



Chuck Bailey

April 19, 1933 - May 18, 2022

Chuck Bailey, age 89, longtime resident of Shelby Township, passed away on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at his temporary home surrounded by his loving family.

Chuck was born April 19, 1933, at Magee Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. After the family moved a couple of times, they ended up in Wyandotte, Michigan where he graduated high school in 1951. After high school and a short run at the University of Michigan, in 1952 he joined the Marine Corps as an enlisted radio operator and served in Korea. He was later selected for flight school and earned his Naval Aviator "Wings of Gold" in 1955. He was stationed in Japan where he ended up meeting his future wife, Bunny. During this time, he attained the rank of Captain, logged well over 1000 hours of flight time, and made many carrier landings. After leaving active military in 1958 and getting married the same year, he then attended Michigan State University, graduating at the top his class with studies in residential construction. Chuck and Bunny gave birth to their first of seven children in 1960. They finally settled into their long-term home on Country Club Drive in 1965 where they raised their family and stayed essentially for the remainder of their lives.

Chuck was always up for a good time. He was usually the life of a party and the last one to leave, much to the chagrin of Bunny. He was an Eagle Scout, a world traveler, enjoyed cooking, but especially enjoyed spending time with his family.

Chuck is predeceased by his wife of 62 years, Rose Mary "Bunny" Bailey. Brother of the late Jane Bailey. Loving father of Kevin Bailey, Dan (Linda) Bailey, Pat (Denise) Bailey, Mike (Kevin Olah) Bailey, Chris (Jennifer) Bailey, Anne Baker (Randy) and Keith Bailey. Proud grandfather of Caitlin Bailey, Karl Marberger, Chas Bailey, Eric Marberger, Hannah Bailey, Connor Bailey, Katrina Marberger, Maggie Bailey, Grace Bailey, Laine Bailey, and Elena Bailey. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Visitation at the Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke) Utica, Sunday, May 22 from 2-8 pm with a gathering of memories from 7-8 pm. Instate Monday, May 23, 9:30 am at St. Kieran Catholic Church 53600 Mound Road (Btwn 24-25 Mile) Shelby Township until time of mass at 10 am. Interment Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township, Michigan. Please share a memory at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **22**. 2:00 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/>

Gathering of Memories

MAY **22**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Instate At Church

MAY **23**. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Kieran Catholic Church
53600 Mound Road
Shelby Township, MI 48316

Funeral Mass

MAY **23**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Kieran Catholic Church
53600 Mound Road
Shelby Township, MI 48316

Tribute Wall



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Chuck Bailey.* ”



May 22, 2022 at 11:40 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Chuck Bailey.* ”



May 21, 2022 at 10:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Chuck Bailey.* ”



May 21, 2022 at 02:49 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Chuck Bailey.* ”



May 21, 2022 at 02:23 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Chuck Bailey.



May 20, 2022 at 01:52 PM



“ With Distinction was purchased for the family of Chuck Bailey.



May 20, 2022 at 08:54 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Chuck Bailey.



May 19, 2022 at 11:01 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Chuck Bailey.



May 19, 2022 at 10:50 PM

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“ *The Marberger family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Chuck Bailey.*



The Marberger family - May 19, 2022 at 08:57 PM



“ [Memorial Trees](https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Chuck Bailey.

May 19, 2022 at 08:00 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Chuck Bailey.*



May 19, 2022 at 06:03 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Chuck Bailey.*



May 19, 2022 at 03:49 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Chuck Bailey.*



May 19, 2022 at 12:06 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Chuck Bailey.*



May 19, 2022 at 10:57 AM



“ *What a wonderful legacy of joy and family Bunny and Chuck Bailey have given this world!*

My first memory of Chuck was when he bought Chris and I a beer at the Coppola bar on the top of the Grand Hotel. He told a few funny stories about Cub Scouts and then gave me something I still treasure to this day. It was his handwritten diagram which marked all the rest stops and McDonald's on I 75 from Detroit to the bridge. I still have it and will try to bring it to the funeral.

Hugs and love to the whole Bailey clan from Mike, Lisa and Emma Girolami. ❤️

Mike Girolami - May 19, 2022 at 10:26 AM