



## Charles V. Nutt

June 12, 1949 - June 16, 2016

Nutt, Charles V. "Chuck" passed away June 16, 2016 surrounded by his loving wife, Catherine F. (Cathy) Keeler, several of his many close friends, and his beloved companion Dillon. Chuck's battle with cancer ended as valiantly as he lived. Chuck's many angels attended to him until his death. Chuck was preceded in death by his parents (Mary) Louise Nutt and Frank G. Nutt Sr., sisters Mary Lou (Harold) Domagalski and Carole A. Busch, brothers John A. (Delphine) Nutt and Michael A. Nutt. He is survived by his brothers Frank G. (Doris) Nutt Jr. and Thomas J. (Kathy) Nutt Sr., and his sister (Deare) Therese (Patrick) Mahoney. He is also survived by his dear mother-in-law, Helen Keeler, and brother-in-law John Brian (Ellen) Keeler. Chuck was born June 12, 1949 in Royal Oak, where he lived, loved, and was cherished by his many friends, and numerous nieces and nephews typical of a devout Catholic family. Chuck graduated from St. Mary High School, Royal Oak, in 1967, the alma mater of all his siblings.

Chuck was active in numerous civic and charitable organizations, including the Royal Oak Historical Society, Knights of Columbus Bishop Gallagher Council #2569, and various alumni organizations related to St. Mary's. Chuck coached basketball for AAU and for Eaton Academy for many years.

Visitation Sunday 2-9 p.m. with a 2 p.m. K of C Rosary at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Road (4 blocks E. of Woodward),

Royal Oak. In state Monday 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, Royal Oak. In lieu of flowers, contributions are encouraged to the Pope Francis Warming Center at St. Peter and Paul Jesuit Church, 629 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48226. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Oakview Cemetery

1032 N. Main Street  
(south of 12 Mile Road)  
Royal Oak, MI 48067

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 19. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
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## Funeral Mass

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JUN **20**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Church  
730 S. Lafayette Avenue  
Royal Oak, MI 48067

# Tribute Wall

JE

“ *Played softball with Charlie many years in K of C and Liberty Park. Bowled many years with K of C and enjoyed Charles tremendously. A brother Knight I will not forget. God Bless you and eternal rest to you. Prayers and thoughts go out to the family.*

*John Epple*

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**John Epple** - June 26, 2016 at 10:09 PM

RL

“ *Cathy - Sorry to hear of the passing of your spouse.  
Ray*

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**Raymond Lams** - June 21, 2016 at 04:08 PM

JM

“ Charles Vincent Nutt, my paternal uncle, was a spiritually astute believer in Christ. The son of Frank G. Nutt I and Mary Louise (Hodges) Nutt, he was born when his mother was aged 46. At age 16, he joined his older brother, Michael Nutt and my maternal uncle Timothy M. Cummings, to drive a new Ford (Mustang) to Alaska where his brother-in-law Patrick Mahoney, who had earlier married Chuck's sister, Deare Therese. Patrick had been deployed with the US Army.

A graduate of St. Mary's High School in Royal Oak, MI, Chuck worked in a variety of businesses and successfully coached various high school sports teams including more than one award-winning girl's basketball team. He excelled in sports and enjoyed competing as an adult on various teams, even earning several semi-professional bowling league titles. He adhered to the highest and best traditions of his beloved Roman Catholic congregations, including Madonna in Detroit that was co-founded by his longtime pastor, the late, legendary Father William (Bill) Cunningham who also co-founded one of the best nonprofit education and justice initiative, FocusHope. Chuck and his beloved Cathy were ultimately married at the Church of the Madonna on Oakman Blvd. in Detroit in 2005.

Several years earlier, on Chuck's 50th Birthday, he and Cathy stopped by with my Dad (Tom) and Kathy for cake in Troy. After cake and ice cream, they departed. Moments later, a miracle occurred. Mayra and I had a friend< Mike O., who was ill and had not been seen for around 3 days around his Pontiac home. Mayra had the audacity to suggest we start driving toward Pontiac to start searching for him. The first place we stopped on Woodward was the St. Joseph's Hospital. ER. We went inside to ask if Mike O. had been admitted. Even though several days earlier St. Joe's had no patient by that name, on Chuck's birthday evening, that's exactly where we found Mike O., safe and sound. Chuck's 50th birthday was truly a day of divine providence - and the night, a night of discovery in which God made a way for us to reunite a very vulnerable young man with a family that had been searching for him for days.

