
Magnolia, AR 71753
(870) 901-3536

Celebration of Life

MAY 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

R.L. Reed Funeral Home Chapel
100 HWY 79 NORTH
Magnolia, AR

Tribute Wall

CB

“ *Sis. Patsy Witcher and family praying for you all. So sorry for your loss.* ”



Carolyn Briggs - May 03 at 03:37 PM

JM

“ *Jennie Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher* ”



Jennie Martin - May 03 at 07:55 AM

BW

“ *We are praying for Sister Patsy Witcher and her family. May God bless and keep you. Please know that God will take good care of you.* ”
Billy and Patricia Williams



Billy and Patricia Williams - May 03 at 02:17 AM

LS

“ *Sending My Deepest Condolences* ”



Lisa Irvin - Sanders - May 02 at 10:19 PM

LS

“ Lisa Irvin - Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher



Lisa Irvin - Sanders - May 02 at 10:18 PM

MW

“ My heartfelt condolences and prayers are with Patsy and family. I have fond memories of the days when our families were neighbors and when Patsy and I worked at Waldo school. Charles was always kind and friendly. May you all find comfort in the cherished memories and peace and strength in Jesus' love. ❤️🕊️



Ms. Angela Williams
Texarkana, TX

Ms. Angela Williams - May 02 at 06:57 PM

RH

“ Ron Hughey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher



Ron Hughey - May 02 at 05:13 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher.*



May 02 at 07:55 AM



“ *Sharari Adams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher*



Sharari Adams - May 01 at 12:11 PM



“ *Sending My Deepest Condolences to My Family>*

Sharari Adams - May 01 at 12:09 PM



“ *EDNA ROWDEN sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher*



EDNA ROWDEN - May 01 at 08:58 AM

ER

“ *EDNA ROWDEN lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher*



EDNA ROWDEN - May 01 at 08:57 AM

DY

“ *Delois Young lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher*



Delois Young - May 01 at 01:27 AM

SS

“ *May the comfort of God help you through this difficult time. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*
Steward, Davis, Martin, and Smith Family



Shantina Steward - April 30 at 11:41 AM

CR

“ *Charles and Tyce Rucks purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher.*



Charles and Tyce Rucks - April 28 at 12:08 PM

CR

“ Charles and Tyce Rucks planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher.

Charles and Tyce Rucks - April 28 at 12:08 PM

OJ

“ Olivia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher



olivia johnson - April 27 at 09:33 PM

HF

“ Hazel Mask Smith Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher



Hazel Mask Smith Family - April 26 at 07:22 PM

HF

“ Hazel Mask Smith Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher



Hazel Mask Smith Family - April 26 at 07:22 PM

ME

“ *My condolences to the family*



Margaret Easter - April 25 at 10:33 PM

KR

“ *Kenneth Ransom lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher*



Kenneth Ransom - April 25 at 04:03 PM

LJ

“ *Lena Green Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher*



Lena Green Jones - April 24 at 10:50 AM

MM

“ *Melvin Madison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher*



Melvin Madison - April 24 at 10:20 AM

TF

“ On behalf of the Smith/Hill/Moore/Davis families from Waldo and McNeil, we extend to the Witcher family our love and prayers over the passing of Bro. Charles. May God comfort you through this difficult time. Much love.

the Smith/Hill/Moore/Davis families from - April 23 at 08:05 PM

KL

“ Kenya Love lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher



Kenya Love - April 23 at 03:28 PM

KL

“ Keosha Love lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher



Keosha Love - April 23 at 01:09 PM

PP

“ Patricia P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher.

Patricia P. - April 22 at 02:54 PM

DG

“ *Darlene Green lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher*



Darlene Green - April 22 at 12:33 AM

AM

“ *Alethea Morgan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher*



Alethea Morgan - April 21 at 05:31 PM

SH

“ *Sorry to see my childhood friend has past so soon. He will truly be missed. May God bless his family with an abundance of peace long after the memorial when they will need it most.*

Stephanie Hughey - April 21 at 11:49 AM

JM

“ *Janice Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher*



Janice Martin - April 21 at 01:53 AM

TB

“ Terry Biddle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher



Terry Biddle - April 21 at 12:32 AM

LI

“ Lisa Irvin-Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher



Lisa Irvin-Sanders - April 20 at 05:40 PM

CW

“ We're sorry to hear of Charles passing condolences to Patsy and the rest of the family, you are in our prayers.



