



Charles Pflaumer "Charlie" "Buck" Helm, Jr.

January 30, 2019

Charles Pflaumer "Charlie" "Buck" Helm, Jr., 76, of Helen Avenue Lancaster, PA died Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at Hospice & Community Care.

Charlie spent his childhood in Laurel, Delaware, before moving to Lancaster. He was the long time companion of Gail Bishop and the son of the late Charles P. Helm Sr., and Alta Martin Helm. He was the former husband of Susan Armstrong Helm, deceased.

Charlie graduated from J.P. McCaskey High School and earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Penn State University. After completing his service in the US Navy, he worked for the Lancaster Guidance Center, then for 19 years as a social services supervisor for Lancaster County MH/MR, now known as Lancaster County BH/DS.

Upon retirement, Charlie very much enjoyed exploring the countryside on his scooter. He also enjoyed extensive traveling, seeing the world with Gail. Charlie was proud of his time as a volunteer driver for the American Cancer Society Road to Recovery program. He was an avid Penn State football fan and enjoyed reading and seeing movies. Charlie loved his children and grandchildren.

In addition to his companion Gail, he is survived by two children, Andrew A.,

husband of Susanna Jones Helm, England and Sara Helm-Wallace, wife of Oliver Wallace of Greenfield, Massachusetts; a brother, W. Jackson, husband of Elizabeth Helm, Winchester, Virginia; three grandchildren, R. Tait Helm, Zoe W. Helm and Jonquil R. Wallace. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Richard Martin Helm and James David Helm.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Charlie's Memorial Service at Groff's Family Funeral & Cremation Services Inc., 528 West Orange Street (corner of W. Orange & Pine Sts.), Lancaster, PA 17603 on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. The family will receive friends from 2:00 p.m. until time of service. Private interment will be held at Conestoga Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: Mental Health America of Lancaster County, www.mhalancaster.org or 717-397-7461 or The American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org or 1-800-227-2345.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 9. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Pflaumer "Charlie" "Buck" Helm, Jr.*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *I am so saddened to discover the loss of my good friend, Charlie. I am the driver coordinator for the Cancer Society's Road to Recovery program and Charlie was one of my most dedicated drivers, sometimes transporting 4 or 5 patients per week. I looked forward to and thoroughly enjoyed our weekly phone conversations that often lasted much longer than the required time to connect him with rides for the following week. We shared a lot of laughter in those talks. And when I struggled to continue my duties as coordinator, he inspired me by just being Charlie. He wasn't just an asset to our program. He was a gift and we were all blessed to know him.*

My sincere condolences to his family and Gail.

Dorothy Tilley

Dorothy Tilley - February 12, 2019 at 02:04 PM



“ *He was a very kind man, with a good heart. Our sympathy and condolences, Sandra and Arthur Krieg*

Sandra and Arthur Krieg - February 08, 2019 at 08:51 AM

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“ I will miss Uncle "Buck." He was my father's closest brother and friend. Always willing to share a funny story from their childhood or young adult life. I am so glad they had each other to depend on. To Gail, Sara & Drew... wishing you strength and peace as you say goodbye.

Jackie - February 05, 2019 at 10:21 AM

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“ To Charlie's family:
I worked with Charlie for 25 years at the Lancaster Guidance Center. He was a valuable friend and mentor to a new social worker learning how to do the job well. He enjoyed his clients and attempted to be a friend and mentor to them as well. There were many funny stories and memories from those years. Although we all moved on and I hadn't seen him in years, I enjoyed the thought that he was there and could share those times and memories. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.
Yours,

Barbara Keller Satosky

Barbara Satosky - February 05, 2019 at 07:03 AM