



Charles Richard Ploof

May 16, 1942 - January 21, 2019

Charles (“Chuck”) Richard Ploof, age 76, of Detroit, Michigan passed away on Monday, January 21, 2019. Richard, as he is known to his family, was a unique individual. Leaving home at a young age, he joined the Marine Corps, where he excelled in avionic electronics and developed a love of travel after being stationed in Iwakuni, Japan for 1.5 years. From there he got to travel to other bases in Japan, the Philippines, and Korea because he was so good at fixing electronic equipment. Upon his return to Detroit, he worked for Western Electric in Detroit and Automatic Electric in Chicago, telephone manufacturers for the Bell system. It was through Automatic Electric that he was assigned for 8-9 months to Panama, installing a phone system for the U.S. military. In 1969, he was sent to Honolulu, Hawaii and began his career as a supervisor for Hawaiian Tel. He eventually switched to the training area of the company, where he developed a curriculum and system to help technicians migrate from electromechanical telephone systems to computer controlled electronic switching systems. This process was detailed in an article he wrote for Telephony magazine in 1974, and of which he was very proud. He received his bachelor’s degree from the Chaminade University of Hawaii in 1976. Mr. Ploof considered Hawaii his second home and worked and maintained a residence there for many years. After stints in California and Guam, he returned to Detroit, Michigan to be near his family and consulted on projects for GMISCA (General Motors Information Systems and Communications Activity). In 1985, he married his beloved wife, Maria Dolores, with whom he

had 2 sons, Michael and David, and made their home in Huntington Woods, Michigan. In 1996, he started his own consulting company, Charles R. Ploof and Associates and worked as an independent telecommunications consultant for many years. Mr. Ploof loved his family dearly, and his wife and sons were at his bedside at his passing. He is survived by his sisters, Laurine Cybulski, Julie (Paul) Reaume, and his brother Mike, as well as a niece, Sarah (Darren) Almagro, two nephews, Alexander Cybulski and Andrew Reaume, and many loving relatives.

A memorial is planned at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road (4 blocks E of Woodward), Royal Oak on Saturday, February 2, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. with a service at 5:00 p.m. Dinner will follow at Pasquale's restaurant in Royal Oak. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Kensington Community Church or the Gary Sinise Foundation (organization for veterans and their families).

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

FEB 2. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear family of Chuck,

My most sincere condolences on your loss. I just learned of it today (March 4), trying to reach out to him after not hearing back from him from the recent holidays. Was so saddened to hear about this.

Chuck was my supervisor at GTE Hawaiian Tel in 1980 and I kept in touch with him over the years, back when he worked for Nortel and later in private consulting. While CIO for Hawaiian Electric later in my career, I brought him in to do some consulting for Customer Service at Hawaiian Electric and got to see him several times, have some nice meals, back in 2007-2008. Also had dinner with him down in Orlando, joined with my family.

I can't imagine the loss your family feels and my most heartfelt sympathies goes out to your family as you continue to deal with the loss of your dear husband and father. God bless you all and be with you always.

I am very sad to lose such a nice ex-colleague and friend, albeit mainly long distance, for so many years.

Rick Stuller (and family) rick.stuller@gmail.com

Rick Stuller - March 04, 2019 at 08:48 PM

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“Oakland University Department of Modern Languages purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Charles Richard Ploof.



Oakland University Department of Modern Languages -
January 29, 2019 at 03:51 PM

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“Dear family and friends of Charles Richard, you have my deepest sympathies with the lost of your loved one. The love and precious time shared with him will never fade. "comfort your hearts and make you firm in every good deed and word" 2 Thessalonians 2:17. May the God of all comfort, comfort you in your time of sorrow.

L. Alert - January 26, 2019 at 12:00 PM

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I'm so sorry for your loss, Aunt Laurine. I am thinking of you at this sad time.Michelle

Michelle Falkowski - January 26, 2019 at 02:35 PM