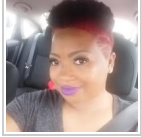
Chester and Dorothy Witcher - April 20 at 03:28 PM

LF

“ Lyndell Franklin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher



Lyndell Franklin - April 20 at 10:43 AM



“ Rachel Cole sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher



Rachel Cole - April 20 at 09:28 AM

TC

“ Terry Carter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher



Terry Carter - April 19 at 07:51 PM

SC

“ Sharon Cole lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher



Sharon Cole - April 19 at 02:24 PM

AW

“ To my family and friends, God is still in control!! He doesn't make mistakes. Charles will be missed greatly by all of us who knew and loved him. 🙏💕💕



Annie Witcher - April 19 at 10:10 AM

SP

“ *Sandra Briggs Page sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher*



Sandra Briggs Page - April 19 at 09:42 AM

SP

“ *Sandra Briggs Page lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher*



Sandra Briggs Page - April 19 at 09:42 AM

SP

“ *Sending my Prayers and Love* ❤️

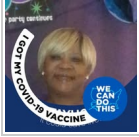


Stacie Poindexter - April 19 at 08:59 AM

HJ

“ *My condolences to the Witcher family.*

Hellen Jones - April 19 at 04:38 AM



“ Joyce Turner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher



Joyce Turner - April 19 at 02:13 AM



“ Tonya Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher



Tonya Johnson - April 19 at 01:04 AM



“ Heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to you fam !!



Angela Wesley - April 18 at 11:47 PM



“ Mary S. Pickings lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher



Mary S. Pickings - April 18 at 11:31 PM

BT

“ *Brenda Tatum lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher*



Brenda Tatum - April 18 at 07:52 PM

SB

“ *Stephanie Butler lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher*



Stephanie Butler - April 18 at 06:08 PM

IS

“ *Irene Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher*



Irene Smith - April 18 at 04:50 PM

SF

“ *Spent alot of my child hood around Charles and his family some of the best around.hate to see this keeping family in our prayers*

Shane fuller - April 18 at 04:22 PM

DP

“ Sending Condolences to my cousin Patsy and the entire Witcher Family! We loved Charles and he will be missed! We were sad to get the news of his passing yet we have many memories to cherish! Mark and Mun Aunt Deborah love you guys and I pray for you all!



Deborah Pridmore - April 18 at 02:44 PM

DH

“ Dearlean Hughes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher



Dearlean Hughes - April 18 at 02:36 PM



“ Ora Radford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher



Ora Radford - April 18 at 02:28 PM

AW

“ Anthony Watson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher



Anthony Watson - April 18 at 02:06 PM

LH

“ *Louis Hayes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher*



Louis Hayes - April 18 at 02:04 PM

PF

“ *Pastor Charles Gantt And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher*



Pastor Charles Gantt and family - April 18 at 02:03 PM

PF

“ *Praying for the Witcher Family.*



Pastor Gantt and family - April 18 at 02:02 PM

MF

“ *Major Darneshea Bivens And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher*



Major Darneshea Bivens and family - April 18 at 02:00 PM

AL

“ Aaron Lambert lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher



Aaron Lambert - April 18 at 01:58 PM

LT

“ Lola Tucker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher



Lola Tucker - April 18 at 12:43 PM

BG

“ Billy Gantt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher



Billy Gantt - April 18 at 12:42 PM

DG

“ Dorothy Gantt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher



Dorothy Gantt - April 18 at 12:41 PM

DG

“ *Delma Gantt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher*



Delma Gantt - April 18 at 12:40 PM

KR

“ *Kenneth Ransom lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher*



Kenneth Ransom - April 18 at 11:54 AM

TF

“ *The Willis Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher*



The Willis Family - April 18 at 11:51 AM

GB

“ *Gwenda Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher*



Gwenda Brown - April 18 at 11:49 AM



“ We have had so many conversations and laughter together through the years, but nothing was as serious as our walk with God. We will miss you Duke



Hal Prevoe - April 18 at 11:45 AM

ME

“ My condolences to the family



Margaret Easter - April 18 at 11:23 AM

TE

“ Tearee Easter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher



Tearee Easter - April 18 at 09:40 AM

TS

“ Teresa Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher



Teresa Smith - April 18 at 09:38 AM

ER

“ EDNA ROWDEN sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher



EDNA ROWDEN - April 18 at 09:30 AM

ER

“ EDNA ROWDEN lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher



EDNA ROWDEN - April 18 at 09:30 AM

DW

“ Dianne Williamson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher



Dianne Williamson - April 18 at 08:47 AM

CT

“ Carol Tyson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher



Carol Tyson - April 18 at 08:45 AM

RF

“ *Ramona Fears sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher*



Ramona Fears - April 18 at 08:33 AM

RF

“ *Ramona Fears lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher*



Ramona Fears - April 18 at 08:33 AM

GJ

“ *George Jenkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Leon "Big Papa" Witcher*



George Jenkins - April 18 at 06:56 AM



*R. I. H P . 🙏 My COUSIN 🙏 !!
+ PEARLY GATEST OPEN TO RECEIVE +*

Fred Love - April 18 at 02:18 PM



*Condolence to the
+++ Family ++++*

Fred Love - April 18 at 02:19 PM



My condolences to the family rest in peace classmate 🙏🙏

Terris Marlow - April 21 at 05:43 PM