



Charles Thomas Bowes

May 12, 1931 - April 23, 2017

Charles Thomas Bowes, 85, passed away on Sunday, April 23, 2017, in Ebeid Hospice in Sylvania, OH.

Charles was the son of Valentine and Florence Bowes, born in Toledo, OH, on May 12, 1931. The youngest of 8 children, he was affectionately known as Chuck or Charlie to friends and family. He graduated from Libbey High School in 1949, and served in the US Army from 1951 – 1953. After his return from service, he began a long career with A&P chain of grocery stores.

On June 11, 1955, Chuck married Ann Wilbur Reis, who was his lover and best friend for over 59 years, and whom he now joins in heaven. Together they raised 3 sons, showing them full love and support, and showed the same love to their grandchildren that came along later.

Chuck attended the University of Toledo as an adult student in the late sixties and early seventies. He earned a bachelor's degree in Education in 1973, and taught in the Toledo Public Schools from 1974 until his retirement in 1997. He was known for his creative approach to education, his humor and dressing up in costumes on holidays - to the delight of his students. Former students still share fond memories of being in Mr. Bowes' class.

Chuck was a lifelong member of St. Lucas Lutheran Church, and played on the St. Lucas dartball team. He also enjoyed fishing and shooting, and was a member of Merickel-Farley Trout Club and Adams Conservation Club. In his younger days, he liked to cross-country ski when the weather allowed.

With their children grown, Chuck and Ann could indulge their own interests in their retirement years. They loved traveling and camping in their motorhome, and were members of several camping clubs. A fun-loving couple, they spread joy and laughter wherever they went, making many friends throughout the U.S.

In 2006, Chuck and Ann moved to Mayberry Village, a seniors' community in Sylvania, OH. There they made many good friends who were a great comfort to Chuck when Ann passed away in 2015. Chuck loved playing cards and leading the weekly craft session at Mayberry Village. He is perhaps best known for telling a few jokes every Wednesday evening after the potluck dinner.

Chuck was a man who always had a smile, a friendly word, a joke or story to brighten the day of others.

He was preceded in death by his dear wife Ann, his mother, father, and seven siblings. He is survived by sons, John, Tim (Caren), and George; grandsons, Branden (Lauren) and Bryce (Kara); granddaughter, SuAnn; great-grandson Noah, and many, many beloved nieces and nephews

Friends are invited to visit on Thursday, from 2-8 p.m., at the Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 Sylvania Avenue, (between Secor and Douglas Roads), where funeral services will be held on Friday, at 11 a.m. Interment will follow at Ottawa Hills Memorial Park. Friends wishing to make a memorial contribution in Charlie's honor are asked to contribute to either ProMedica Ebeid Hospice, 5340 Harroun Road, Sylvania, OH 43560 or St. Lucas Lutheran Church 745 Walbridge Avenue, Toledo, OH 43609.

To send Chuck's family online condolences, please visit www.ansberg-west.com

Comments



“ My prayers are with all the family at this time! I'm sure Chuck will be greatly missed!!! He was a sweet man! Sincerely, Darlene Tabb

Darlene Tabb - April 27, 2017 at 11:34 AM



“ My heart goes out to Charlie's entire family and friends on the loss of a great man and caring human being. He and Ann both embodied the meaning of kindness, love thy neighbor, and epitomized their Christian beliefs. Whenever help was needed, Charlie and Ann were there, many times anonymously, and privately.

As my across-the-hall neighbors at Mayberry Village, I appreciated their continuing interest in, and the friendship they offered to my father in the final years of his life. I do not remember either of them ever being in a bad mood, and I never heard an unkind or hurtful word cross either of their lips. I could always count on Charlie to join in the Wednesday evening entertainment following our weekly Wednesday night community wide dinners, especially as one of the Mayberry Village "Way, Way, Way Past Their Prime Time Players." He will be greatly missed.

Please know that I am thinking of all of you, and what a great loss this has to be to your family and to his friends, which I am sure are countless. God Bless You All and seek comfort in knowing that he is in His and Ann's embraces.

Kathy Striggow - April 26, 2017 at 10:26 PM



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April 26, 2017 at 08:40 PM



“ Mr. Bowes was my 4th grade teacher in 1980. I credit him for inspiring my love of politics during the 1980 election of Ronald Reagan. I unexpectedly ran into Mr. Bowes and his wife at Anderson's 2 years back and I was so excited to see him and tell him how much I loved having him as a teacher and that he not only inspired my love of politics but inspired me to become a teacher too. He is at the top of my list of wonderful teachers I had during my years at Toledo Public / McKinley Elementary. May he rest in peace.

Stacey Sumner Miller - April 26, 2017 at 03:42 PM



“ My sympathies to the family.
My husband Philip (now deceased) played dartball for Trinity Lutheran and was also the league secretary for some time. Phil had frequent contact with Charlie over games played, etc. I remember Charlie as a very jovial man. He and I had much in common, having had back surgery about the same time. We often compared notes. Memories also are of his loving wife Ann, who I got to know at the Dartball banquets over the years.
Losing a loved is never easy. May God comfort you, the family, and give you His peace. In Christan sympathy, Lillian Keller

Lillian Keller (Mrs. Philip) - April 26, 2017 at 02:31 PM



“ Charlie made teaching a joyful experience at McKinley School. I remember his jokes, turkeys & all his holiday costumes esp. the leprechaun. He was a great man. I'm glad I got to teach with him for many years.

Diann Hardesty - April 26, 2017 at 01:25 PM



“ We were not only so fortunate of my 1st wife and I getting to meet both Ann and Charlie when we became members of Family & Campers & RVer's. Catching up with the two of them weather at a State Level or National Campventions; due to their personal sense of humor or just sitting and sharing with each other was always a wonderful time.

It had been sometime in years since we got to spend time with each other, that I feel bless this past summer to have time while staying in Toledo to be able to spent a few hours with Charlie. That I will cherish the picture of the two us before Charlie went home.

Between the time we found ourselves giving up camping in 2000 to for a long time in my own life I like to say Ann and Chuck Bowes are those special folks that I was not only happy to meet in my own life but will never forget the two of them.

I am so sorry to hear of the lost of Charlies passing but know he up in heaven with his Ann to where between their sense of humor and caring for others, heaven is become much greater.

Thomas Dale Alexander - April 26, 2017 at 12:43 PM



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April 26, 2017 at 11:18 AM



“ From an old high school friend of George's: Your father sounds like he was an amazing man full of amazing life and love! My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family...Eva (Baron) Grove

Eva (Baron) Grove - April 26, 2017 at 09:59 AM



“ We just want you to know how sorry we are on Chucks passing. What a wonderful and funny man, he will be missed by many.
Love Gene & Dot Kobylak

Gene & Dot Kobylak - April 26, 2017 at 08:38 AM