



Charles "Chuck" F. Melchert

January 7, 2019

Charles "Chuck" F. Melchert, 82, of Lancaster, died on Monday, January 7, 2019. Born in Ridgeville Corners, OH, he was the son of the late Elmer John and Virginia Hepner Melchert. Chuck was the loving husband of Anabel Proffitt for 34 years.

Chuck graduated from Perrysburg High School, OH and matriculated to Capital University where he earned his BA in Drama. He achieved his Master of Divinity at Trinity Lutheran Seminary and received his PhD at Yale University in Christian Education.

With his PhD, he began teaching and was a professor at Colgate Rochester Divinity School before moving to St. John's University, Newfoundland, Canada. Chuck became the Dean and subsequently the Director of the Doctoral Program at Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Richmond, VA. He and Anabel moved to Lancaster and he became an Adjunct Professor at Lancaster Theological Seminary. Chuck wrote a book entitled "Wise Teaching" and published dozens of articles in Christian Education. During his years as adjunct professor in Lancaster, he served as the Executive Secretary of the Association of Professors and Researchers in Religious Education. He was also a member of the International Seminar on Religious Education and Values.

A superb and gifted teacher, Chuck touched many lives with his wisdom and humor, his writings, his courses, his doctoral advising, and his Bible studies.

He was an active member of Wisdom's Table at St. Peter's United Church of Christ. He was an avid golfer and for many years, enjoyed singing in the Ephrata Cloister Chorus.

He is survived by his son: Timothy (Lisa) Melchert of Boise, Idaho; two sisters: Judith Melchert, Columbus, OH and Priscilla Morgan, Ashland, OR; grandchildren: Skyler and Gavin; and first wife, Joyce Melchert, Boise, Idaho. He was preceded in death by his brother, Eugene, and son, Mark Melchert.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Chuck's Memorial Service at Wisdom's Table at St. Peter's UCC, 816 Buchanan Avenue Lancaster, PA on Monday, January 21, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Lance F. Mullins officiating. The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Interment will be held at Lancaster Theological Seminary Memorial Garden at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Chuck's name may be made to Wisdom's Table at St. Peter's UCC.

Cemetery Details

Lancaster Theological Seminary Memorial Garden

Lancaster, PA

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Wisdom's Table at St. Peters UCC
816 Buchanan Avenue
Lancaster, PA 17603

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Charles "Chuck" F. Melchert

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ Shocking finding this morning, that our professor - Chuck Melchert - was pass away almost a year ago. We thank God for him: his teaching, his criticism, his humanity, his friendship, his humor, his smile ... and his co-advising of my dissertation. Our love and hugs for Annabel. Kadarmanto Hardjowasito and Ruth Setijadi (Jakarta Theological Seminary, Indonesia)

K. Hardjowasito - October 21, 2020 at 08:05 AM



“ Chuck was one of the three most formative professors for me. He made me think and feel far beyond anything I could have imagined. I give God almighty thanks for Chuck;s life and ministry. May the peace of Christ wash over and comfort his family.

Chris Yim - January 17, 2019 at 04:35 PM



“ What a good man. I will miss his voice and friendly hand shake every Sunday morning.

Dr. William Marshall - January 17, 2019 at 12:04 PM

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“ Dear Dr. Melchert,

We are beyond devastated to learn of your passing. It is too sudden. We had planned to visit you this Spring, but you could not wait for us. We part with our beloved teacher, mentor, adviser, and best friend in pain. You gifted us with so many good memories. You were truly a sage who provided us with wisdom when we needed it most. We will miss your laughter, your sharp mind, your authentic teaching, and above all your presence among us. You were a wise teacher who showed us that it is possible to practice what you preach. Our life was blessed beyond measure because you were a part of it. We will miss you so much. We will never forget you. Rest in peace until we meet again.

Forever your student Nam Soon Song and her family (Knox College, University of Toronto)

Namsoon Song - January 15, 2019 at 10:08 PM

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“ *Namsoon Song lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chuck" F. Melchert*



Namsoon Song - January 15, 2019 at 09:22 PM



“ *Meg Graham lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chuck" F. Melchert*



Meg Graham - January 13, 2019 at 10:45 AM