



Charles D. Leayman

January 23, 2015

Charles (Chuck) D. Leayman, 68, of Lancaster, PA went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at the Lancaster General Hospital. Charles was born in Lancaster, PA. He was the son of the late Charles Berntheizel and Esther Groves Leayman.

Chuck graduated from Lancaster Catholic High School in 1964. He worked at Franklin and Marshall College for 34 years in the Martin Science Library as a Library Assistant. He was a deeply spiritual, intelligent, gentle man and was very knowledgeable about art, literature, politics, music and film. He would carry lively conversations with many people in the Lancaster community and enjoyed engaging in long talks with his sister, nieces and nephews. He was an active member of Westminster Presbyterian Church serving as an usher and involved in Christian Education.

He is survived by his sister Michelle Stauffer of Mount Joy, PA and niece Lindsay Carney of Middletown, PA, a nephew Luke Stauffer of Mount Joy, PA, two great nephews Ian and Gavin Strausbaugh, a great niece Rowan Miller and numerous cousins.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Chucks' Memorial Service on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2151 Oregon Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601 at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Dr. Michael A. Rogers and Rev. Dr. Susan Minasian officiating. The family will greet friends on Monday, January 26 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 West Orange Street, (corner of Orange and Pine Sts. Lancaster, PA 17603 and also at the church on Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. A graveside service will be held at Holy Trinity Catholic Cemetery in Columbia, PA. In Lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Chucks' memory may be sent to Franklin and Marshall College, P.O. Box 3003, Lancaster, PA 17604-3003 or Gift of Life, 401 North 3rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123.

Tribute Wall



“ *Charles D. Leayman*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM

RC

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Ross Care - June 12, 2019 at 11:30 AM

HK

“ *When I was a teenager in the early 1980s, going to Barr-Hurst Bookstore and talking with Chuck about movies was part of my Saturday afternoon routine. He sold me my first book about Alfred Hitchcock (Hitchcock's Films, by Robin Wood), and we shared the same favorite movie: Psycho. I will never forget asking Chuck to name his favorite shot or camera move in Psycho. As a teenager impressed by flash, I expected him to choose something like a shot from the infamous shower scene, or maybe of Martin Balsam tumbling backwards down the stairs. Chuck surprised me by mentioning a brief dolly shot in the movie's first scene, a camera move I hadn't even noticed. Chuck explained that the camera moves in closer to Marion Crane (Janet Leigh) as a subtle way of increasing the audience's sympathy with the vulnerability of her character. Chuck's observation split open my teenage brain, and it forever after shaped the way I looked at movies and appreciated the subtleties of film direction. (In fact, his single observation has stuck with me as much as anything I learned in four years of film school.) For other reasons as well, Chuck was also a positive role model to me when I was figuring out the kind of man I was going to grow up to be. About 10 years ago I wrote Chuck a letter thanking him for being such an unconscious mentor to me. I never heard back from him, but I hope he received the letter and was able to appreciate my gratitude. His senseless death breaks my heart, and I am so sorry for his family and friends.*

Hans Kellner - January 29, 2015 at 10:59 AM

JH

“ *We loved seeing Chuck's smiling face around Lancaster City. He was such a friendly guy and always nice to talk to. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.*

Jaime Hintz - January 27, 2015 at 05:54 PM

SW

“ Dear Chuck,
*Requiem Aeternam, et lux perpetua.
Pace.*

Sue Wood - January 27, 2015 at 02:14 PM

PB

“ *Back in the 70's when I was doing theater with Actors Company performing at the Fulton, I met Chuck through Ross Care. I liked him instantly. His sweet, quiet demeanor did not hide an intelligent, caring individual. Chuck was writing for the Independent Press and when he reviewed the plays I was in he was always, always, ALWAYS so kind in his reviews to me. He didn't just say, "Paula was very good in the role of....." He would point out specific little things I did and they were always the little things that I most cherished doing on stage to bring a particular character to life. His insight into the nuances of acting was spot on and I did so appreciate his support and kindness. I moved to California for a while but when I returned to Columbia, PA and came across someone who worked at F & M, I would always asked if they knew Chuck. Invariably everyone would always comment, "Chuck? Yeah, I know him. Great guy." I'd ask them to please tell Chuck that Paula Burke says hello. They always promised they would and I hope they did pass that along for me because, for some reason, Chuck would pop up in my thoughts upon occasion through the years and, thinking back, I should have looked for his phone number, given him a call and enjoyed a most lovely chat. I'll just have to take a moment or two each day when meditating and say hello because I'm sure he'll hear and, who knows, maybe respond in kind. Thank you, Chuck, for touching so many lives with your sweetness, gentleness and genuineness. I pray for comfort and peace for your family and friends.*

Paula Burke - January 26, 2015 at 12:40 PM

JS

“ *Chuck, over 25 years, you have been a landmark in my personal landscape, always a gentleman, with an intelligent cynicism softened by a gentle acceptance of life's realities. Though temperamentally, we occupied different spaces, you never made me feel wrong, or anything less than OK as I am. You seemed to understand everything I said and passed no judgments. I would have wished a much more gentle passing for you, befitting the way you conducted yourself through life, but I know, again, you have accepted what has befallen. You likely never realized how many people you touched in a positive way. I'll miss you, my friend, as will the city of Lancaster.*

Jane Shull - January 26, 2015 at 09:26 AM

KW

“ I went to high school with Charlie. He was a very sweet person. He and I exchanged little word jokes and laughed about them. Even though we haven't spoken since High school, I can still hear his voice. His passing saddened me. My Prayers and thoughts go out to his family.

Katherine Goba Wetzel - January 25, 2015 at 03:36 PM

LW

“ Chuck and I were first cousins growing up in Columbia, he was always a considerate person he asked me to assist him in helping our grandmother to get to church at the 8:00 Mass each day he had asked permission from the sisters for us to leave school a little early so we could help her. Chuck also got me interested in reading at the old Columbia Library that was in the Bank Museum building, we thought we were cool because we had library cards. Chuck and I have kept contact over the years since I moved to SC in 1976. I will miss my cousin and the great talks we had on the phone and when I visited him in PA. It has been a joy and honor to have to have known Chuck. May he rest in the loving presence of the Lord.

Leo Watts - January 24, 2015 at 12:05 AM

PG

“ Mr. Leayman's loving and careful assembly of the films for the F&M film series was, for many years, a gift to our community. I spent many happy hours in Hensel Hall benefiting from his tutelage. It was years before I knew the identity of the quiet and unassuming man who was responsible for the selection and the composite of critical reviews that were given to the patrons. I don't believe I ever thanked him, but I'll always be grateful.

Pam Grosh - January 23, 2015 at 03:58 PM