



Charles E. Randau

April 14, 1938 - August 23, 2019

CHARLES EVANS RANDAU - ROYAL OAK
1938-2019

Charles E. Randau of Royal Oak, MI passed away peacefully on Friday, August 23, 2019 surrounded by family at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital.

Loving husband of Barbara K. Randau for 55 years and a devoted father to son Charles "Chad" Randau (Lisa).

He also leaves behind sister-in-law Elaine Frank Boughner of Ohio and many cherished colleagues and friends.

Charles (Chuck, Charlie) was born to Ned Walter Randau and Alyce Idona Yankie. He grew up in Huntington Woods and Bloomfield Hills, graduated from Berkley High School and attended Cranbrook (Class of 1957/1958). He graduated from Wayne State University School of Business Administration in 1962 and obtained a Juris Doctor from Wayne State Law School in 1965.

Chuck spent over 50 years as a trial lawyer with most of his tenure at the law firm of Sullivan, Ward, Asher & Patton, P.C.

He will be remembered by many friends, neighbors and brief acquaintances as Chuck was a person who loved to "chat" with all people, whether he knew them or not. He especially loved having dinner with Porsche Club friend Michael Gilson who always described Chuck as a real gentleman. That he was so respected and admired by so many is a great comfort to his family at this time. He will always be in our hearts forever.

From your loving wife:

The Promise

“Across the years I will walk with you-
in deep, green forests; on shores of sand:
and when our time on earth is through,
in heaven, too, you will have my hand.”

Robert Sexton

A private burial service will be held for the family. Please share a memory or condolence with the family at <http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com>.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the American Heart Association at <http://www.heart.org>.

Cemetery

Roseland Park Cemetery

29001 Woodward Avenue (NW corner of 12 Mile and Woodward)

Berkley, MI, 48072

Comments



“ I just learned of Charlie's passing and feel compelled to honor this wonderful man. I am saddened that he is gone but feel blessed that I had the opportunity to know him. Over the years Charlie and I had a number of cases with and against one another. No matter what, Charlie was always the quintessential gentleman and a true professional. Somebody who always treated you as a friend yet looked out for his client's interests. I imagine that if heaven has a freeway that Charlie's tooling around in a Porsche because there likely isn't a speed limit. Rest in peace Charlie, you were/are one of a kind.

Leo Neville, Livonia, MI

Leo D Neville - November 05, 2019 at 09:37 AM



“ He inspired me to go to Law School and encouraged me through the long process. He had a great love of animals and fast cars.

Patience Miller - September 10, 2019 at 06:50 PM



“ I was proud to be Charlies partner for over 25 years. He was a great lawyer and a better friend. He will be dearly missed.

Lee Patton - August 30, 2019 at 02:08 PM



“ Neil and I have so many fond memories of Charlie. He always brought a smile to our faces with his sweet humor, his great empathy and loyalty. Charlie, in his quiet way, always made us feel comfortable, especially when we had speeding tickets!! Best of all were his ways of helping, helping everyone. He was the symbol of how we should all treat people, strangers and friends alike, with a smile, with a question, with a moment that let you know he acknowledged you.

With love Neil and I want to thank you Barb for sharing your sweet husband with us
What a joy, we will miss him greatly.

Love to you and Chad

Peggy, Neil, Michael and Molly xoxoxo

Peggy Goldberg - August 28, 2019 at 12:11 PM



“ I'll never forget the dinner we all had with the Randau's at Jerry's Famous Deli in Studio City. I was so happy to meet his folks, and we had an amazing time joking and chatting about our busy lives. I know how much Chad meant to Charles, and it was a wonderful night out. That's how I will remember him, a great dinner party of friends and family, learning about the man from Royal Oak, MI!

Bruce Kulick - August 27, 2019 at 02:43 PM



“ Lisa and Bruce Kulick purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Charles E. Randau.



