



## Charles Grant Perdeau

April 25, 1930 - August 13, 2022

Charles Grant Perdeau of Toledo, Ohio passed away peacefully in his sleep on the morning of August 13, 2022, at the age of 92. Born and raised in Toledo to the late John G. and Lucille (Sepanski) Perdeau, Charles was the oldest of five children. He and his siblings grew up on a farm in rural Sylvania Township. Charles loved his horses and went on to participate in barrel racing and rodeos.

He attended Guardian Angel grade school and went on to graduate from Central Catholic High School in 1948. After high school, he found work at Ohio Bell where he met Phyllis Leahy. Charles and Phyllis wed on December 30, 1950, and were married for 51 years until Phyllis' death in 2002.

Charles was a master storyteller with a quick wit and friendly nature.

Early in his career, Charles worked on the C&O Railroad. However, his true calling was to serve the Toledo Police Force over a 30-year career. In 1959, Charles joined the Toledo Police Force where he worked on the Paddy Wagon as a uniformed policeman. Two years later, he was promoted to Detective and served eight years on the Vice Squad. His final 17 years on the force were spent in the Homicide division where he made lifelong friends with his partners. After retirement he went on to work as an Investigator for the Coroner for an additional eight years.

Charles was a man of many interests. His religious faith ran deep and was a member of St. Pius X Catholic Church for over 60 years. While in good health, he never missed a mass. Although - a traditionalist at heart - he preferred the early mass “without the modern songs and guitar nonsense.” And if a grandchild of his was not baptized in a timely manner, you can bet that he did his own private baptism over the kitchen sink.

He was well known for starting the beloved trends of sipping red wine from a jelly jar if drinking before 5.

Charles had his dislikes, too. He despised phonies and America’s obsession with carrying water bottles, often asking, “When did everyone suddenly become so thirsty?” He also valued his personal time quite seriously and had a natural penchant for sparring with telemarketers who called during his evening TV programs.

He purchased a farm in the 70s where he raised soybeans and had two quarter horses - Sam and Chub. In addition, he owned two different cottages over 26 years on Hemlock Lake in Michigan. On a typical day at the lake, Charles could often be found entertaining his grandkids, organizing activities, or picking up innumerable half-finished cans of Fay-go Pop. Boat rides, dock fishing, digging for worms, untangling fishing lines, and trips to the local Party Store for ice cream were favorite pastimes that never got old. Time spent together at Hemlock Lake were some of our family’s happiest times.

Charles was a jack of all trades and could add to his resumé that he’d successfully built a skateboard quarter pipe, outsmarted pesky backyard squirrels, mastered the art of homemade peanut brittle, “Walked for the Cure,” produced a private line of ornamental Christmas deer lawn decor, water skied into his 60s (with a nose plug), attended countless dance recitals & sports

games, and famously churned his own butter at a preschool "Grandpal's Day." On that note, let the record show that no one loved family more than Charles Perdeau.

Charles is survived by his six children, Beverly (David) Kennedy of York, PA; Marcia (Paul) Kozy of Ottawa Hills; John (Jan) Perdeau of Toledo; Diane Mitchell of Toledo; Mary (Mike) Carney of Toledo; and Sharon (Wally) Miller of Fairfield, OH; his sister, Phyllis Jeanne Good; 17 grandchildren who were the "apples of his eye" and 30 (soon to be 33) great-grandchildren who he "loved a bushel and a peck."

You taught us to fish. To operate a small outboard motor. To cook a hot dog on a stick. To whistle like Bing Crosby in White Christmas. To play a harmonica. To use hand signals to talk in church without getting caught. To build a campfire. To target shoot with a BB gun. To water ski. To make peanut brittle on a marble slab. To use a jigsaw. To put family first. You loved us and our kids like nobody else. And now we, your children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren, will remember and honor you each and every day.

Rest in peace. We miss you. Always

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to Humane Society. He loved dogs.

Family and friends may visit Tuesday, August 16, 2022, from 11:00am to 1:00pm at Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 W. Sylvania Ave., where a memorial service will begin at 1:00pm. A graveside service will be held Wednesday, August 17, 2022, at 10:00am at Resurrection Cemetery.

