



Charles J. Lewis

May 3, 1933 - June 4, 2020

Charles Julian Lewis

Charles “Chuck” J. Lewis, of Ardmore, PA, passed into the arms of Jesus June 4, 2020. His beloved wife, Joyce K. Lewis, of 66 years was at his side.

Chuck was the loving father to Kelly L. Watson of Ardmore, Kerry L. and Roddy McNeil of Calgary, Alberta, Canada. He was predeceased by his son, Craig C. Lewis. He was the wonderful grandfather to Ellen M. and Shane Bangert of Virginia Beach, Jasmine L. Eubank of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, Kathryn J. and Jack A. Betancur of Ft. Campbell, KY, Sarah E. McNeil of Calgary, Alberta and Nicole C. McNeil of Halifax, Nova Scotia. He was the delighted and doting great-grandfather of his namesake Julian R.G. Betancur.

Chuck was born in Columbus, Ohio on May 3, 1933. After graduating from Lorain High School, he went on to study Mining and Petroleum Engineering at Ohio State University. He received his BS in Physics from Baldwin-Wallace College and then attained his Teaching Certificate from California University in California, PA. With his love for learning, he took Continuing Education courses at the following schools: University of Pennsylvania, Duquesne University, Carnegie Mellon University and the University of Pittsburgh. Chuck also obtained a Real Estate license, a certification in Mediation, and was a Notary Public

He was an Army veteran of the Korean War, serving from 1954 to 1956.

Chuck was a deep believer and committed to Christ. He was very active in his beloved church, Narberth Presbyterian for 29 years. Chuck was a member of the choir and a Session member. He was a supporter and active in the prison ministry and a volunteer at Our Brother's Place, a homeless men's shelter in Philadelphia. Chuck was the founder of the "Chuck" Wagon, which is still going strong today for the early and in-between crowd at church. He loved learning and teaching about his Christian faith. He has brought many to the light of Christ who now walk in faith.

Chuck retired from US Steel after 30 years of service. While at US Steel, Chuck succeeded in winning the National Safety Council's coveted "Outstanding Recognition" award for a steel plant working more than ten million manhours without a lost time injury.

He went on to spend many years in the political field in Allegheny County and the state of Pennsylvania. He was appointed to the Department of Labor by George H.W. Bush in 1989. During that time, he helped plan, organize, and established the "Alternate Dispute Resolution" program for the U.S.

Department of Labor. He implemented the training program and became one of the first graduates of the program!

The job that Chuck most loved was as a bus aide for the special need's children of Lower Merion School District. He finally retired in 2008.

Chuck and Joyce loved to travel! He treasured exploring Wales, Scotland and England tracing their heritage. They toured Austria and the Czech Republic with the NPC choir singing and spreading the love of Christ. Chuck cherished US history and was passionate about visiting historical sites. His favorite vacation spot was Calgary, Alberta with its majestic Rocky Mountains where he had the opportunity to walk on a glacier! Chuck once said he would live in Calgary if the winters weren't so cold!

He was an active member of the Welsh Society of Philadelphia. Chuck was a devoted and avid fan of the Ohio State Buckeyes, Pittsburgh Steelers and the Boston Red Sox. He cheered them all on!

Chuck lived his life to the fullest! He, Joyce and Kelly had just returned from a trip to Arlington National Cemetery where his son, Craig, is buried when he passed onto Home. He will be greatly missed by all who came into contact with him.

Until we meet again...

A Homecoming Celebration will be determined.

Burial will be private at Arlington National Cemetery

In lieu of flowers, suggested donations may be made to the following:

Pulmonary Lung Foundation

230 East Ohio Street

Suite 500

Chicago IL 60611

Website: <https://www.pulmonaryfibrosis.org/ways-to-give/honor-a-loved-one>

Narberth Presbyterian Church

205 Grayling Ave.

Narberth PA 19072-0414

Website: <https://www.narberthpres.org>

Philadelphia Salvation Army

The Salvation Army Divisional Headquarters

701 North Broad Street

Philadelphia, PA 19123.

Website: <https://pa.salvationarmy.org/greater-philadelphia/ways-to-give-to-the-salvation-army-of-greater-philadelphia-donating-volunteering-and-helping>

Tribute Wall

BS

“ I didn't know Chuck but found out about his passing from an email from Stewart Gause, of the Facial Pain Association. My daughter has suffered from a trigeminal neuralgia type syndrome for about 4 years caused by a root canal misadventure, and responded to a email from Stewart I received about a year ago. I have read the memories posts and feel that Chuck must have been wonderful person for being able to give so much to others in the midst of suffering so much pain himself. He fought through his own pain to share a love of life with so many others. In these trying times, it is wonderful to read about such people. My sympathy to his friends and family. I hope these messages help support them as they celebrate the life he lived.

Bill Skwersky - July 29, 2020 at 10:57 PM

CL

“ I knew Chuck from the trigeminal neuralgia support group He was truly a kind man, caring and supportive. He showed phenomenal strength in dealing with what life had thrown at him.

carol levy - July 26, 2020 at 06:04 PM

HE

“ Dear Kelly and family,
I can see where you get your love and commitment to others in your communities. With love and sympathy to you, your Mom and family.
Helen and Dan Waite

Helen - June 14, 2020 at 02:51 PM

DB

“He will always be remembered as you share the stories and the memories of how he lived his life and how very much he meant, may you find comfort... And, throughout this difficult time, may you also know the deep sympathy and concern that is felt for you and all your family.” I am proud to call him Uncle. Love, Peace and Hugs Deb



Deborah J Brucato - June 09, 2020 at 04:21 PM

JH

“Chuck was a true Christian gentleman and a good friend. I remember one time when the four of us were at a Bible study while visiting Cape Cod. Two young Asian women came in and asked if they could join us. After welcoming them, we learned that they had been brought over for summer jobs which had been misrepresented. "Transportation provided" turned out to be old bikes without any lights or reflective clothing, etc. With Chuck's understanding of the Labor Department, he went right into action regarding their green cards, accommodations and other matters. Eventually, they got jobs at Six Flags New England helping with the kiddie rides and loved that experience. Chuck was certainly God's gift to all of us for so many years. We truly miss him. With love to all the Lewis family, Joann Huntington

Joann Huntington - June 08, 2020 at 11:26 AM

JM

Met Chuck through our Trigeminal Neuralgia Support group. A class guy. I will miss his engaging conversations. Eternal peace young man.

jules manas - July 29, 2020 at 08:19 AM