



## Charles Edward Wilkerson

February 4, 1933 - September 8, 2020

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Our dear father, Chuck, passed away on September 8, 2020. He was surrounded by family and loved ones as he moved on to his next voyage of discovery.

Chuck was born in 1933 in Phoenix, Arizona. He served in the Marine Corps during the Korean War and received an honorable discharge. Shortly after his service, he met his first wife Willa Madge and had four children. He attended Stanford University and, later, San Jose State University where he completed his Master's in Electrical Engineering. After Madge's passing, he married Annie Brown and continued his career in aerospace engineering eventually moving to El Segundo, California. Chuck was dedicated to his career and worked on projects for Philco Ford, Martin Marietta, Motorola, Lockheed Martin, Northrup Grumman—many as a consultant for his own company.

Through most of his life, Chuck was an avid mountain climber and skier. He loved spending time outdoors with his family skiing, cycling, backpacking, and camping. In recent years, he enjoyed cooking with his daughters and spending time with his friends at their weekly Sunday coffee gathering.

Chuck was proud of his military service and passionately committed to his country. He had a kind and generous heart and was always there to lend a hand to his family, friends, and those who have served in the armed forces.

He is survived by his children Connie, Jon, and Jill, and brother Jim. We will miss Chuck's sweetness and great sense of humor. Family will hold a private service in fond remembrance.

# Comments

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“ 1 file added to the album Annie and Chuck



Rich Fancey - August 20, 2021 at 09:45 PM

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Rich Fancey - August 20, 2021 at 09:44 PM

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“ Chuck was my uncle. We all loved him and will greatly miss him. I remember years ago he put on a bachelors party for me. This was in El Segundo California. Had a great time with friends and family. I miss him and my aunt so much. Great People!

Sincerely,  
Rich Fancey

Richard Fancey - August 20, 2021 at 03:31 PM

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“ Chuckers like my best friend Annie would refer to him was such a wonderful lovable and fun person to be around. We communicated by mail and phone. I lost touch when I downsized to my condo in Tempe. Was writing my X.as cards and tried to look him up and could not find him annd hit the obituaries. Was so shocked and sad to read of his passing. Connie please feel free to contact me on my email. I loved your Dad dearly. God bless and take care  
Receive my sincere deep felt condolences. Love Cece

**Cece Magana** - December 14, 2020 at 10:46 AM

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“ Chuck took my son Mark to the beach. Nark had never seen the ocean. Chuck stood and quietly watched my son take in the wonder of the sounds, sights, and smells of the most vast body of water my son would ever see. I was talking to Chuck, when I realized he was not responding to my attempt at conversation. I turned to look at him and I saw an aging man, with pure joy on his face as he soaked in my son enjoying those moments with the surf rolling in, a tanker in the distance, in the early morning fog, it was surreal, for me, and I knew I would likely never see that look of satisfaction on Chuck's face, again. I was correct. I never did. However, the picture is vivid in my mind; a few moments, watching my son being adored by an old man, with a lifetime behind him and catching up on him. My son called that man, "Grandpa" Becki Barnes

**Becki** - October 09, 2020 at 02:09 PM



“ Becky this cece your mom's friend . Tried to contact chuck and found out the sad news. My condolences to all the family. Chuck was a wonderful man. I loved him so. Please accept my deep sentaments. Cece Garcia Magana cecegarcia056@gmail.com

**Cece Magana** - December 13, 2020 at 03:41 PM



“ Hi Becky this is Cece good to see your post. Remember me your mom's best friend in Arizona. Im doing well for a almost 85 yrs. Take and be safe. Love you

**Cece Magana** - December 14, 2020 at 10:58 AM

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“ My mother is Annie Brown. She was living alone in a little condo that she loved, when she and Chuck met.. She told me, " I loved my life and Chuck was the only one I would ever have changed it for." They were married for 18 yrs. Chuck's mottto was, " Never stop learning." And he never, ever did. And he was a constant teacher. He took both my sons to the beach, for their first time. He gave my son Cody his first pocket knife. Chuck also showed Cody how to blow up ants with a magnifying glass and the sun ( ugh! ) My dad and Chuck were friends. My dad would visit my mom and Chuck in El Segundo and stay in their home. Chuck would have had it no other way. My mom once told me, " Beck, if you REALLY knew Chuck, you'd be in aw of him whenever you are around him." One time when I was visiting their home, Chuck served breakfast to the guys mowing the lawn and he made sure they had whatever they wanted to eat. Chuck introduced me to politics and mentored me in " Keeping up the good fight!" And I do. Chuck likely saved mine and my son, Mark's lives the last time we were in CA. I'm sure Chuck never knew he had. Chuck lived one of the fullest lives I've ever known anyone to live. I'm so terribly sad to see only one other person leave a dedication on this Tribute Wall. I am stunned. "Jerry Keddington, I love you!". God bless you, Chuckers, I'm so very grateful to have known you. Thank you for everything. Thank you." Love always, Becki

**Becki** - October 09, 2020 at 03:48 AM



“ Mark, Cody, and I think of you often, Chuck. I noticed the picture Richy posted, you look so young; you and mom, that was a different time, a different place. "Memories, like the corners of my mind..." that was also moms' song for K.C. I'm glad Richy posted the picture; a moment, stopped. Oh my goodness! Blessings to you. Cheers! Becki

**Becki Barnes** - September 08, 2021 at 10:47 PM

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“ My favorite memory is our first meeting on a flight to Atlanta. We were friends immediately. We talked all the way to Atlanta. We said we would get together when we got back to SLC. We did and had a too short time together. I love that guy. Teasing each other was so fun.! MISS HIM!!!

**Jerry Keddington** - September 29, 2020 at 11:34 AM