



Chuck Jones

February 2, 1933 - June 4, 2019

Charles H. (Chuck) Jones, 86, of Royal Oak, Michigan passed away peacefully on June 4, 2019.

Chuck and his identical twin brother Chancey were born on February 2, 1933 in Tiffin, Ohio, the sons of Chancey and Anna Hayward Jones. Chuck attended the University of Toledo where he studied physics and secondary education while participating in the ROTC program, and he completed his formal education by earning master's degrees in mathematics (University of Detroit) and administration and counseling (Wayne State University). He served his country in the U.S. Army stationed in Germany and in the Army National Guard.

Chuck spent the majority of his career inside of Royal Oak Kimball High School (now Royal Oak High) and the surrounding ballfields, basketball courts and running tracks. For 41 years, he was a math teacher, coach (basketball, football and track) and athletic director. He served for many years as a mentor and fundraiser for Royal Oak Youth Assistance and was very active in state and national organizations associated with athletics, serving as president of both the Oakland County Athletic Directors Association and the State High School Coaches Association. He was the recipient of state, regional and national level awards that recognized his leadership, support and commitment to interscholastic athletics. He was inducted into the Michigan High School Coaches Hall of Fame and given the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. In 2006, the Royal Oak School District, in appreciation for all Chuck had done for students, dedicated the high school gym in his honor and in 2014, he was inducted into the Royal Oak High School Hall of Fame.

Above all professional success, Chuck considered his most rewarding accomplishment to be his marriage of 63 years to his bride, Christine, and the family they raised together. Chuck was preceded in death by his brother Chancey. He is survived by Chris, and his five loving children: Chan (Dawn), Christy (Paul) Stark, Catherine (Steve) Boston, Cheryl (Rick) Buxton, and Charles (Ed Aguirre). He leaves ten grandchildren and two great-

grandchildren who will never forget him. He was a very special grandpa to Steve and Ryan Jones; Ben Stark, Kirsten Stark Hillyard and Elizabeth Stark; Brooklyn, Madison and Camden Boston; and Kevin and Suzanne Buxton.

The family will receive friends on Friday, June 14 from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Road, Royal Oak. Instate Saturday, 9:30 a.m., at First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak, 529 Hendrie Blvd, Royal Oak until time of service at 10:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, please make any donations to the Royal Oak Schools Foundation <https://www.royaloakschoolsfoundation.org/>.

Please share a memory on the Tribute Wall (see tab above).

Cemetery

Oakview Cemetery

1032 N. Main Street (south of 12 Mile Road)

Royal Oak, MI, 48067

Events

JUN **Visitation** 02:00PM - 08:00PM

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Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-
Royal Oak

705 W. Eleven Mile Road, Royal Oak, MI,
US, 48067

JUN **Funeral Service** 10:00AM

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First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak
529 Hendrie Boulevard, Royal Oak, MI, US,
48067

Comments



“ Chuck was a kind and gentle man. He cared about all of his coaches/athletes so much! He was a mentor to me and was always supportive. Rest In Peace Chuck, you will be missed.

Gary Fralick - June 14 at 07:39 PM



“ Chuck was one of the GOOD guys. Never heard him say a bad word about anyone or anything. Always positive. A great teacher and coach.-----Ron Foster

Ron Foster - June 14 at 10:28 AM



“ Fresh out of college, working at Jane Addams Jr. High, I met Chuck as Title IX was about to be enforced. I transferred to Kimball where he encouraged me to take on coaching tennis (& possibly softball).
He was a great mentor and saw the vision of women's sports teams. I am forever indebted to him for his support.

CAROL BOWDEN

Carol Bowden - June 14 at 09:30 AM



“ I first found myself in Chuck's orbit back in 1969. Like many others, I found an encouraging, supportive, and fair humanitarian. His gentle persuasion caused me to enter arenas at Kimball High School where I found a great deal of satisfaction and joy. We are all aware of his many accolades, accomplishments, and historical significance in Royal Oak and beyond. However, above all Chuck Jones was a good and decent man. With an abundance of gratitude, I will remember him always.

With Deepest Sympathy to the family,
Clyde Ewell

Clyde Ewell - June 13 at 05:58 PM



“ I met Chuck in the Fall if 1983 my first year teaching at then Kimball High School. He was kind and encouraging. He introduced me to Chris who together introduced me many of the coaches and members of the community which made me feel like a part of the Royal Oak Schools community.

He was a pillar of professionalism and fairness always looking for ways to help the students

achieve their goals. I have lost a kind, dear friend but will always remember his smile.

With my sympathy

Nada Milich Northey

Nada M. Northey - June 14 at 09:54 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Chuck Jones.



June 13 at 03:13 PM



“ Coach was a kind, fair, well-intentioned man. He preached "moderation" to naïve teen age kids before they knew any better. And he imparted a good sense of team. He set a good example. It was easy to tell he cared about kids. Coach was memorable on many levels, not the least of which was his dry sense of humor and his penchant for giving team speeches with his eyes mostly closed. Thanks again coach (AD) for forgiving that replacement cost of the backboard I shattered one Saturday morning when I was supposed to be coaching 6th graders! To your family, please accept my sincere condolences. RIP Coach. - Doug Musick, '85.

Doug Musick - June 13 at 02:52 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Chuck Jones.



June 13 at 11:48 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Chuck Jones.



June 12 at 04:19 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Chuck Jones.



June 11 at 04:45 PM



“ Dear Chris and Family,

I am so very sorry for your loss. Charles was a great person and a joy to be around. We had to much fun when our families got together at your mother's, weddings, other occasions, etc. Many memories were made. Sorry I can't be there but will be praying and thinking about all of you.

With Deepest Sympathy and Love,
Peg Halm



Peg Halm - June 10 at 10:50 PM



“ To Chuck's family

As a fellow A.D. in the O.A.A. conference, Chuck and I had many meetings and conferences together. He never knew how much respect I had for him. He was always a very bright, knowledgeable, kind and funny guy.

Dick Rosenthal (Seaholm)

Dick Rosenthal - June 10 at 11:39 AM



“ Dear Coach Rosenthal, your words of respect have been reflected a thousand times over for a true advocate for youth in learning the qualities of life thru Coach Jone's contributions. He will be missed but not forgotten. So nice to hear/read your affirmation for Coach Jones. Seaholm during my time at Kimball (71 thru to 75) was another great example of a quality school.

Lou Gervais - June 10 at 12:09 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Chuck Jones.



June 09 at 06:37 AM



“ Michael LaGassey lit a candle in memory of Chuck Jones



Michael LaGassey - June 08 at 06:19 PM



“ Mr. Jones was my football/basketball coach. I really thought he was a good man. He would sometimes give me and some other players a ride home after practice. Always a pleasant man and mentor. Rest in peace, sir.

Michael LaGassey - June 08 at 06:22 PM



“ Dear Chris and family,

Where do I start in saying the words that I need to celebrate Coach Jones's life? Your husband/soul mate, father, grandfather, educator and coach/mentor roles that Coach Jones stepped into during his years on earth speak strongly about his character, compassion and commitment to others. When I think back to my 4 years of high

Neil Morehouse
Class of 1984

Neil Morehouse - June 07 at 04:00 PM