



Charles Arthur Weitschat

February 25, 1940 - May 7, 2016

Charles "Charlie" Arthur Weitschat, 76, of Suttons Bay passed away May 7, 2016 at his home surrounded by his loving wife, Sally, and his family.

Charlie was born on February 25, 1940 in Detroit, MI to the late Arthur and Hilda (Purdy) Weitschat. After high school, Charlie enlisted in the United States Navy and served aboard the aircraft carrier USS Intrepid. Charlie was a Patriot. As a daily tribute to the love of his flag and country, Charlie would raise the flag at dawn and lower it at dusk.

After his military service, Charlie worked at General Motors for some time. The auto industry was not for Charlie. He was a funny and engaging person who could strike a conversation with anyone. Described as a simple, yet complex person, even a short conversation would leave the person remarking at how impactful the encounter was. He purchased a grocery store in Wilmot, MI and spent many years as a grocer. A trip to the store would almost certainly include time spent talking with Charlie. He was loving and compassionate with his friends and customers, but his true love was his family and Sally. In his spare time, he enjoyed playing his favorite game dominos with family and friends, pool, reading, playing card games and attending bbq parties.

He is survived by his wife, Sally of Suttons Bay; daughters Lisa (Scott) Otto of Houston, TX, Sarah Ward of Elk Rapids; sons Mike (Chris) Weitschat of Elk Rapids, Chuck Weitschat of Marquette; step-sons Tom Fleury of East Lansing and Brad (Sara) Fleury of Indianapolis, IN; grandchildren Riley Weitschat, Taryn Otto, Jack Otto, Ava Otto, Ellie Ward, Charlie Ward, Max Ward, and Kendal Fleury. He is also survived by his sister Elise McGraw of Ventura, California and Susan Schauer of Shelbyville, Michigan.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family will hold private services at a later date.

In memory of Charlie, the family requests that memorial donations be directed to the

Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (OOX)-D, 2002 Holcombe Blvd, Houston, TX 77030 . Or to the Family Motorcoach Association (Medevac Unit), 8291 Clough Pike, Cincinnati, OH, 45244-2796 or www.fmca.com.

Please share your thoughts and memories of Charlie by way of his online guestbook at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com.

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

Comments



“ Charlie was a very kind and generous man. He always made me and my daughter feel very special and treated us as if we were his own. He selflessly took the time to teach my daughter how to swim. He was patient, encouraging and made my daughter feel that she could do it every step of the way. As a result, she has literally be a fish in water her whole life. God Bless you Charlie and thank you for being such a wonderful person.

Nicole Rodriguez - May 24, 2016 at 08:12 PM



“ I am sorry for your loss....he and all the family was an important part of my for many years....I have so many great memories of Wilmot, the store, the house on Riley Road, all the kids, babysitting, cookie baking, Christmas Eve parties...love to all....Jackie Galubenski

Jackie Galubenski - May 17, 2016 at 01:37 AM



“ I have many wonderful memories of Chuck from the time when we both lived in Lake Orion. Many hours were spent on his parents front lawn on Lake Orion Lake swimming and water skiing. His Dalmatian dog liked to finish any beverage we might set on the grass when we were not watching. Our summer trip to da U P with Jim Drake and Doug England in a Nash Metropolitan for a couple weeks will never be forgotten. I still don't know how four teenagers fit into that car with our camping gear. There are many other great memorable times spent with Charlie. I am proud and grateful to be one of his friends. Our thoughts and sympathy go out to Kathy, Sally and Charlies family.

John & Marcy Schoff

John Schoff - May 14, 2016 at 06:08 PM



“ I have so many fond memories and whenever I think of Uncle Charlie, he always brings a smile to my face. He will forever be in my heart.

Drew - May 09, 2016 at 09:38 PM



“ I was so sorry to have received the news of Charlies passing. He was a lot of fun to play pool with at Happy Trails. He will be missed by all. Former Michigan kid from Saginaw. Our prayers are with you. Dominic Rocchio #529 in HT

Dominic Rocchio - May 09, 2016 at 01:19 PM