



## Charles Y. Musselman

June 30, 2017

Charles Y. Musselman, Jr. of Lancaster, PA, went to be with the Lord and his beautiful wife on June 30, 2017, he was 96. Born on June 23rd , 1921 in Perryville, Md., he was the son of the late Charles Y. Musselman Sr. and Bertha M. (Wayne) Musselman.

Charlie grew up with 5 sisters and 3 brothers in Charlestown (Holloway Beach) Md. He was a member of the Charlestown Methodist Church where he never missed a Sunday for 10 straight years. He moved to Lancaster and graduated from West Junior High, attended Old Boys High School on Orange St and graduated from J.P. McCaskey in 1939. There he met the love of his life Florence L. (Susie Shertz) Musselman. They were married for 68 years before her passing on Feb. 25, 2010.

Charlie played the saxophone and piccolo in Junior High, High school and for the Lancaster Newspaper Band (1933-34). He lived during the Great Depression where you depended on your church and neighbors and you knew what it was like to be hungry. Some of Charlie's first jobs between the ages of 7 and 9 were polishing the brass on the Merry-Go-Round, bailing out rowboats and a paperboy, where he sold 'The Grit' and 'The Wilmington Journal' to summer vacationers at Holloway Beach. He attended a one room school house in Charlestown where a "Dunce Hat" was used for discipline and recess was a quick swim in the Northeast River. Life was good!

In 1939 Charlie worked for Hamilton Watch for 17 years. During WWII, Hamilton Watch manufactured chronometers for the Navy and map measuring instruments for the Army. Charlie's role in this endeavor was too important and was denied several times when he tried to enlist. In 1957 Charlie took a position with RCA and retired after 27 years as a lead man in the development department. Charlie retired in 1986 and lived a very active life up until his recent illness.

At 94 he lived alone, passed a test for 4 more years of driving, played golf, bowled for over 50 years with a high score of 701. He was a 32nd degree Mason at Lodge #43 and received his 70 year pin in 2014 and was a Lodge of Perfection 14th Degree. He also served as a Trustee for the Tall Cedars of Lebanon #27 and the G.B.U. Charlie was a life member of Columbia-Middletown Elks, #1074, Guys and Dolls, American Legion Post #34 and the 8th Ward Beneficial Club of Cabbage Hill in Lancaster. He was a member of Christ Lutheran Church of Lancaster for over 60 years.

Charlie will be lovingly missed by his two sons, Thomas W. Musselman, and his wife Leslie of Altoona, Pa and Ronald C. Musselman, and his wife Jerilynn of Sea Isle City, NJ formally from New Holland, PA. He was blessed with 6 Grandchildren, Shaun, Tyler, Devyn, Kelsey, Cassie, and Nathan and 13 Great Grandchildren.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the Celebration of Life for Charlie at The Groff's Family Funeral and Cremation Services, Inc., 528 W. Orange St, (corner of W. Orange St and Pine St) Lancaster, Pa on Thursday, July 6, 2017 at 11:00 am with The Rev. Adam Morton officiating. The family will receive friends at The Groff's on Thursday, July 6, 2017 at 10:00 am.

Masonic Services will be held prior to the services by Lodge # 43 F & AM.

Interment at Riverview Burial Park.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions may be sent to Christ Lutheran Church, W King and Manor St, Lancaster, Pa 17603 or Hospice & Community Care, 685 Good Dr., P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Y. Musselman*

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October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Charlie, A true friend and Brother. I have far to many stories and memories to type here but they are in my heart forever. I will miss you my friend*  
*Chip Bracken*

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**Chip Bracken** - July 06, 2017 at 01:34 PM



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**Joyce Robson Harlan** - July 05, 2017 at 04:22 PM



“ *Ron, Jeri and family. I'm thinking of all of you during this difficult time. Love Polly*

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**Polly Bechtold** - July 05, 2017 at 03:35 PM

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“ Oh gosh...How I wish there was more time..I wish I could have gotten to know my uncle,my dad's brother better and been closer to him! Sometimes I guess life just gets in the way. I feel that I had just really started to get to know him these past few years. I know that he was a wonderful,sweet man and wish I had had him in my life earlier! I had visited him at his home several months ago and the last thing I remember from him is that he gave me a kiss goodbye and said you're welcome anytime honey.

*Rest in peace,Uncle Charlie. Say hello to my mom and dad for me. I know we'll meet again.*

*Thoughts and prayers are with Tom and Ron and their families and all who loved him. What a wonderful man!!*

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**Susanne Maser** - July 04, 2017 at 06:29 AM

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*So sorry for your loss, but Uncle Charles lived a good and long life. He was a very thoughtful and loving Man. I loved hearing the stories of Charlestown. I have a son that lives there, and another Son in Perryville. The old school is still there, although it is now the Post Office. My Prayers will be with you all and my Uncle Charles will surly be missed, Love, Joyce*

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**Joyce Robson Harlan** - July 05, 2017 at 04:36 PM