



Charles "Chuck" W. Rosa

February 2, 1929 - August 25, 2014

Charles "Chuck" W. Rosa, age 85, of Mentor for 30 years, formerly of Chippewa Lake in Medina County, died peacefully at home, Monday, August 25, 2014. He was born February 2, 1929 in Lorain County, Ohio.

Chuck was a graduate of Birmingham High School in Birmingham, Ohio and received a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from Bowling Green State University in 1953.

Chuck served for 20 years in the military, retiring as Major in the US Air Force. For his second career he taught electronics at the Medina County Vocational School. Upon retirement he spent many years doing genealogical research, built an underground house, helped build houses with Habitat for Humanity and later served with New Directions. He also developed a solar energy system for his home, worked as a Trail Patrolman for the Greenway Corridor and was a volunteer with Holden Arboretum.

Chuck was a 30 year member of St Nicholas Orthodox Church, where he faithfully helped to maintain and renovate the church building. He was also a member of Sons of the American Revolution and the Green Energy Ohio Solar Club. He thoroughly relished outdoor activities, including sailing, kayaking, hiking, skiing and bicycling, all of which he enjoyed with family and friends on many special trips.

Survivors include his wife of 41 years Shirley (Perrine) Rosa; children Carl (Georgiann) Rosa of Henderson, NV, David (Roberta) Rosa of Camp Verde, AZ, Katherine Burton of Wadsworth, Mary (Daniel) Detwiler of Akron; along with 17 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; sisters Elizabeth Herbst of Toledo and Ruth Schurr of Fisher, PA; brother Paul (Geraldine) Rosa of Wakeman and many nieces and nephews. Preceding Chuck in death are his parents Clyde and Mary Rosa.

The family will receive friends 1-3 pm & 6-8 pm Friday at St Nicholas Orthodox Church, 9650 Johnnycake Ridge Rd, Mentor, OH. Funeral service will be held 10 am Saturday at St Nicholas Orthodox Church.

Interment will be in South Henrietta Cemetery, Henrietta Twp., Ohio.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Holden Arboretum, 9500 Sperry Rd, Kirtland, OH 44094.

Arrangements entrusted to Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Avenue, Mentor. Offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Cemetery Details

South Henrietta Cemetery

50169 Ohio 511
Henrietta Twp., OH 44074

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 29. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church
9650 Johnnycake Ridge Rd
Mentor, OH 44060

Visitation

AUG 29. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

AUG 30. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *RIP Mr. Rosa - I just found out about the passing of Chuck Rosa....I was one of his students in my Senior year at Medina County Vocational School (1977). He was a good teacher that cared about his students. I learned alot from this man and have many fond memories of my time at MCJVS. After graduation I kept in touch with him for awhile and became friends.*

Tom Rohde - February 23, 2016 at 03:13 PM

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“ *He was one-of-a-kind. I'll always remember his passion for helping others. It was an honor to work beside him on many Habitat projects. Rest in peace, Chuck, you've earned it. God bless you and your family.*

Carol Garbo - August 29, 2014 at 07:08 AM