



Charles Fitzgerald Amsden

December 15, 1937 - February 19, 2025

Charles Fitzgerald Amsden, born in 1937 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Charles and Anne Kathleen Amsden, passed away peacefully, leaving behind a legacy of love, kindness, and dedication. Chuck was the beloved husband of Sheila P. Amsden (nee' Commenator), his devoted wife of 64 years. Together, they shared a life filled with joy, adventure, and cherished memories.

Chuck was a proud father to his daughters, Louise (Chris) LaFaive and Margaret (Kathleen O'Bryan) Amsden, who were the light of his life. He was also a doting grandfather to Charles LaFaive, Dalton Coad and a beloved uncle to many nieces, nephews and grand-nieces and nephews who will always remember his warmth and gentle spirit.

Chuck graduated from St. Joseph High School in 1955, he worked at Michigan Consolidated Gas Company while pursuing his undergraduate degree in education from Wayne State University. He later went on to obtain his master's degree in reading and special education from Oakland University. A dedicated educator, Chuck taught for 27 years at Warren Woods Public Schools, where he inspired countless students with his passion for learning and his unwavering commitment to their success. His influence extended beyond the classroom, as he touched the lives of many colleagues and friends with his wisdom and generosity.

Chuck was an avid fisherman and golfer, spending many peaceful hours by the water or on the green, enjoying the beauty of nature. He was also enjoyed tinkering in his wood shop and was a voracious reader, always eager to

explore new ideas and stories. His favorite place on earth was Stag Island, Canada, where he spent all his summers. It was there that he met the love of his life, Sheila, and together they built a haven that would become a cherished retreat for their family and friends.

Known for his friendly demeanor, Chuck was a friend to many. He had a unique ability to make everyone feel valued and heard, leaving a positive impact on all who crossed his path. His legacy of kindness and compassion will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

Chuck will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all those whose lives he touched. His memory will forever be a beacon of love, kindness, and unwavering dedication to the people and passions that defined his life. May he rest in peace, surrounded by the love and gratitude of all who were fortunate enough to know him. Visitation on Saturday, March 1, 2025, from 11am-4pm with 4pm Sharing of Memories at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 blks east of Van Dyke Avenue) Utica. Please share a memory with his family at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com Remembrances:
- Solanus Casey Center: <https://www.solanusc Casey.org/> - Metro Detroit Youth Clubs: <https://miclubs.org/>

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAR 1. 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall

KE

“ Katherine E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Fitzgerald Amsden.

Katherine E. - March 02, 2025 at 05:53 PM

KE

“ Katherine E. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Fitzgerald Amsden.

Katherine E. - March 02, 2025 at 05:47 PM

TF

“ The Aronson Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Fitzgerald Amsden.

The Aronson Family - February 28, 2025 at 08:27 PM

TF

“ The Aronson Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Charles Fitzgerald Amsden.



The Aronson Family - February 28, 2025 at 08:27 PM

ES

“ Edward S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Fitzgerald Amsden.

Edward S. - February 28, 2025 at 10:05 AM

LL

“ Love, Alex (Brian), and Lisa purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Charles Fitzgerald Amsden.



Love, Alex (Brian), and Lisa - February 28, 2025 at 01:27 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Charles Fitzgerald Amsden.



February 27, 2025 at 08:52 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Charles Fitzgerald Amsden.



February 27, 2025 at 10:21 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Charles Fitzgerald Amsden.*



February 26, 2025 at 03:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles Fitzgerald Amsden.*



February 25, 2025 at 08:55 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Fitzgerald Amsden.*



February 25, 2025 at 04:03 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles Fitzgerald Amsden.*

February 25, 2025 at 03:25 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Charles Fitzgerald Amsden.*



February 25, 2025 at 03:25 PM



“ *Annie, Matt, Stewart, Nora (Long Family) purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Charles Fitzgerald Amsden.*



Annie, Matt, Stewart, Nora (Long Family) - February 24, 2025 at 06:44 PM



“ *I will miss you forever my Daddy. I will miss your smile and your wit. You have loved us all unconditionally all of our lives we were so lucky to have you. Rest in Peace Pops.*



Louise LaFaive - February 24, 2025 at 04:44 PM



“ *Sheila, my thoughts are with you. Both you and Chuck were always friendly and helpful to me.*

Guri Edoff - February 23, 2025 at 03:39 PM

SL

“ Dear Shelia, What fond memories I have of working with you and Chuck at Tower HS. Lots of meaningful discussions over lunch. You are and were caring, involved educators. Your legacy will be all the help and love you gave your students.

Sincerely, Sue Bacon Lytle

Susan Bacon Lytle - February 23, 2025 at 10:43 AM

VC

“ Vince (Chip) Carver, My family had a cottage (1950) as well as my brother Jamie and I on Stag Island later on. My brother and I knew Charlie and his family since we were kids. I also hunted in 1999 and was successful getting a deer on his property in Lapeer. Charlie was a good listener and gave good advice when asked. He was always cheerful and had a great laugh. My brother and I will miss him but we have our good memories. Our condolences to the Amsden family.

Vince (Chip) Carver - February 21, 2025 at 11:38 PM

JA

“ Sympathy for your loss of Chuck. I remember the days of working with him and how we looked forward to the days in CRC. He was always helpful and kind. John and Jackie Ahern

Jackie Ahern - February 21, 2025 at 08:10 PM

NO

“ Chuck and I along with Dave Hebert and Ebb. Dave and I played against Chuck and Ebb every Thursday. Losers paid for drinks after the game. We probably played over 100 matches and Chuck and Ebb never won a match
Chuck always smiled and had a few words for Dave and I
Chuck will be missed
He was a gentle giant with a great smile
Goodby my friend

Normand - February 21, 2025 at 07:16 PM

CB

“ Shelia, Margaret, Louise, and Charles,
I remember after Charles was born , that there wasn't a day with out Chuck talking about him, he was truly in love with being a Grandpa and just beam with pride. He talk about his daughters with such pride, in there accomplishments, and he believed they were Daddy girls. His love for Shelia always showed on his face ,she was truly his Valentine. Chuck was our neighbor at Heron Glen, he always was there for us, he was part of Thursday golf group, Norm, Dave, Ebb, and of course Chuck. They were known for using each other club number , laughing out loud, and always being there for each other. He will be missed, thank you being our true friend.

Cathy Bastien - February 21, 2025 at 06:59 PM

I.

“ Having spent several holidays; im speaking of chrished thanksgivings, with chuck , sheila , the daughters , their partners , children ,relatives , always welcomed . Chuck's reputation as gruff , grumpy , and stubborn seemed a point of pride perhaps , an act maybe . He was always engaging , and he was genuine and caring , he listened with focus . Kind , generous , and comfortable seated before the game . We will miss you chuck , sincerely . True love returned to sheila , i cannot imagine they are apart , and the sorrow much love and condolences .

Im billy , kathleens brother . - February 21, 2025 at 06:03 PM

AP

“ This is another favorite photo. This is how I will imagine you now - together with family. I'll see you again one day!



Anne Pinkowski - February 21, 2025 at 05:40 PM

AP

“ I will miss you Uncle Chuck!



Anne Pinkowski - February 21, 2025 at 05:26 PM