St. Mary's sanctuary was packed yesterday as hundreds paid

*tribute to the remarkable life of Charles V. Nutt. He was truly an inspiration, always challenging people of faith to aspire to experience the depths of Jesus Christ. Perhaps that was one reason why he was so concerned that one of my cousins with young adult children were admonished, and why my sister, Lisa, had to promise Chuck - to promise him that he would remind our cousin to be sure all of her kids experienced holy baptism. And, it was probably why it seemed so natural for those present around his bed one week ago today (6/14/2016, a Tuesday), for them to hear him say, repeatedly just hours before passing into eternity, "I'm standing with Jesus at home." We will forever cherish the memories of one super-fantastic Uncle Chuck. He is definitely an example of an uncle worth emulating. He was a remarkable, spiritually astute Christian believer who is worth emulating. He met the Metro Detroit Beat the Odds Awards standard because he demonstrated exceptional integrity, inner strength, tenacity of effort and courage in the face of daunting odds.*

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**Jeffrey G. Nutt/Mayra Troya-Nutt, MD** - June 21, 2016 at 11:55 AM

LH

*Beautiful tribute. Thank you for sharing.*

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**Lisa Harper** - June 21, 2016 at 12:01 PM

MM

*no one who ever met chuck didn't love him to be near him was to see/feel God/Jesus HOLY standing in the HIS presence*

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**mary marcus** - September 13, 2017 at 09:54 AM

ED

“*Cathy I am so sorry to read this very sad news. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers*  
*Eileen Desmond*

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**Eileen C. Desmond** - June 20, 2016 at 09:20 AM

TT

“ Chuck always greeted me with a big smile. He was such a sweetheart kind of a guy. The type that walked lightly but carried a huge stick of generosity and good will. He loved to engage in conversation on many topics and seemed to always find the humorous side to things. Chuck and Cathy were soul mates. He adored her and her feelings were mutual. They were such a great example to their community that love and hope never fails. They have been blessed beyond measure and will continue that blessing when they meet again in eternal life. We feel privileged to have known Chuck. He was truly a Good Samaritan.

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**Teresa Traverso** - June 19, 2016 at 03:47 PM

RW

“ I remember a truly gentle man who simply wanted to do the best with anything that he did. Kathy, I am truly sorry for your loss. The world has lost such a nice man at a time when we desperately need such niceness. My arms around you with hugs and love. Roberta Wolf

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**Roberta Wolf** - June 18, 2016 at 08:16 PM

DH

“ Chuck was one of the giants in my growing-up life in the RO St. Mary's community. Like the M & M basketball teammates at St. Mary's HS inspired me to become a better basketball player, Chuck inspired me to always play my hardest in sports--and to enjoy myself doing it. Chuck was also one of those people who always had a supportive word to say to and about me. He was a cornerstone of the St. Mary's alumni community, and even though I went to U of D High, Chuck invited me to attend St. Mary's alumni events. He and my brother Tom were great friends, and they both were stricken with cancer, dying only a week apart. The Royal Oak community has lost two fine people when it lost Tom Hoff and Chuck Nutt. My sincere condolences to Chuck's family.

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**Dan Hoff** - June 18, 2016 at 07:49 PM




“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles V. Nutt.



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June 18, 2016 at 03:03 PM

 Robert  
Demyanovich

“ For over 20 years we were blessed to have both Chuck and Cathy live across the street from us in Royal Oak. We always enjoyed Chuck's good humor and his caring grace as he snow plowed the sidewalks and always would help a neighbor.

You would see him in the morning walking his dog Dylan and also in the evening. He loved Dylan and that is why when Chuck went to be with the Lord, he asked the Lord could Dylan be with him and the Lord said yes.

I can now see both Chuck and Dylan walking in the briskness of fall together for eternity as they play and laugh and meet others who also have gone to be with our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Chuck had a good gentle soul, a good man and he loved Cathy & Dylan and his entire family and will be looking over them from time to time.

Our hearts are breaking for both Chuck and Dylan and of course Cathy and Chuck's entire family.

Joey, Diane Rosemarie & Bob  
The Demyanovich's of Royal Oak, MI



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Robert Demyanovich - June 18, 2016 at 11:05 AM

KN

*Chuck wanted this read at his wake by his brother, Tom*

*To Those I Love And Those Who Love Me*

*When I am gone, release me, let me go.  
I have so many things to see and do*

*You must not tie yourself to me with tears.  
Be happy that we had our years*

*I gave you my love....you can only guess  
How much you gave me in happiness*

*I thank you for the love you each have shown  
But it's time I travel on alone*

*So grieve awhile for me....if grieve you must  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust*

*It's only for awhile that we must part  
So bless the memories within your heart*

*I won't be far away....for life goes on....  
So if you need me...call...and I will come*

*Though you can't see or touch me...I'll be near  
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear  
All of my love around your soft and clear*

*And then when you must come this way alone  
I'll greet you with a smile and welcome you home*

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**kathy nutt** - June 20, 2016 at 06:58 PM

JM

“ *Dear Cathy and family,*

*My condolences to you. I met Chuck through the Woodhouse clan. Every time I had the pleasure of being in Chuck's company he was always so welcoming and engaging. I feel blessed to have know Chuck. God bless, Jim Monahan*

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**Jim Monahan** - June 18, 2016 at 10:44 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles V. Nutt.*