Lisa and Bruce Kulick - August 27, 2019 at 02:35 PM



“ Jane and I are very saddened to hear of Chuck's passing. We thoroughly enjoyed and admired his commitment and leadership to our White Birch Association. The Association benefited greatly from his guidance during it's early years, the methods and polices of which continue to this day. We looked forward to seeing both Barb and Chuck "on the beach" each summer. He will be missed!!

Doug and Jane Bottomley

Doug & Jane Bottomley - August 27, 2019 at 12:22 PM



“ Victor A. McCoy and Julie A. Randall purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Charles E. Randau.



Victor A. McCoy and Julie A. Randall - August 27, 2019 at 08:32 AM



“ Charlie was a great mentor, a great man, and a great friend. I loved him and I will miss him.

Victor A. McCoy - August 27, 2019 at 08:24 AM



“ Charlie was genuinely the nicest man I know. I loved being his secretary while I was working at Sullivan Ward. Always had a smile on his face and never had an unkind word to say about anyone or anything. He certainly brightened my day. Loved his bowties! I will never forget the time he and his lovely wife Barbara took me and my husband out to dinner and we had a very pleasant evening. He loved talking about his Porsche. My heart goes out to his wife and family. You will truly be missed Charlie!!!

Mary Rasmussen - August 27, 2019 at 08:17 AM



“ Charlie Randau we are going to miss you dearly. Never had a mean word towards others and was such gentleman. Charlie, I going to miss you and your beautiful bow ties.

Christine Noune'
S.W.A.P

Christine Noune - August 26, 2019 at 03:23 PM



“ Chuck's friendly greetings will be missed in our neighborhood. He always called out a hello and loved to pet our dog. He watched the children walk to school in the morning and always gave them a wave. A true gentleman!

Angie Waldvogel - August 26, 2019 at 02:30 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Charlie's passing - it is a very sad day here at Sullivan, Ward, Asher & Patton, PC. Every time Charlie came into the office he would stop by and he had a kind word for everyone. He always asked how your day was no matter how he was feeling and he actually cared; and if you were lucky - he left one of his apples on your desk.

Charlie was one of a kind - he will be truly missed.

Denise Bommarito

Denise Bommarito - August 26, 2019 at 02:02 PM



“ We were so surprised and saddened to hear about the passing of our cousin. Our memories go back to the Yankie Farm in Breckenridge, Michigan and the famous Yankie Reunions at the home of our Uncle Charlie and Aunt Mary. Another Yankie Cousin lost, very sad for us.

Jerry Yankie

Jerry Yankie - August 26, 2019 at 11:59 AM



“ 7 files added to the album Memories



Barbara Randau - August 26, 2019 at 09:33 AM



“ Mr. Randau will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you! Much love!

Amy Barnes Plunkey - August 26, 2019 at 08:19 AM



“ Chuck has been a dear friend for over 50 years and his passing leaves a hole in our hearts. Over the years we've shared birthdays, anniversaries, holidays and have always felt like family. We send our love, Vee and Gary

Vee and Gary Barnes - August 25, 2019 at 02:38 PM



“ It was with deep regret that after a long recovery attempt that I learned of Charlie's passing. Charlie was a dear friend who's warm smile and laughter was infectious to those around him, he always made me smile. Our dinner discussions were always insightful and stimulating, he truly cared about humanity. He was always the consummate gentleman, I will always recall with fondness my many memories of our dinners. We will all dearly miss his presence!

Michael Gilson

Michael - August 27, 2019 at 10:27 AM



“ My memories with Chuck are
So sweet. He was always kind
and genuinely interested in what's going on in my life.
I was a gardener for Barb and
Chuck. He always made time
to sit on the patio and have
conversation with me when
I took breaks. He was a good
Example of how to treat others and take time to smell
the flowers
Godspeed my beloved friend
Judy Skubick

Judy Skubick - August 28, 2019 at 08:38 AM