



Charles A. Norrman Sr.

April 1, 1944 - March 8, 2017

Charles A. Norrman Sr. of LOFS (Crown Point), passed away peacefully on Wednesday, 3/8/17, just 24 days shy of his 73rd birthday (Yes, he was an April Fool's Baby, fittingly with his jokester personality).

Charles Sr. was born on April 1, 1944, in Gary, IN, as the only son to Swedish-immigrant parents Hjalmar and Esther Norrman; both preceding Charles in death.

Charles Sr. is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Sharon Campbell Norrman; his only son and namesake, Charles A. Norrman Jr (Stacie); 3 daughters, Joanne (Chris) Shaffer, Kim Wasniak and Kathy (Ransom) Williams; 6 loving grandkids, who affectionately called him "Papa", Heather (Michael) Dillman, Taylor Shaffer, Connor Hale, Zachary Wasniak, Alexandria and Addison Williams; 3 adorable great grandchildren, Brooklynn, Isabella and Walker; sister Mary Jo Norrman; a host of loving nieces and nephews near and far; who all love and will miss him dearly. Charlie was a friend to many, a stranger to none; he undoubtedly leaves behind many dear friends whose friendships he often reminisced about to his children. Charlie grew up in Gary, IN with his family while attending Lew Wallace high where he graduated in 1962 before enlisting into the U.S. Marine Corps.

Anyone who knew Charlie/Chuck/Dad/Papa knew how proud he was to have served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1963-1967. Charlie continued his patriotism throughout his life serving in the National Guard from 1986-1988 and most recently, as a member the "U.S. Marine Corps League's Howlin'

Mad Detachment” located in Hobart, IN where he was named “U.S. Marine of the Year 2012”. While serving as a member of the U.S. Marine Corps league, Charlie was also a member of the Honor Guard.

After coming home from serving his country, Charlie joined U.S. Steel where he worked for over 30+ years at the 210 Plate Mill U.S. Steel Gary Works before retiring in 2002. Charlie made lifelong friends while working in the mill and looked forward to the annual golf trips to South Carolina where memories for a lifetime were made; illustrations of these memories still hang on the walls of Chuck’s “man cave” at his home.

He had many hobbies throughout the years. Charlie loved to go camping with family and friends; he took many trips to the Ozarks and Gatlinburg. He loved his motorcycle (mom didn’t!). He loved being outdoors and keeping busy.

Throughout his retirement, Charlie kept busy with his family and many hobbies. Charlie belonged to a Woodworking club, a remote controlled flying club, a riding club, he participated in “Toys for Tots”. Charlie accomplished the “Bike the Drive” with his son Charlie Jr. and daughter-in-law, Stacie. As previously mentioned, much of Charlie’s retirement was spent serving in the U.S. Marine Corps League.

Friends may visit with Charlie’s family on Sunday, March 12, 2017 from 12-6 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. Funeral service Monday, March 13th at 10 a.m. Burns Funeral Home. Interment at Calumet Park Cemetery, Merrillville, IN.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Memorial Scholarship fund being set up in Charles’ name at Purdue Northwest. His legacy will live on by helping defray the education costs for veterans and their families. www.burnsfuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Calumet Park Cemetery

2305 W. 73rd Ave.
Merrillville, IN 46410

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point
10101 Broadway
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Funeral Service

MAR 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JD

“ I knew Chuck through our cycling club, MRC Easy Rollers, and I will never forget him. On one of our rides together, another cyclist crashed into my bike from behind, disabling my bike. Another club member had to carry my bike to a nearby location, while Chuck rode ahead to get his vehicle. Then he drove back to our location to pick up me and haul my bike to my home. His act of kindness already impressed me, but there was more. When the cyclist who hit me tried to ignore the cost of my bike repairs, Chuck declared that Marines do not do that. He shamed him into upholding the Marine standard and presented me with a check to get my bike fixed. He went above and beyond and from that day on, I was Chuck's fan. He restored my faith in humans and I held the utmost respect for him and what he stood for. It was my honor to ride with him and to be able to call him my friend. I share your loss. The world shares your loss as well.

Heaven has gained a marvelous man who will make Heaven shine with his special light and make it worth the trip Home again someday to see him and be surrounded by his goodness. I will miss him dearly but he will be forever close in my heart.

Joyce Dietz - March 12, 2017 at 10:03 AM

KW

Thank you so much for your post. It's so nice to hear stories about my Dad from people who knew him throughout his life. Thank you for sharing this story with us. Kathy Williams, Chuck's youngest daughter.

Kathy Williams - March 15, 2017 at 09:09 PM



“ *Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Charles A. Norrman Sr. .*



March 10, 2017 at 04:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles A. Norrman Sr. .*



March 10, 2017 at 11:39 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles A. Norrman Sr. .*



March 09, 2017 at 10:31 PM



“ *A very beautiful tribute! My deepest condolences to the entire Norman family on the loss of your husband, dad, and papa. It is never easy to say goodbye to those we cherish. The memorial was so poignantly written and love for Charlie came through each word. I thank your family for his service to our Country. May God grant you all comfort and peace, and know you have a very special angel watching over you.
God bless. Terri Chance*

Terri Chance - March 09, 2017 at 05:47 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Charles A. Norrman Sr. .*



March 09, 2017 at 04:14 PM



“ *My Uncle will certainly be missed and remembered. His obituary truly sums up the life he lived. Most importantly, it was a life filled with laughter, love, friends and family.*

My love, thoughts and prayers go out to my dear and sweet Aunt Sharon, and my cousins, who I know will miss him so very much. Joanne, Kim, Charlie and Kathy, stand proud knowing your dad left such a wonderful legacy and spirit for each of you to cherish forever. He is watching from above loving each of you, his grandchildren, and great grandchildren. The twinkle in his eye, the sound of his laugh will always be with you. Love you all -Your favorite Texan

Deb - March 09, 2017 at 02:36 PM



“ *Claudia Valladolid lit a candle in memory of Charles A. Norrman Sr.*



Claudia Valladolid - March 09, 2017 at 02:29 PM

AA

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I know your Dad was very special to you...and quite feisty at times!*

Alice Anderson



Alice Anderson - March 09, 2017 at 02:18 PM