



## Charles J. Frenzel

March 19, 1940 - May 25, 2019

Charles J. Frenzel, age 79 of Lake Station, passed away on May 25, 2019 with family by his side. He was a member of Midwest Operating Engineers Local 150 for over 50 years. Charlie was a Coast Guard veteran, active in Boy Scouts in his early years. He enjoyed traveling, camping, and fishing. Charlie loved his dog Molly. Charlie was preceded in death by his wife- Dorothy; siblings- George, MaryAnn, and Janis; his beloved dog- Rex. He is survived by his sons- Michael, Charles (Judy), Christopher(Tammy) Frenzel; daughters- Marsha Hoernig, Melinda Valentine, Michele (Carl) Hasselgren, Patricia (Mike) Bickham; step-children- Dennis, Lenny, Diane, Barb, Nancy, Jackie; sister- Barbara (John) Fast; sister-in-law- Jackie Frenzel; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins. Visitation will be held Thursday, May 30, 2019, from 4-7 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. Mass of Christian Burial, Friday, May 31, 2019, 10 a.m. at St, Francis Xavier Church, 2447 Putnam St, Lake Station, IN. Entombment at St. John/ St. Joe Cemetery, 1547 167th St, Hammond, IN. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Cemetery

Hammond, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **30**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point  
10101 Broadway  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
(219) 769-0044  
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## Mass of Christian Burial

MAY **31**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Francis Xavier Church  
2447 Putnam St.  
Lake Station, IN 46405

# Tribute Wall

BF

“ *My older brother - I will miss you dearly! We called each other regularly to see how each of us was doing. He was always going to the cemetery after Mass to keep Dorothy up on what he was doing; now you're there beside her and chatting away. He took very good care of Dorothy when she was sick, which was about ten years. Quite the "care giver". God has a "special place" for you in heaven.*

*He loved all his children and enjoyed telling everyone how many grandchildren and great grandchildren he had, taking them when he could to his union Christmas parties. He was especially proud to attend his class reunions in WI and tell how many of each he had.*

*I remember Dad calling Charles the "Professor", he was always tinkering with things to see how they worked. Charles was a smart man, he knew how to fix cars and tell what was wrong with them. He was also kind to animals, once he brought home a baby skunk - Mom said you cannot keep that here! Why?! He loved his dogs, Rex and Molly. He said Molly was smarter than Rex; he always had treats for them.*

*I think Charles was also a collector, he couldn't part with things that he inherited from relatives who had previously passed. I remember how he packed up things from Aunt Gert in Florida in her old car. I'm sure he would have kept that car if he had room for it. When asked what he was going to do with all of it, I'll have an auction was his reply.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you dear family, we couldn't be there with you, but know we love you.*

*Aunt Barbara and Uncle Joihn*

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**Barbara Fast** - June 01, 2019 at 02:33 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles J. Frenzel.*



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May 31, 2019 at 06:23 PM



“ *I was strongly mistaken in my memories. Cousin Charles would have been the person the little boys said NOT to tell about the fire we started in the hay bale cave in the barn because he would have been about 16 years old at the time and not complicit in our mischief. He would have shut us down. Cousin Georgie might have been too old to include in our mischief, too, at the time. Sorry. Starting rumors here.*

*Cousin Sue Frenzel, Minneapolis*

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**Susan Frenzel** - May 30, 2019 at 02:55 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Charles J. Frenzel.*



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May 30, 2019 at 11:45 AM

GF

“ Uncle Charles would spend hours on the phone with our dad. He and his brother never got tired of sharing their stories. After dad passed, Uncle Charles continued spending those hours on the phone with mom and the rest of us by calling on holidays and random weekdays. Hearing his voice was bittersweet as his and his brother’s voices were so similar. When Deanna was in college, he and Aunt Dorothy made a special trip to pick Deanna up and take her to Nana and Papa’s cemetery. He also took time to meet with Deanna and her husband in 2014, even gathering family for a brunch so that the cousins could meet. Uncle Charles sent birthday cards because he had always sent funny ones to Dad, and he felt that all of us in Alaska should continue to get “good cards” from him. He made us laugh with his business cards, and he made us look more than twice at the perfectly spaced and planted trees lining his yard so much like our own in Alaska. We always thought George Frenzel was the only one who planted so many trees so perfectly; turns out, Uncle Charles and Dad both had the gift. We have so appreciated the gift of his love and attention. We know this to be true: Uncle Charles loved his family and his friends. We know he always did whatever he could for everyone. We will miss our phone calls updating us on everyone and everything way down there, but we know he and his brother are probably already swapping stories again. Much love from Alaska. We wish we could be there.

