



Mr. Charles E. "Chuck" Showalter

September 3, 1932 - September 13, 2017

UTICA - Mr. Charles E. "Chuck" Showalter, age 85, was surrounded by his guardian angels as he passed away on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 in the comfort of his home with his wife by his side.

Born in Camden, New Jersey on September 3, 1932, Charles was the son of the late Charles E. and Helen (Olson) Showalter. Because of his dad's occupation, the family traveled to numerous states and settled in the San Diego, California area where he was raised and educated. A proud veteran of the United States Air Force, Chuck honorably served his country during the Korean Conflict as a Jet Aircraft Engineer/Mechanic. He appreciated his time in military service because it afforded him the training that made it possible for him to later become a licensed small airplane pilot. At one time Chuck was married to the former Evelyn "Lyn" Brown and to that relationship came the blessing of two daughters. On June 22, 1980 he married the former Joyce A. Bolos. This 37 year marriage was built on a strong and meaningful friendship which encompassed a huge life adventure. They were admired for the mutual love and respect that they displayed towards one another till their last day together.

Chuck enjoyed his career as a carpenter, electrician, and plumber, and no task was too big or too small to conquer. His insight and intuition was incredible and his professional ventures were vast. He was a commercial building inspector for the city of Davis, California and the University of California at Davis for many years, but home building was his passion. His

building specs were unique and exceeded construction standards. He was the designer in a private company established with business partner Ken Parker. They were a great team and built memorable homes for so many. For Chuck, his success was a dream come true and he and Joyce took to the open waters when they moved aboard their newly purchased, pre-owned 51-ft. Bluewater Yacht. Over time, Chuck decided that he and Joyce needed to relocate back to Utica so they could be closer to and reconnect with Joyce's family, so in 2002 they called Utica their home.

Chuck was an adventurer at heart, and each time he traveled he had a purpose, and he embraced the opportunity to see, to look and to learn. He was humble about the many opportunities he had to assist others or marvel at the beauty of nature. As a holistic believer, he honored his body, rode his bike, and shared information with many who found this way of life to be mentally and physically beneficial. He had understated confidence and was a good communicator. There was never a time when Chuck didn't have a project coming to life in his head and heart. He was witty and light-hearted but with a dry sense of humor. His conversation was uplifting and he always wanted you to remain optimistic. He enjoyed adventure novels but was an avid reader on many levels and subjects, and always recommended unique or valuable reading material. During his illness, Chuck overcame many obstacles with strength, stamina, and dignity. His exposure to sacred and classical music enhanced his knowledge of the composers and had a calming and comforting effect during his challenges. He also admired Angela Nassar's God-given talents as an organist. Chuck was not one to be deterred and he could never remain idle, character traits that led him to take on the responsibility of a position with the Gates-Cole Insurance Company in his recent years. He tackled many tasks and was the go-to guy; the staff became enamored of him. Chuck & Joyce also traveled to get-away destinations spontaneously, never seeing the same sites twice. He found a new family with the Bolos clan, and he loved each one of them with an open heart, a beloved relationship that will be treasured by all. Chuck made it known that his marriage to Joyce was one

of his greatest blessings of his life. They came to know the same sense of adventure and his support of her and sense of comfort they provided to one another made for a great marriage and a fun-filled life.


Charles is survived by his beloved, Joyce; his daughters and son-in-law, Kristine "Kris" Showalter, and Sandra and Ray Freeman, all of California; and his granddaughters Rachiel and her children; and Kimberley Freeman. He was preceded in death by his grandson Tony who passed away at the age of 8. He also leaves his brother and sister-in-law, William and Ann Showalter; his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws, Janet and George Grizzuto, and Sonia Bolos. He knew the friendship of many wonderful people and it would be remiss not to mention his dear friends, Ken and Rosemary (Harp) Williams; as well as his loving and supportive neighbors, especially Marion Reagan, Dave Mathis, and Jim and Pat Roddy who were all a sense of comfort and were available at a moment's notice. He was predeceased by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Toufek and Ardell (Shalhobe) Bolos; and his in-laws, Joseph T. Bolos, and Joan Bolos-Farney. The family is grateful to the members of Chuck's exceptional medical team who were wholeheartedly committed to his care: Dr. Steven Kussin, Dr. Marcy Canary, Dr. Marissa Kalil and Dr. Andrea Finocchiaro, Dr. Michael Kelberman, Dr. Robert Fleischer, Dr. Fayeze Chahfe, Dr. Renee Wellenstein, and Dr. Brian D'Aoust; the spiritual visits of Fr. John Buehler; the wonderful care and kind acts rendered by Roseanne George, Tammy Kehrli, Lillian, Edna, and Gloria; the friendship of Terry Mizener who had a special way of caring for Chuck; and the loving care provided to Chuck and Joyce by his sister-in-law Janet who was thought of as his "2nd" wife.