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June 18, 2016 at 08:56 AM

LH

“ How do I love thee? Let me count the ways. I love your laugh, Uncle Chuck. I love your directness and integrity. I love your sense of humor. I love your knack for history. I love how you could remember all of your nieces and nephews' birthdays. I love how you loved your beloved bride, Cathy. Your puppy dog Dillian will always love you, too. I love how the fruits of the Spirit have exploded out of your life. Exploded. That's a strong word, but it's true: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control. You displayed them all on a regular basis. You loved people. You loved God. You still do. That's what I hope people will say about me, too. So, you've set the bar pretty high for the rest of us, Uncle Chuck. Now you are in the full presence of the Lord. No more pain and suffering. Just joy as you worship your King of Kings and your Lord of Lords, Jesus Christ. I can picture you singing in heaven, too. You have fought the good fight. You have kept the faith. You have finished your race. Until we meet again, face to face, those of us still here will keep running with perseverance, the race marked out for us (Hebrews 12:1,2). Thank you for your inspiration, Uncle Chuck. You are the best.

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**Lisa (Nutt) Harper** - June 17, 2016 at 06:36 PM

KN

Though we may not be as eloquent as some folks here, we just want you to know how very, very much we loved you. As my friend, Lynea, said to me last week..."Hearts ache at a time like this and nothing can be said except we are sorry; it's been a tough battle, well fought, but when nothing else can be done, surrendering to God isn't so bad!" So, please say hi to my folks and my sister Pat and to your folks and to Mary, Carol, John and Michael and know that the hole that your leaving has left can never be filled. With so very much love. Your brother Tom and Kathy.

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**kathy Nutt** - June 18, 2016 at 04:58 PM

LH

Well said, Kathy. Love to all.

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**Lisa Harper** - June 18, 2016 at 05:53 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Charles V. Nutt.*



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June 17, 2016 at 04:50 PM



“ *Chuck was always the person we (the class of '67) all could depend on to have the facts, history and usually a hysterically funny story to tell. Anyone who had the pleasure of knowing Chuck in grade school, has the pleasure of the memory of him driving various nuns and teachers quite crazy. It makes smile to remember him. I miss him already.*

*Leslie Rieck Friedman*

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**Leslie Rieck Friedman** - June 17, 2016 at 04:34 PM



“ *What a wonderful guy. Will never forget after the Knights of Columbus ball team won the state championship, he held up one hand over the other like the upper and lower peninsula and exclaimed 'The whole state!'. He and quite a few others flew down for Toms funeral. I was and still am so appreciative. God bless you Cathy.*



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**Mary Roehrig** - June 17, 2016 at 02:00 PM

CC

*Chuck was as friendly and personable as they come. I've know him for years thru business and he was always happy and ready to talk about anything and everything, including "The old days at St. Bart's in Detroit" . He will be missed. My deepest sympathies to Chuck's family.*

*Cindy Clark*

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**Cindy Clark** - June 17, 2016 at 04:18 PM

DD

*Dear Cathy and Family, We are so sorry for the loss of your beloved Chuck. He is home in Heaven now. God Be With You, at this most difficult time. Love in Christ and as friends, Doug & Donna DeBastos*

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**Doug & Donna DeBastos** - June 17, 2016 at 05:41 PM

JH

*Dear Cathy, We extend our love and sympathy on your great loss. We will always remember his great love for his friends and the way he remembered so many stories of fun times together. Although we did not see each other as much as we would like, we knew his caring and love for everyone was always there.*

*Love, Joanne and Herb*

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**Joanne and Herb** - June 17, 2016 at 07:44 PM

TO

*What to say? Chuck WAS one of those guys you could count on to know facts about damn near everyone and what they were up to past and present. I'm particularly saddened because. ...whose gonna call me "Otis Trees" now? (long story)'ll miss that and you dear Chuck. May you R.I.P.*

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**Terry O'Connor** - June 17, 2016 at 08:02 PM

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*Charles Vincent Nutt or "Vinnie" to many of his friends and family and "Our Bald Uncle" to many of his nephews. Chuck always made an effort to keep in touch with ALL the nieces and nephews. He was kinda the glue between the family, he was our uncle but more like an older brother. We all loved him so much, he loved to laugh, he love to do the "Vinnie Shuffle", he loved everyone. He was the kindest man, always asking about our kids, what they were doing, how they were doing. Charlie was an excellent baseball player, bowler, a good basketball player and a "different kinda golfer" Lol. See Charlie had about 20 clubs in his golfbag and none of them were irons! We called his golfbag "The Back Forest", ALL WOODS! He lived a good life, certainly too short but a life FULL of laughter and love. We all love him and miss him already, I love you Chuck. Ken Nutt.*

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**ken nutt** - June 19, 2016 at 09:59 AM

LF

*When I think of Chuck, I see him as Mr. St.Mary. He knew and had an interest in everyone and everyone, of course, knew Chuck. A treasure trove of information and humorous stories, with his infectious laugh, Chuck was truly a joy. Such a large personality; this very good man will truly be missed.*

*Rest in peace, Chuck. May God bless and be with your family.*

*Linda Rank*

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**Linda Farmer** - June 19, 2016 at 10:25 PM