



## Charles Patrick Shaffer

May 7, 1953 - September 10, 2017

"Goin home, goin home by the waterside I will rest my bones,

Listen to the river sing sweet songs to rock my soul." (Brokedown Palace, The Grateful Dead)

Charles "Chuck" Shaffer of Toledo, Ohio passed away at home on Sunday, September 10, 2017. He was born in Toledo, Ohio on May 7, 1953. Chuck attended Blessed Sacrament Elementary School, St. Francis de Sales High School, and was a proud 1976 graduate of Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Chuck worked for the Lucas County Treasurers office from 1977 until 1990. For the past 27 years, Chuck was employed by Judge Jack Puffenberger as the court administrator for the Lucas County Probate Court.

Chuck was preceded in death by his father, Russel E. Shaffer DDS, and his mother, Patricia Shaffer Greenen. He is survived by his brother, Russel Shaffer (Carol) and his sister, Barbara Nichols (Neal). Also surviving are his nieces, Laura Shaffer Restivo (James), Lisa Shaffer Mullen (Patrick), Elizabeth Shaffer Puffenbarger (Jason), Lauren Nichols (Neil Olsen), and nephew, Ross Nichols. Also left to cherish his memory are nine great-nieces who will miss him dearly. He will also be missed by his many friends in Probate Court.

Chuck fought a courageous battle with diabetes and heart disease for many years. After months of recuperating from surgery, he was content to finally be at home (and enjoying his favorite diet Mountain Dew). Chuck was a very loyal Democrat who directed many political campaigns. He was proud of the candidates he helped to elect to public office. Chuck was happiest when riding one of his classic BSA motorcycles, watching Star Trek, or listening to his Grateful Dead albums. Thanksgiving dinner will not be the same without Uncle Chuck's famous stuffing. While those who loved him will miss him dearly, they are comforted by the many years of memories he created with them.

Family and friends are invited to visit on Thursday from 3-8 p.m., at the Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 Sylvania Avenue (between Secor and Douglas Roads). The funeral mass will be celebrated on Friday, at 10:30 a.m., at St Pius X Church, 2950 Ilger Avenue. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association.

# Comments

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“ I met Chuck many years ago, in the late 1980s, when I was still at high school in Toledo and doing an internship at the Lucas County Treasurer's Office. My friendship with Chuck began immediately, we had a shared love of the Grateful Dead and I enjoyed listening to his stories from his days on the road. I would joke with Chuck that he had become a "suit to society" and vowed that I would never do the same, though Chuck warned me that it was inevitable. In fact, we made a bet, which I still have recorded in an old scrapbook, that if I did not become a "suit" he would finance a trip together to Amsterdam. That trip, alas, never happened, but every year when I would come back to Toledo to visit family and friends, we would have lunch, reminisce, and argue over who won that bet. Back in Toledo for Christmas this year I called the Lucas County Probate office to get in touch with Chuck, only to be informed that he had passed away. It was with profound sadness that I learned about his passing. Chuck was a pal, a gentle giant, a person I looked up to, and one of the persons I most enjoyed seeing on my rare visits back to Toledo. I miss you Chuck. Fare you well ...

Michael Flynn - January 02, 2018 at 11:33 AM

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“ My condolences to each of you. Imagine living in a world free of sickness, suffering and death. It is possible. God's word assures us of such a world. We can trust in his word for he is able to fulfilled whatever he promises.

Isaiah 33:24  
Revelation 21:3-5  
Isaiah 55:11

Annette - September 28, 2017 at 10:45 AM

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“ RIHP Chuck ~ just found out. My pleasure &#226; &#165; Scurrying mouse.

Valorie - September 15, 2017 at 01:49 AM

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“ Your old college gang will miss you, Chaz...

Christopher Shea - September 14, 2017 at 02:17 PM

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“ My sympathies to all of you. I have fond memories of Chuck running a friends campaign years ago. In the years since he has always been a great fellow to me, ready with an assist and a smile.  
God Bless  
Mike O'Donnell

**Mike O'Donnell** - September 14, 2017 at 08:56 AM

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“ I am so saddened to read of Chuck's passing. A Super Guy, truly one of the highlights of the County, always fun. Prayers for Chuck's Family.

**Debi Zak Sifuentes** - September 13, 2017 at 01:02 PM

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“ From all at St. Francis de Sales we send heartfelt sympathy and prayer on Charles' death, the death of one of our Knights. Regrettably I am out of town and so unable to concelebrate his funeral Mass. I shall offer Mass for him on Wednesday morning. We also shall remember him in our prayers at our Annual Mass for Deceased Alumni, Faculty, and Staff.

**Fr. Ronald Olszewski** - September 12, 2017 at 01:07 PM