



Charles Harry Doe

July 28, 1922 - July 1, 2014

Traverse City - Charles Harry "Charlie" Doe of Traverse City died Tuesday, July 01, 2014, just short of his 92nd birthday, at Tendercare of Traverse City.

Charlie was born on Friday, July 28, 1922 to the late Harry and Charlotte (Fisher) Doe in Omena. He married Marianne Garland Lyon (and her three young sons) at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Traverse City in 1954. He and Marianne added a fourth son to the family in 1955. Marianne preceded Charlie in death in 2001.

Prior to his retirement, Charlie had been the transportation director for the Traverse City Area Public Schools Bus Garage. As such, he became well known throughout the Grand Traverse region for his daily radio appearance during which he would announce which roads and school bus routes would be closed because of bad weather.

Charlie was a member of St. Francis Catholic Church and of the Old Mission American Legion. In his younger years, he was an avid traveler and fisherman. Card playing was a life-long passion and he was quietly proud of having had two perfect hands in cribbage, one of them just recently. He lived on the Old Mission Peninsula for over 60 years, enjoying his backyard pond and waterfall. He was locally famous for the large sign in his front yard on which he would post quotes and quips for all to see as they drove by, and for the American flag, which he proudly displayed year-round.

Charlie is survived by his sons, Greg (Kathy Duffy) Lyon of San Francisco; Steve (Nanci Leo) Lyon of Frankenmuth; Charles F. (Sue Taylor) Doe of Traverse City; a daughter in law, Linda (Ted) Szczepanski of Cheboygan; a sister, Avis Wolfe of Northport; his dear companion of the last several years, Louise Kane of Traverse City; 8 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. In addition to his wife, Charlie was preceded in death by his son, Jeff Lyon (d. 2006).

Visitation for Charlie will take place from 4 until 8 p.m. Monday, July 7 at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home. The Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 8

at St. Francis Catholic Church. Burial will be in Oakwood Catholic Diocesan Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Father Fred Foundation, The Old Mission American Legion or to St. Francis Catholic Church. Please share your favorite memory of Charlie with his family by way of his online guest book at <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com>. And please enjoy a boat ride on the Bay, play a round of cards with friends or eat a piece of cherry pie in the backyard in Charlie's memory.

The family is being served by Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Cemetery

Oakwood Catholic Diocesan Cemetery

1720 Hannah Street
Traverse City, MI, 49686

Events

JUL **Visitation** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

JUL **Funeral Mass** 11:00AM

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St. Francis Catholic Church
1025 S. Union, Traverse City, MI, US,
49684

Comments



“ Hi Greg, Jerry Martineau here. I read of Charley's passing in an online Record-Eagle obit and want to send my condolences to you and extended family.
(ghm1964@gmail.com)

Gerald Martineau - July 13, 2014 at 03:27 PM



“ Dear Greg, Steve, Fred, Louise -- I am deeply sorry for your loss and deeply regretful that it has been so many years. . . .

For you and him, peace in every sense, Dick Kinch

Richard Kinch - July 12, 2014 at 06:32 PM



“ Charlie has been the perfect water front neighbor with us for over 16 years. He loved his pontoon and was so proud of the new one he bought for Marianne. They looked so cute riding around and fishing in the bay. Charlie would ride his lawn mower over and was a good story teller. Ernie and I thought he was such a generous man. He let us store our dock all these years on his property. Charlie loved his birthday parties and made sure everyone was welcome. We will all miss him greatly.

Barbara Komar
Neighbor/TC and Alma, MI

Barbar Komar - July 08, 2014 at 12:35 PM



“ Charlie was the best uncle! He was near enough to us older nieces and nephews in age in Kalamazoo and we loved it when he, Avis, and Grandma Doe came to visit. We loved going "up north" and swimming in Omena Bay and jumping off the old wooden remains of the docks there...he was a real daredevil. He'd take us out in his pontoon boat and let us dive and swim off his boat in the bay! It was so much fun. He's in heaven with Marianne and Jeff and we'll be reunited someday...
Love,
Mary Myers, niece
Deming, NM

Mary Myers - July 07, 2014 at 09:54 PM



“ We are all saddened to hear of Charlie's passing. He was a welcome addition to the Lyon clan when he married Marianne, taking on three growing boys and adding one more, and contributing to the fun of the family gatherings, including the card games! We are sorry we are too far away to be there for the visitation and service. We were all very fond of Charlie!

Charlotte, Marshall and Nancy Carr and family, Ann (Carr) Derleth and family

Ann Derleth - July 07, 2014 at 05:30 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Charlie hired me at the bus garage in 83' it was my very first job. He was a joy to be around. I will miss you. Thank you Charlie for everything.

Retired Bus Driver
Rosalinda Ockert

Rosalinda Ockert - July 07, 2014 at 02:19 PM



“ We loved Charlie all our lives. I remember when he and Marianne visited us the first time in Kalamazoo and we met the boys: Steve, Greg and Jeff. They were so much fun and so wonderful to Charlie during their lives together. Then came Fred and later on Sue. It was a great life he had and he will be greatly missed. So long, Charlie, it will be sad without you. Love, Alice Greenhouse

Alice Greenhouse - July 05, 2014 at 06:10 PM



“ Uncle Charlie was our favorite uncle all our lives. He was always fun to be around when we were kids. As adults he was still fun! He lived a long, good life and I'm proud he was my uncle. Love, Evie (baby niece)

Evie Burton - July 05, 2014 at 03:32 PM



“ Charlie was a wonderful man. When my father Bob Bursian was Director of TCAPS Transportation, he and Charlie were out on the winter roads before the crack of dawn checking the conditions if there was a question of running the buses. They remained fast friends up to Bob's death 3 years ago, often meeting monthly at The Oldtimer's Breakfast. They will meet for Heavenly Breakfasts now, continuing to check on the road conditions from above, but transferring the angry phone calls to the earthly beings in charge. RIP, dear Charlie. Bob's got a hot cup of coffee waiting for you.

mary tuttle - July 03, 2014 at 09:15 AM



“ Thanks Mary. Your Dad was a special friend and mentor to Charlie.

Steve Lyon - July 03, 2014 at 01:40 PM



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