The family will honor and commemorate Chuck's life at a private time.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Charles' funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Monday morning at 9:30 at Historic Old St. John's Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. John Buehler with Military Honors conferred by the US Air

Force. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of the Mass. In lieu of floral offerings, expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be made to Historic Old St. John's Church; envelopes will be available at the service.

Tribute Wall



Betty
Rickard

“ Dearest Joyce, we just learned from Carla of Chuck's passing. Oh my, dear, dear lady, I know you are devastated. Though it has been many years since we worked together in California, I vividly remember the great love and caring that the two of you enjoyed and expressed to each other - a love that everyone around you could clearly see.

May those memories of your life with Chuck give you comfort and strength. I'm so happy that you are near your family --

John joins me in extending our deepest heartfelt condolences - please know you will be in our hearts and prayers.

Love, Betty Rickard

Betty Rickard - September 20, 2017 at 08:31 PM



JR

“ My heart just sunk to hear of Chucks passing. My thought and prayers are with Joyce, Janet and all of the family. Chuck came to see me each money to get the bag for the bank. Mostly each day he would tell me a story about his past. He was so inspiring, I still go by one of his sayings all the time, "if you can't change it, give it to the universe". He was a great man, and be missed by so many people.

JENNIFER RODER - September 17, 2017 at 07:28 PM

SB

“Joyce, I'm very sorry to hear about your husband. I didn't realize he passed away on the 13th-which was the Anniversary date of the 5th apparition in Fatima. Sometimes I wonder if things like that happen for a reason. Our prayers are with you and your Family. Steve Bosque and Family

Steven Bosque - September 17, 2017 at 03:38 PM

Marie
Maulden

“Our prayers are with you, Joyce and Janet. Chuck was a wonderful man who we had the pleasure of meeting on lots of different occasions all most enjoyable. May he rest in peace. Wish we weren't 3000 miles away. We send hugs and kisses and prayers. Cousins Marie and Glen.



Marie Maulden - September 15, 2017 at 03:32 PM

NA

“Chuck, I will forever miss your smiling face. Our G/C office will never be the same without you. Your grace, dignity, fortitude, gentleman ways, compassion and kindness will always be remembered. Rest in peace. Nancy A

Nancy Alsheimer - September 15, 2017 at 09:32 AM

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JENNIFER RODER - September 17, 2017 at 07:25 PM

BS

“ *Barbara Suydam lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles E. "Chuck" Showalter*



Barbara Suydam - September 15, 2017 at 08:23 AM

PB

“ *Always a gentleman, so even tempered. Chuck was so talented, he can do most anything , Got to see his handiwork around their home and I was amazed at this man's talents. Chuck is in heaven, thank Jesus.*

Pete Bolos - September 15, 2017 at 07:47 AM

JB

“ *By far one of the nicest men I have ever had the pleasure to know. See you on the other side my friend. John and Renee*

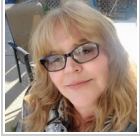
John Bolos - September 15, 2017 at 06:32 AM

MR

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Melissa Rocco - September 15, 2017 at 06:31 AM



“Dad, you have always been an Inspiration to me. Your vast knowledge of just, everything. I can just remember asking you a question and you always had an answer, if you didn't know the answer you knew where to find the answer. This was before the age of cell phones and instant Google. I am so happy that we made our trip back to see you a couple years ago and then a few years prior to that and that you guys were able to come out and visit us in Phoenix. So many great memories. Thank you for putting up with my teenage years and always being there for me. Here is two of the pictures I keep on my desk at home. Our 1st ever visit to New York you, me, and Kris and our last visit to New York with you, my stepmother Joyce, and my daughter Kimberly. We had such a great trip and wonderful memories.



Sandra Freeman - September 15, 2017 at 01:42 AM

AR

“ It is amazing how you truly get to know people and how people see you. I will never forget many things about Chuck.. times in GC kitchen catching him perhaps a bit hung over from too much scotch.. now I can relate. We had many great conversations and I want to share one more memory.. the times he decided to share his photos and memories of his life with His beloved wife, Joyce in California. I am sure as each of us sat with him sometimes one on one listening to his stories.. well, he knew me and he knew my love of Halloween, hence followed a story about a Halloween party he attended where apparently you needed a password to get into the festivities.. of course, I think No one was meant to have the password so entrance became A bit more difficult! I love you, Chuck, for your smile, for your laughter and for your wisdom. I will miss you. Fly high and fly free, my friend.. until we see each other again. Oh and say hi to Mary please. ❤️❤️❤️🙏🙏

Alison Rowan - September 14, 2017 at 11:00 PM

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Anthony Rocco - September 14, 2017 at 10:59 PM

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Kristine Showalter - September 14, 2017 at 10:51 PM

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At Daughter Kris's home in Idaho 1997.

Kristine Showalter - September 14, 2017 at 10:56 PM

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Miss you and love you so much!

Kristine Showalter - September 14, 2017 at 11:49 PM

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Michele - September 14, 2017 at 09:42 PM