



Charles Wilson Burley

January 10, 1945 - May 28, 2024

On May 28, 2024 Charles W. Burley took his last “Great Ride” in this lifetime. Chuck, or “Burley” (as he was fondly called) was a wonderful husband, father, uncle, neighbor and friend. Chuck was born on January 10, 1945 and began his “great ride” early in life on bikes, horses and Cushman scooters. He worked hard, played hard, made us laugh and was dedicated to his family, his pets and everyone he met in his life. He had an incredible gift for problem-solving, as well as mechanical and electrical ingenuity-he could fix anything! He continued his “great ride” at a personal and professional level throughout his life. He served in Vietnam in the US Air Force, earning several awards, before beginning a rewarding long-term career with Detroit Diesel Allison, General Motors, the GM Proving Ground and Quantum Alt Fuels. He loved riding his Harley Davidson motorcycles, flying private planes and driving his Corvettes. He loved his Cigarette off-shore racing boat, snowmobiles, pontoon boats, tractors, military vehicles, trucks-and anything else powered by a motor! He loved building, repairing, designing, engineering or fixing anything for work or play! He loved his music-especially country or patriotic- the louder the better! He loved family and friend get-togethers, any of his kids sporting or school events, community events and parades, and any celebration! Chuck is preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Pearl Burley and his in-laws Charles and Harriet Wilson. He is survived by his loving wife, Katie and loving daughter Laura Clark (Nathan Clark) and loving son Jeffrey Burley; his older sister Barbara (Pat) Murphy; sisters-in-law Jane (Tom) McKenney and Jill

(Marc) Wilson-Isaacson. He is also survived by all of his “favorite” nieces and nephews...Paul McKenney, Annie McKenney (Keith Johnson), Anthony McKenney, Joey McKenney, Sarah Castellano (Rob), Allie Isaacson (Arom), Sean Murphy and Kim Murphy and two great-nieces July McKenney-Johnson and Roya Nadjmabadi, as well as many loving friends. Due to allergies per family request, please consider donating your time, talents or love to someone in need or to your favorite charity...Chuck’s favorite charity ideas are the Alzheimer’s Association and Milford Presbyterian Church. Memorial services will be held at 11:30 AM Friday, June 14, 2024 at the Milford Presbyterian Church, 238 N. Main St. Milford, MI 48381, with Pastor Bryan Smith officiating. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 14. 11:30 AM (ET)

Milford Presbyterian Church
238 N. Main St.
Milford, MI 48381

Tribute Wall

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“ Love, Johnny, Sara, and Emma Cartwright planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Wilson Burley.

Love, Johnny, Sara, and Emma Cartwright - June 11, 2024 at 07:40 AM

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“ Love, Johnny, Sara, and Emma Cartwright purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Charles Wilson Burley.



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“ My first memory of Chuck was when we were new to the neighborhood. Our boat was still parked in our driveway and I knew there was a limit on how long it could be parked there but I didn't know what to do because Gary was in the hospital. Chuck came to my rescue and kindly took care of it for me. Chuck was always there for me throughout the years. Every time Gary had to be rushed to the hospital, I don't know how Chuck would find out but shortly afterwards, he would show up and sit with me. When Gary had his double knee replacements, I had no idea how I was going to get him in the condo but, once again, Chuck made a ramp in our garage. He was my angel here on earth and he will be dearly missed. You are all like family to me and my heart is broken. My love goes out to all of you.

Mary Henriksen - June 09, 2024 at 10:14 AM