



Charles Joseph Kase

June 16, 1937 - January 5, 2024

Charles Joseph Kase, age 86, passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, January 5, 2024. He was born at home on Winthrop Street in Detroit, Michigan, on June 16, 1937 to Samuel and Addie Kase, becoming the eighth child of ten. From a very young age, Charlie delivered newspapers on three different routes, contributing his earnings to his family. He would enjoy going to the store and buying raw coconut with his allowance.

After multiple part-time jobs, Charlie started his professional career as an engineer at GM Fisher Body in 1957 at twenty years old. He worked for GM until his retirement in 1991, 3 months before losing Judy, his bride of 33 years. He attended St. Mary's of Redford from kindergarten through high school, enjoying a bonus year of first grade "because my teacher loved me so much." Charlie gained lifelong friends while attending school at St. Mary's and met his high school sweetheart and future wife, Judith Ankofski. Charlie and Judy married on July 12, 1958 and welcomed their first son, Chuck Jr, the following April, coming seven weeks early. Charlie received an Associate's Degree from Lawrence Technological University, while working at GM and raising his family. Judy blessed him with 4 more children over the next 11 years. Charlie and Judy raised their family in Livonia, Detroit, and Warren.

Vacations were spent camping with their good friends, the Walkers (AKA the Marshmallows), and "second daughter" Linda. As their kids grew, they spent

summers at Woodland Waters Campground in Romeo where the kids, including their "fifth son" Danny (Beaver), and their families would enjoy many get-togethers. After losing Judy to breast cancer, Dad was fortunate to meet and eventually marry his second wife Patricia in June of 1996. Together they were able to travel the world and perform with a senior singing and dancing troupe at nursing homes and on community stages. Charlie and Pat became snowbirds, living in Bradenton, Florida for four to five months a year. They enjoyed the company of many other active seniors, making great new friends and awesome memories. Charlie and Pat opened their Florida home to all of their children and grandchildren for fun vacations...these memories still keep them warm during these Michigan winters. The last two years were spent in Michigan, surrounded and cared for by family while Pat battled Alzheimer's. Sadly, Pat lost her battle in October of 2023 after 27 years of marriage. Charlie was lovingly cared for by his step-daughter Kathy, grandson Andrew (with whom he enjoyed singing his favorite songs), and Residential Hospice Healthcare.

Charlie follows his parents and all of his siblings, Bill/Midge, Helen/Bob, Dorothy/Carl, Lorraine/Chuck, Sam/Shirley, Yvonne/Sid, Barbara/Tom, John, Mary Belle and many more Angels to Heaven. He is survived by sister-in-law, Sharron (John) Kase and brother-in-law, Arnold/Linda Angeloni and many nieces and nephews. He is survived by his 5 children and their spouses, Chuck and Michele Kase, Dave and Mary Kase, Lori and Mike Ingles, Jeff and Sandy Kase, and Chris and Joni Kase. They blessed him with 14 grandchildren and spouses (Pooter/Kate, Ere/Collyn, Joshy/Amanda, Kaitlyn/David, Leela/Bradley, Judy/Kevin, Adeline/Mickey, Keith Charlie/Rachel, "Still #1" Beccer/Rachel, Courtney/Jared, Drewbers, Maggers, Rae Rae, and Claire Bear) and 17 great-grandchildren (Charlie, Danny, Ella, Rhett, Tess, Blakey Boo, Liam, Son-a-Bun, Quinny, Nash, Tommy, Cora, Owen, Kylie, Oliver, Russell, and Maverick) who will miss him dearly. Charlie loved his bonus children and their families that include Mike Wright and

Christy Salisbury (Shannon, Leah, Heather/Justin and Mackenzie), Kathy Wright (Chase/Savannah and the late Christian), the late Joel Wright and Lori Wright Mouranie, and Tony and Mary Monschau (Ryan/Jessica, Dan, Delilah and Hudson).

