



Charles E. Newport

July 23, 1931 - January 20, 2021

Charles Edward Newport, age 89, of Birmingham, passed away January 20, 2021.

Charlie was the beloved husband of Carole. Loving father of Mark, Scott, and Tamara (Roger) Zuidema. Proud grandfather of Chelsea (Steve) Bagnell, Lance (Alana) Zuidema, Megan Newport, Ashley Zuidema, Jeffrey Newport, Paige Zuidema, Noah Newport, and the late Evan Newport; and great-grandfather of Wyatt, Charlotte, Elliott, Keegan, and Charlotte "Charleigh".

Charlie was a proud military veteran who served in the 7th Infantry with the U.S. Army during the Korean War. After leaving the Army, he then embarked upon a building career in the Detroit area, ultimately owning and running his own company, Charles E. Newport Building Company, for 30 years.

Charlie will be well remembered for his kindness and desire to help others, and for his love for the Lord. "Everybody loved Charlie" was a refrain that repeatedly held true, and Charlie had more than his fair share of friends. Most of all, Charlie adored his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, to whom he was simply, "Papa."

Private services will be held, with interment to follow at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be directed to the Marantha Bible and

Missionary Conference, 4759 Lake Harbor Road, Muskegon, MI 49441.

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Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road
Holly Township, MI 48442

Tribute Wall

DW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Charlie was like a brother to dad and they shared a very long friendship. I always enjoyed the times are families got together when we were kids. Dana Williams

Dana Williams - February 06, 2021 at 12:59 PM

DT

“ We are so very sorry for your loss! Charlie was always an encouragement to John and I with our summers being on staff at beautiful Maranatha. Always with a smile, a hug and love for us. This breaks our hearts and praying for comfort for your family during these challenging days. What a beautiful legacy and life well lived and knowing that he is with the one who loves him most, His Savior, brings peace. What a day that will be when you are all reunited once again. Blessings, John & Donna Tovey

Donna Tovey - January 24, 2021 at 03:19 PM

LD

“ Our hearts are hurting for all of you , but we are so thrilled to know that he is with his Savior, that he has loved and served for so long. We are praying for your grieving hearts as you go through these days. We pray also you as a family will be stronger and bonded together as you share the many memories. He is much loved! We will miss his happy gentle spirit and welcoming embrace on Sundays at “The Camp” as he calls out “Van Dykes come on” because we are late! He left a great testimony and example of a Christlike, humble, patient and kind legacy for children and Grand children. Much love to all of you! David and Lynn Van Dyke

Lynn Van Dyke - January 23, 2021 at 05:40 PM

DE

“ Many happy memories of the Guthrie and Newport families together. Many Sunday after church dinners at Suzy Q's. Charlie always called me by my full name, Donna Marie. My dad, Joe, and Charlie I am sure are having a happy reunion in Heaven. He will be missed! Love to Carole, Mark, Scott, and Tammy and their families during this time.

Love,
Donna (Guthrie) Edwards

Donna M Edwards - January 23, 2021 at 04:18 PM

DG

I learned much about construction from watching my dad, Joe Guthrie, and Charlie working on construction projects together over the years. Our families spent much time together since us kids were the same age. Prayers are being lifted up for the family. We see one day what Charlie and my dad have helped construct up in heaven.
David Guthrie

David N Guthrie - January 23, 2021 at 06:15 PM

LR

“ Charlie, we all remember you with love and think of your kindness and your quiet spirit! We thank God for the times we've had with you and your family and we will never forget you. Lots of love, Lois

Lois Richardson - January 23, 2021 at 02:11 PM

LZ

“ Scott I'm so sorry for your loss. Charlie was a great person. I knew him through his work coming into the lumber yard. Lisa Zimmerman and Scott

lisa zimmerman - January 22, 2021 at 07:35 PM

DC

I met Charlie while caring for his Grandson Evan. He was a friendly, loveable, caring man. He will be missed by many. RIP Charlie.

Diana Coleman - January 23, 2021 at 04:12 PM

GW

Carole, Tammy, Scott and Mark— Words fail to express our sadness and grief on Charlie's passing. He was "one in a million" and brought laughter and joy to everyone who was blessed to know him. Always upbeat, always smiling and saying something that would make you laugh. Also Charlie was so thoughtful and pitched right in when we had an overwhelming job in front of us- the next thing we knew Charlie showed up with his grandson and helped us get the job done in no time!! And Charlie was such a faithful friend- I can't count the times we talked when he was on the way to visit Paul. Don and Charlie loved swapping war stories from their time in the service and Charlie loved talking about his roots in Kentucky— how fun to hear his stories. Charlie brightened everyone's life - what a gift!! We send our love, Don and Gail

Gail Winchell - January 25, 2021 at 04:49 PM

CH

“ Love you and miss you Papa.

Love, Chelsea



Chelsea - January 22, 2021 at 03:24 PM