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# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Ave.  
Toledo, OH 43615

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 16. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Ansberg-West Funeral Home  
3000 W. Sylvania Ave  
Toledo, OH 43613

## Prayer Service

AUG 16. 1:00 PM (ET)

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3000 W. Sylvania Ave  
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## Graveside Service

AUG 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

Resurrection Cemetery  
5725 Hill Ave.  
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# Tribute Wall

JB

“ *What great good fortune to have known Charlie. Our family although not local loved Charlie. Our boys and Amy really thought the world of him. He will always hold a cherished memory with all of us.* ”

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**Jack & Mimi Burgermeister** - August 22, 2022 at 04:43 PM



*Thank you MiMi and Jack. Its very sad to have lost so many. Thank you for your. kind comments.*

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**Marcia Kozy** - August 22, 2022 at 10:58 PM

JC

“ *I will always remember Chuck's quick smile and welcome every time we neighborhood kids were at the Perdeau house! My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family.* ”  
*Jenny Sahley Conrad*

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**Jennifer Conrad** - August 21, 2022 at 12:54 PM



*Thanks for your thoughtful comment.*

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**Marcia Kozy** - August 21, 2022 at 02:39 PM

GW

“ *Goodbye Chuck, you were the best neighbor on our block. You and I have talked many times about many things. Your obituary told me things that I did not know about you ( all good). Condolences to all of your large family.* ”

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**Gary Wanner** - August 17, 2022 at 03:59 PM



*Really enjoy reading these tributes. Thank you*

**Marcia Kozy** - August 19, 2022 at 11:14 AM

FS

“ *My condolences and sympathy to Charlies family and friends. I had the pleasure of knowing and working many years with Charlie in the Juvenile Bureau at the Toledo Police Department. Charlie's obituary so perfectly describes the kind of man Charlie was. As a detective you could always count on Charlie being there for you and performing his duties to his community with honor and dedication as he did with his family and those he loved.*

*Charlie was the kind of person we all looked up to and wished we could be a little more like.*

*God bless and know all of us who had the pleasure of knowing and working with you will cherish our fond memories.*

*Frank Stiles*

**Frank Stiles** - August 17, 2022 at 12:11 PM



*Thank you so much. I really appreciated reading this.*

**Marcia Kozy** - August 19, 2022 at 11:17 AM

MB

“ *My parents kicked me out at a young age and he let me stay in his basement till i saved enough to get my own place. What a great guy.*

**mark bowling** - August 15, 2022 at 10:57 PM



*Remember this well! Thanks Mark.*

**Marcia Kozy** - August 19, 2022 at 11:18 AM

LS

“ *Was definitely a fantastic amazing and caring man. He will be missed and never forgotten.*

**LuAnn Shutters** - August 15, 2022 at 07:12 PM



*He enjoyed talking with you. Thank you!*

**Marcia Kozy** - August 19, 2022 at 11:19 AM



“ *Charlie, I couldn't ask for a better partner. You cut people a break when they really needed a break and you sent some away who really needed to go away. You understood the people who were hard to understand sometimes. You had a knack of saying the right things at the right time and you seemed to do the right things when things needed to get done. You taught all of us who worked with you so very much and I will always consider myself lucky to call you "partner". Don't eat too many of those chocolate stars in heaven. I remember how sick we got that day we ate the whole pound bag.*

**Tom Ross** - August 15, 2022 at 04:29 PM



*He was lucky to have you Tom. You were a great team.*

**Marcia Kozy** - August 19, 2022 at 11:20 AM

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“ *Marcia and family, Jeff and I are in France and reminiscing about Grandpa Perdeau and how much Sara loved her time with him. He was a tremendous patriarch and your family could not have asked for a better one. I know he will be desperately missed by all who loved him. Please know that we are thinking of all of you and that we feel privileged to have known your dad. RIP Grandpa Perdeau.* 🙏❤️

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**Lisa Ovenden** - August 15, 2022 at 04:01 PM



*Thank you Lisa. My dad loved the kids.*

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**Marcia Kozy** - August 19, 2022 at 11:20 AM

RS

“ *So sorry for your loss. Even though it has been many many years, I have very fond memories of "Uncle Chuck" he was a great guy. Robin Smith aka Robin Gabenski. (Mike's sister and Lynn's sister in law.)*

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**Robin Smity** - August 15, 2022 at 02:22 PM



*Thank you Robin. He was a great guy!*

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**Marcia Kozy** - August 19, 2022 at 11:21 AM