The family will greet guests for a memorial visitation at William Sullivan & Sons Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd, Utica, MI 48317 on Thursday, January 11, 2024 from 3:00 pm until 8:00 pm with a Rosary to be offered at 6:00 pm. Charles will lie in-state from 9:30 am until Mass begins at 10:00 am on Friday, January 12, 2024, at St. Jane Frances de Chantel Catholic Church, 38750 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights, Michigan. A luncheon will immediately follow a service at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, 25800 W. 10 Mile Rd, Southfield, MI.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to The Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan, 1921 W. Michigan Avenue, Ypsilanti, MI 48197 or The Marquette Chapter of National AMBUCS, PO Box 412, Marquette, MI 49855 (A Nonprofit started by grandchildren, Addie & Mickey Ingles-Sanders, to provide Adaptive Tricycles for Children with special needs).

Cemetery Details

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

25800 W. 10 Mile Road
10 Mile Road @ Beech Road
Southfield, MI 48033

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
(586) 731-2411
utica@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Funeral Mass

JAN 12. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Jane Frances de Chantal Catholic Church
38750 Ryan Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48310

Tribute Wall



“ General Motors Dimensional Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Joseph Kase.

General Motors Dimensional Team - January 11, 2024 at 02:31 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles Joseph Kase.



January 11, 2024 at 02:31 PM



“ Brett, Danna, and Alyssa Laughlin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Joseph Kase.

Brett, Danna, and Alyssa Laughlin - January 10, 2024 at 04:25 PM



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January 10, 2024 at 04:25 PM

JA

“ *We all loved chuck,he was a beautiful mam. love and prayers to the family.The family of Ray Ankofski*

Joyce ankofski - January 10, 2024 at 12:38 AM

JP

“ Uncle Chuck and Aunt Judy were my Godparents. We were one of the Ashton neighbors in Detroit (the Rinkes). Mom and Aunt Judy were best friends.

Christopher and I were the babies and also the same age. Our families spent a lot of time together through the (60s) 70s and 80s. Though not blood relatives, we were in essence family. I refer to them as cousins.

I remember Uncle Chuck having the loudest voice (I mean...he had 4 boys), the softest heart (and a daddy's girl), the biggest laugh (he loved to tease), and the funniest sense of humor (most of the time when he didn't try to be funny - like getting Aunt Judy a cold cup of cold water from the toilet tank - "What? It's cold!"). You couldn't say hello or goodbye to him without a kiss, a hug, and an "I love you".

As the years went by, we didn't spend time together like we used to, but we kept in touch. The last time I saw him was November 16th and I was afraid this would happen. His frail heart would break after losing Pat. When mom and I were leaving I looked in his eyes and held his hand, remembering that loud voice and big laugh. Leaning down I whispered, "I know how you feel, but I don't know how you do it twice." He looked up at me and said, "It sucks, Jenny." It's an unexplainable feeling, losing a spouse. I said my "Uncle Chuck goodbye" with a kiss and an I love you then turned quickly because the tears came fast. I wouldn't see him again.

He was a huge, huge part of my childhood and I will forever feel blessed that God put our families on the same street. No one could have ever been a better Godfather (or Godmother or second family).

Rest in Peace, Uncle Chuck.

Jenne Rinke Pillars - January 08, 2024 at 09:02 PM

DD

“ David, Tresa, Dillon, Shelby Durocher planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Joseph Kase.

David, Tresa, Dillon, Shelby Durocher - January 08, 2024 at 07:04 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Joseph Kase.



January 08, 2024 at 07:04 PM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Charles Joseph Kase.



January 08, 2024 at 01:40 PM

JM

“ Jennifer M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Joseph Kase.

Jennifer M. - January 08, 2024 at 01:40 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles Joseph Kase.



January 08, 2024 at 09:48 AM



“ I remember picking my brother Steve up at the Kases as a kid, and see Judy in the yard. We'd see Judy and Chuck at the swim meets. I remember seeing the Kases at my brother Steve's wedding when our families were joined together. Steve married cousin Theresa. I remember sitting next to Uncle Chuckie while camping, talking about everything from our families to hunting for snipe. When in Florida, while visiting my my Parents, I would have dinner with Pat and Chuck and my parents. I feel as if Chuck, Sr, was a true uncle and one of the nicest people I knew. Rest well, hug Judy and Pat for me. Walk in Grace.

Lori Lamb - January 07, 2024 at 07:31 PM



“ Linda (Sister Linda) and Ron Korowin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Joseph Kase.

Linda (Sister Linda) and Ron Korowin - January 07, 2024 at 01:38 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Charles Joseph Kase.*



January 07, 2024 at 01:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles Joseph Kase.*



January 07, 2024 at 11:11 AM