



Charles "Charlie" Lowell Cornett

May 1, 1948 - July 26, 2025

The world lost one of its greatest encouragers on Saturday, July 26, 2025, when Charles Lowell Cornett stepped from this life onto a golden street in his heavenly home. He was born on May 1, 1948, along with his best friend and twin sister, Collette, to Virgil and Marie Cornett. He grew up in Gary, Indiana and graduated from Emerson High School. It was there that he met the "five-foot-two, eyes of blue" love of his life, Kacey. They married in October of 1971 and together raised four children: Shawn, Matthew, Heather, and Patrick. Charlie was a devoted follower of Jesus Christ. He was a member of the First Christian Church of Crown Point, Indiana; Town and Country Christian Church in Crown Point; and the Griffith First Christian Church in Griffith, Indiana. For the past several years, Charlie and Kacey belonged to LifeWell Christian Church in Winfield, Indiana. He loved to sing and led worship on many Sundays throughout his life. Charlie was a huge sports fan and cheered - loudly - for the Green Bay Packers, the Notre Dame Fighting Irish, the Chicago Blackhawks, and both the Chicago Cubs and White Sox. Charlie, as many of his co-workers knew him, worked for Inland Steel in East Chicago, Indiana for nearly 35 years as a millwright. Charlie is survived by his beloved wife of 53+ years, Kathleen "Kacey" Cornett. He is also survived by his children who were the pride and joy of his life: Shawn (Cheryl) Cornett; Matthew (Sherri) Cornett; Heather (Adam) Calfee; and Patrick (Kelli) Cornett. Also surviving are his grandchildren, each of whom he was extremely proud: Eryn (Nicholas) Mark; Noah Cornett; Avery Cornett; Madyson Calfee; Ariana

Cornett; Jonathan Cornett; Hudson Cornett; Kamden Cornett; and Rylan Cornett. He is also survived by his nephews: John (Elizabeth) Festa and Charles (Lauren) Festa. Also surviving are many in-laws, cousins, relatives, and friends.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents, Virgil and Marie Cornett, by his twin sister, Collette (Michael) Festa, and by his grandson, Braden Cornett. He was also preceded by his in-laws, Kenneth and Barbara Cutler and brothers-in-law: Ken "Bub", Keith, and Klifford Cutler.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Franciscan Hospital in Crown Point and the staff at AMG Hospital in Merrillville, for their care of Charlie. A celebration of life will be held on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, with some of Charlie's favorite foods from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. with a service to begin at 6:00 p.m. at LifeWell Christian Church, 7037 E. 117th Avenue, Crown Point, IN. Be early because Charlie would have wanted it that way and be sure to wear your favorite Green Bay, Notre Dame, Blackhawks, Sox, or Cubs gear. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Charlie's family to bless his favorite ministries. Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, Crown Point, IN, entrusted with arrangements. www.burnsfuneral.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 6. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (cst)

LIFEWELL
7037 E. 117th Avenue
Crown Point, IN 46307

Celebration of Life Service

AUG 6. 6:00 PM (cst)

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Tribute Wall



“ Kasey,
We just hear about Chuck's passing from Bill Blossom. Please accept our condolences and extend them to your family.
Love,
Dave and Linda Truett

linda - August 11, 2025 at 02:58 PM



“ Your CVMC Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Charles "Charlie" Lowell Cornett.



Your CVMC Family - August 06, 2025 at 11:32 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Charles "Charlie" Lowell Cornett.



August 04, 2025 at 08:38 PM

DW

“ Having been close friends with Shawn growing up, Charlie was like a second father to me. I spent many a day and night at the Cornett household. Although God’s plans had my family move far away, I will always carry fond memories of Charlie and family with me, and cherish the way Charlie made me feel like one of his own. Now he joins my father (Dennis) in the heavenly presence of God Almighty. Until we meet again, rest easy Charlie, and may God comfort and protect your family as they walk thru life awaiting to be reunited with you. - Devin Watts

Devin Watts - August 01, 2025 at 05:27 PM

SC

Thank you so much, Devin. We had so many good times growing up. Your dad was like a 2nd father to me. God bless you, brother!

Shawn Cornett - August 04, 2025 at 12:41 PM

BG

Charlie was a good friend and fellow brother in the Faith. I will never forget Charile "Obi-Wan" doing mic pick-ups during the "Living Last Supper" shows.
Thank you Brother for adding caring and warmth to those around you. God bless and keep the Cornet family. Barry and Lisa Giles

Barry Giles - August 06, 2025 at 04:32 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Charles "Charlie" Lowell Cornett.



July 30, 2025 at 12:00 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Charles "Charlie" Lowell Cornett.*



July 30, 2025 at 09:54 AM



“ *I had the priviledge to know Charlie & Kacie when I attended Town & Country Christian Church. He always had a smile, a compliment, and a beautiful Christ-like energy. I have no doubt that as we mourn his absence here, he is in eternal joy & glory with his beloved Savior, and his precious family who have gone before. My prayers for peace are with Kacie and his beloved family who remain.*



Joleen Fox - July 29, 2025 at 02:40 PM



“ *I will always remember his enthusiastic participation in our connection group at GFCC. And his willingness to be a Magi in one of my plays. Hugs to his family members.*

Leti Garcia - July 29, 2025 at 01:58 PM

JF

“Gosh, I loved Charlie. Charlie spent a lot of time at our house in Aetna, hanging out with my brother Mike in the 1960s and early 70s. He was like another member of the family. I take comfort in the thought that Charlie and Collette, and their parents Virgil and Marie are all together now.

What an honor and a blessing it was that have known that entire family. Such good people.

To Kasey and the Cornett family, I send my deepest condolences. May the love of family and friends surround you during this difficult time.

Jennifer Festa - July 28, 2025 at 08:40 PM

NW

Oh, Charlie! We spent time together at Emerson in art class, laughing and drawing. You had such talent! Your parents were so kind and thoughtful and Collette was so thoughtful and made a great sister-in-law . You're in heaven, for sure, bringing joy to everyone. Kasey and your family know that you touched so many lives and we send them our love.

Nanette Wargo - July 28, 2025 at 10:53 PM

CS

“What a wonderful man Charlie was! It was always a pleasure to hear him sing. I also enjoyed being in the Clown Ministry with him and Kacey in our First Christian Church group. You always felt Blessed in his and Kacey's presence. Charlie will be missed here on earth but will make a splendid addition to God's Heavenly Choir. Until we meet again, RIP my Friend.

Carolyn Short - July 28, 2025 at 08:09 PM

CL

“ Kacey and family. I have known Charlie for many, many years. We all attended church together.

*My deepest condolences and prayers go to you and your family.
Charlie now sings with the angels.*

Carol Lower - July 28, 2025 at 06:31 PM