



## Charles "Chuck" A. Cavitch

December 2, 1937 - October 30, 2020

Charles "Chuck" A. Cavitch, 82, of Traverse City, MI passed away peacefully in Bonita Springs, FL on October 30, 2020.

Chuck was born on December 2, 1937 in Traverse City, to the late Lawrence and Alberta (McCaw) Cavitch. After honorably serving our country in the United States Army, he married the late Donna M. Dobson on September 26, 1959. Together they raised their daughter, Sherry.

Chuck enjoyed being active and socializing. He was a Past President and active 60 year member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles #383. He was also a member of the American Military League, Moose Club, Elks Club, and a Veterans of Foreign Wars life member.

"He had a knack for making friends wherever he went," said his granddaughter, Heather Davis of Traverse City. "He enjoyed being the center of attention. Whether it was having the silliest Halloween costume, the most over the top lawn full of Christmas lights and inflatable decorations, or growing the tallest tomato plants I have ever seen; my grandpa made sure he would never be forgotten."

Chuck loved spending time with his family and lifelong friends at his deer camp in Marilla, playing cards with friends, and golfing. He enjoyed afternoon naps and was a lover of sweets, especially ice cream.

Chuck was known by many of his lifelong friends as "lucky Chucky." This nickname may have been because he never failed to nab the first and largest buck at deer camp (and was always the one to insist on starting a buck pool) or because he had not one, but two hole-in-ones in his lifetime. The "luck" also seem to follow him during card games, shuffleboard tournaments, and trips to the casino.

Surviving Chuck is his daughter Sherry (Tim) Irwin, granddaughter Heather (Nate) Davis, significant other and best friend of 19 years, Carol Martek.

Chuck is preceded in death by his parents and his beloved wife Donna in 1998.

According to his last wishes, no formal funeral services will be held. Burial has taken place at the Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens. A celebration of life will be held at the Traverse City Eagles Club at a later date. All who knew Chuck will be welcome to come and share stories and remembrances.

“It takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but it takes an entire lifetime to forget them.”

Chuck’s memory will live on through those of us that were lucky enough to know him. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you celebrate Chuck’s life in your own way. Eating a dish of your favorite ice cream or raising a glass of your favorite drink in his memory would be quite appropriate.

The family is being cared for by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

# Comments

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“ Paul and I were introduced to Chuck and Carol by our mutual friend/neighbor, Chuck Lancaster, at Gulf Coast Camping Resort in Bonita 15 years ago. We became good friends and enjoyed many good times together, including a trip to visit them in Traverse City. Chuck was Paul’s golf, coffee drinking, cigarette smoking buddy! He was a hunter of bears and wild boars, but scared to death of SNAKES, even a tiny one that he wanted Paul to get out of his bird house one morning! The snake got bigger every time he told the story! Jeanne Hughey

**Jeanne Hughey** - November 21, 2020 at 11:50 AM

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“ We met Chuck at the vfw in bonita springs fl a long time ago. He was a great guy. Like to play bingo a little bit but loved playing shuffle board. His great love was playing cards, hunting , fishing and golf. He was always a great friend and always willing to help anyone. So many memories the best was one Sunday we were doing pull tabs everyone would take a turn and if you had a winner you turned it upside down. Then we would reveal our winnings Chuck hit 2 \$500 tickets WOW. AND HE DID SHARE. What a great guy loved him a bunch. Fred and marilyn Hubert

**marilyn hubert** - November 14, 2020 at 07:23 PM

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“ Met Chuck “playing bingo” here in Bonita Springs at the “V” about 6 years ago. What a gentleman and good man. Shared an Easter dinner at our home with him and Carol and many good laughs .... my husband genuinely loved him as a person and wept at his passing ....we will definitely miss him. We love you Chuck

**Joe & Jan Dornetto** - November 13, 2020 at 06:57 PM

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“ Back when I was old enough to go rifle hunting I went out and bought my hunting license and everything, the thing I was missing was a rifle. That's when Uncle Chuck gave me a call and said come over to his house and we'll talk about me buying a rifle. He showed me a 303 British it was the coolest looking rifle I ever saw. Chuck said he would make me a deal he would sell the rifle to me for \$50 on one condition, if I ever want to sell the rifle I would have to sell it back to him for \$50 I still have the rifle and every time I would run into Chuck he would ask do you still have that rifle and do you remember our deal.I would tell yes I remember and he would smile and chuckle. He was a amazing man and will be missed.

**Pat Butrick** - November 12, 2020 at 09:20 PM

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“ Chuck will surely be missed by all! Great memories to cherish forever!

**The Gaulding's** - November 12, 2020 at 06:22 PM