



Charles "Chuck" Albert Van Houten

July 3, 1938 - October 7, 2021

Charles (Chuck) Albert Van Houten, 83, was born July 3, 1938, to Lavina (Campbell) and Robert Van Houten. He passed away October 7, 2021 surrounded by his loving family at his home in Des Moines, Iowa.

Charles lived his entire life in the Des Moines area and he attended Tech High School.

On December 30, 1955 Charles was united in marriage to the love of his life, Norma Jean Lenzini, to this union eight children were born.

Charles was the owner of Chuck Van Houten Company for 33 years, retiring in 2006. He was part owner of Van Houten Barge Service on Lake Panorama with his son Mark from 1998 to 2013. Chuck worked up until September of last year at PDM Distribution Company as head of maintenance.

First and foremost, his family was very important to him. His specialty was serving his special popcorn in a brown paper sack for everyone. He loved spending time outdoors fishing, camping and attending all of his children and grandchildren's sporting events. He was the supervisor for all family projects and worked right alongside everyone to make sure it was done right.

He was a member of the Vittoria Lodge and All Saints Catholic Church.

Survived by: wife, Norma and children: Chuckie (Cathy) Van Houten, Valeria (Bobby) Mason, Sheri (George) Partington, David (Darla) Van Houten, Tina (Chad) Johnson, Michael (Jennifer) Van Houten, Mark (Angie) Van Houten, Maria (Mark) Campbell. As Well as: 21 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.

He is also survived by his siblings: Wilbur (Bud) Van Houten, James Van Houten, Richard Van Houten and Christi Wenzel.

Preceded in death by: siblings, Edna Mae, John, Robert, Jean Ann, Mary Lou, William and grandchild Sophia Campbell.

Mass of a Christian burial will be Monday, October 11, 2021 at 12:00 pm at All Saints Catholic Church in Des Moines, Iowa. Visitation will be 10:00am to 12:00pm prior to the service at the All Saints Catholic Church. There will be a private burial at Highland Memorial Gardens, at a later date.

Memorial contributions can go to the All Saints Catholic Church.

All floral deliveries to the church after 8am on Monday

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 11. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

All Saints Catholic Church
650 NE 52nd Ave.
Des Moines, IA

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 11. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

All Saints Catholic Church
650 NE 52nd Ave.
Des Moines, IA

Tribute Wall

BK

“ We were so sorry to hear of Chuck’s passing. Another big loss from our Saydel family. Many great memories from wrestling, baseball, and just Saydel still feeling like home to us. Please know that we would have been there to support all of you if we were not battling/recovering from COVID.
Chuck and Bev Knight

Beverly Knight - October 23, 2021 at 01:28 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Dyamond Memorial - *Burials *Cremations *Monuments - October 19, 2021 at 11:18 AM

KM

“ We are so sorry to hear of Chuck's passing. He was such a kind and generous person and neighbor. He was helpful to our parents, who lived in the neighborhood,

Our thoughts and prayers are with Norma Jean and her family and may he rest in peace

The Berttucci Family.



Kathy Miller - October 13, 2021 at 01:55 PM

JH

“ Our deepest sympathy to the entire Van Houten family for your huge loss. Chuck was such a hardworking, gentle man who loved with quiet strength. He was a man of few words, but walked through life by good example. May God bless and help heal your sorrow during this very sad time



Julie and Mike Haggerty

Julie and Mike Haggerty - October 10, 2021 at 10:34 PM

JK

“ An honest and hard working man. Slightly ornery! Our thoughts, John C. and Michelle Kline

john C. kline - October 10, 2021 at 04:51 PM

CI

“ My heart goes out to all of the family and special friends who will miss him so. Lots of hugs for Norma. So glad your family is so close and will look after each other.

cinda - October 10, 2021 at 04:32 PM

JS

“ Joe and I are very sorry to hear of your dads passing. We have lost so many great ones! May his memory be eternal in all of you for the days to come.

Joe and Toni Sanger

Joe Sanger - October 10, 2021 at 01:03 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Charles "Chuck" Albert Van Houten.*



October 10, 2021 at 11:18 AM



“ *Norma and family we were saddened to see that Chuck had gone to his final resting place. Please know that we are thinking of you and will say a prayer Dale and Robeta Weeks*

Dale & Roberta Weeks - October 09, 2021 at 09:46 PM



“ *My family sends our deepest condolences to Norma Jean and her family. We are truly sorry about chucks passing. Nicky salazar and family.*

nicky salazar - October 09, 2021 at 09:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles "Chuck" Albert Van Houten.*



October 09, 2021 at 07:14 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Charles "Chuck" Albert Van Houten.*



October 09, 2021 at 06:15 PM



“ *Norma and family, I'm so very sorry to hear of Chuck's passing. You're all in my thoughts and prayers.*

Sandy Wollard

Sandy Wollard - October 09, 2021 at 05:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles "Chuck" Albert Van Houten.*



October 09, 2021 at 04:50 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Charles "Chuck" Albert Van Houten.*



October 09, 2021 at 02:04 PM

LF

“ *Larry & Ruth Anderson, and Family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Charles "Chuck" Albert Van Houten.*



Larry & Ruth Anderson, and Family - October 09, 2021 at 01:50 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Charles "Chuck" Albert Van Houten.*



October 09, 2021 at 01:11 PM

SW

“ *Chuck was my uncle, I grew up with him and my aunt Norma as our neighbors. He was a kind man always up for a joke and or an adventure. I remember him joining my group in Bonaire where he was obsessed with snorkeling. Every chance he got he was in the water, seemingly for hours at a time. I am lucky to have known him and will miss him!*

Steve Weaver - October 09, 2021 at 01:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles "Chuck" Albert Van Houten.*



October 09, 2021 at 01:05 PM