



## Charles "Chick" Bertram Coley

May 18, 1927 - April 13, 2020

Charles (Chick) Coley of Traverse City, MI passed away April 13, 2020. He was born May 18, 1927 in Titusville, PA, son to Glenn and Florence Coley and lived in Birmingham, MI until joining the Army Air Force in 1944. After his honorable discharge in 1946, he attended Western Michigan College and Miami University in Ohio graduating with a degree in industrial relations. He met his wife, Janet "Jan" Miller while a student at Miami. They were married 69 years. He worked for Uniroyal Tire Company in Detroit and Los Angeles until the Detroit plant closed in 1981., The couple had 3 children; Susan Coley (Don) LeDuc of Lansing, MI, Michael (Terri) of Houston, TX and Sarah (Rob) Hilburn of LaCrescenta, CA. The family had a cottage on Mickey Lake in Traverse City for 25 years and moved to Green Lake in Interlochen, MI in 2001. He is survived by his wife and 3 children and 4 grandchildren, Genevieve, Grant, Mikala and Nicola.

Chick had a great love of the out-of-doors and the family spent many weekends at their cottage on Mickey Lake and camping in California and upper Michigan. He loved boating, water skiing, golf and downhill skiing into his 80's. He was an active volunteer after he retired at Interlochen Academy for the Arts, Denno's Museum, the Traverse City Historical Society and delivered Meals on Wheels twice a week for several years. Both he and his wife liked to travel and took several over-seas trips and many Elderhostel trips.

Chick's family were members of the Birmingham, MI Presbyterian Church for over 60 years and he was a Deacon and Sunday School teacher there. He was a member of the Traverse City Presbyterian Church and his ashes will be interred there July 19, 2021 at a private family service.

The family is being cared for by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services [www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com](http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com).

# Comments

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“ Chick was an amazing person. I loved visiting with him and having his help at the museum. I loved how he could fall asleep at anytime. He would tell me when he was leaving for home after a day of volunteering that he and Jan would sit and enjoy a hot tottie, nap, have another, nap and then eat dinner... It would make me laugh so hard. I have missed him so much and I am very sorry I missed several years of visiting with him but I have fond memories with him. He will be missed.

**Maddie Lundy** - January 26, 2021 at 04:56 PM

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“ Sorry to hear that he has passed, he was a kind man and I always enjoyed seeing and talking with him. Goodbye Chick

**Michelle** - April 16, 2020 at 11:30 AM

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“ I think so clearly of Chick helping with washing the cups Sunday morning and later encouraging Jan as she so often did the job. Oh, how I will miss seeing Chick when we are able to get back to Sunday morning worship.  
Elliot Morrison

**J Elliot P Morrison** - April 15, 2020 at 05:15 PM

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“ Chick was such a kind and thoughtful person. I will miss his warm smile. God's peace and comfort to Jan and the family.

**Pam Davis** - April 15, 2020 at 01:21 PM