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**George Frenzel Family** - May 29, 2019 at 11:22 PM

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*George Frenzel’s Family in Anchorage, Alaska: Jackie, Deanna, Aaron, Darcey, and Dana*

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**George Frenzel Family** - May 29, 2019 at 11:25 PM

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*Sending our love and prayers to the Frenzel family.*

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**George & Kenna Smith** - May 30, 2019 at 07:48 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Charles J. Frenzel.



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May 29, 2019 at 11:16 PM

SF

“ I remember at age 3 sitting on the floor of the back seat of his car as it bounced over Winter, Wisconsin, dirt backroads at 55+ mph, him driving. If I had sat on the back seat my head would have hit the ceiling. That's why I sat on the floor.

*I remember him carrying me to Mom when I knelt on a needle and got it stuck and broken off in my knee in Winter.*

*I remember as a toddler thinking about kicking the sticks of a fire Georgie & Charlie and the little boys had built inside a hollowed out spot inside the bales of hay in their barn on their property. Had I done that, none of us would have survived the fire.*

*I remember talking with him about religion and how he feels about God, and feeling a kindred spirit in that I think we both of us were/are rebels and think for ourselves more than what we're told. I know he lives with God and God is a good host, better than any of us is. I didn't know about MaryAnn, but I wished I could have told him about the 2019 movie, Jim Allison: Breakthrough, about the Texas man who won the Nobel prize in 2018 for Medicine for curing cancer using the immune system, turning it on to recognize and attack cancer. That would have been interesting to him, because of Jan dying of Leukemia. I never got used to calling him Charles as he requested instead of Charlie as I knew him at age 3.*

*We would go through the woods to the neighbors to retrieve our runaway dog Blackie frequently.*

*So glad he kept in touch over the years so well. All the Frenzel men of his Dad's and his generation were storytellers and bullshitters of a high order (including my Dad and my brother), and could go on at length. I wonder if his children can too?*

*Glad we had him for so long. Wish we could have had him longer, but I'm sure he's having a good time with family in heaven, and I expect to see him in dreams. I promise you that if you ask Jesus to*

*pass on a message to Charles, he'll get it, and to anyone else you want to reach, too.*

*Sue Frenzel, Minneapolis, MN, first cousin*

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**Susan Frenzel** - May 29, 2019 at 02:08 PM

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“ My memories of Chuck are many as he lived with our family for a time while he was in high school. He built snow ramps for us for sliding and carried buckets and buckets of water to make it more slick. The time he spent playing with us provided my mother a much needed respite from four busy children. It was during this time he got his forever nickname "Yogi Bear Chuck". At age 52, he became an avid reader of the obituaries and declared that he was going to retire early, because the average age of people in the obits was 52 and he wanted to have some fun in his life.

*He made many, many trips to Wisconsin and always stopped to see Uncle Jim and Aunt Judy and whoever of us cousins happened to be there. Many times he and Dorothy would bring their camper and just park at my folks' home for their visit.*

*When Chuck's 50th class reunion came around, Dorothy was unable to go and I was privileged to be his "date". What a hoot we had!*

*Chuck always kept in touch with me and my brother and sisters and we had many long conversations. He was a wealth of family information as one of the oldest cousins. And he had many stories to tell!*

*Chuck was a hard worker and enjoyed time with his "union" family. He was a faithful and loving caregiver to his wife Dorothy. He loved his family and spoke often of his children and his pups. We had plans to get together in WI this summer when I returned from CA.*

*Chuck had a quick smile, a kind heart, a good sense of fun and loved to laugh. I will miss him terribly.*

*My deepest sympathies to all who loved him.*

*Chris Frenzel*

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**Chris Frenzel** - May 29, 2019 at 01:07 PM

LM

“ *Love The Frenzel Cousins: Chris, Dale, Sue & Mick. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Charles J. Frenzel.*



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**Love The Frenzel Cousins: Chris, Dale, Sue & Mick.** - May 29, 2019 at 11:45 AM

AF

“ *Aaron Crook and Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Charles J. Frenzel.*



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**Aaron Crook and Family** - May 28, 2019 at 11:10 PM