



Charles H. Shaffer Jr.

March 10, 1943 - April 7, 2019

Charles H. Shaffer Jr., 76, of Norway passed away on Sunday, April 7, 2019 at ManorCare Health Services in Kingsford.

He was born March 10, 1943 in Ann Arbor, MI, son of the late Charles and Kathryn (Spiegel) Shaffer. He grew up in Ypsilanti during WWII. His father was drafted into the Navy, even though he was working in a bomber plant. During that time, his mother went to work in the same bomber plant and Charles went to “visit” his grandparents’ in Blissfield. He had many wonderful memories of farm life. During his high school years he played the tenor and baritone saxophone at Ypsilanti High School.

He obtained his bachelor's degree in biology from Michigan Tech. in 1973. At the age of 32 he enlisted in the US Army. During his 10 years of service he took many classes and entered the field of Cytology. One of his more memorable assigned duties was being an assistant in the morgue. He was honorably discharged and found employment working for the government in San Antonio as a cytologist at Lackland Air Force Base until he retired as a civilian servant as an GS9 in 2003. He also worked nights and weekends at independent Cyto Labs and area hospitals. He loved the people he worked with and treated them as family. One of his hunting highlights was having his number drawn in the lottery and getting to hunt javelina in Black Gap, Texas.

He moved to the Norway area in 2009 and attended Maranatha Assembly of God Church in Kingsford. His main reason for moving was to be closer to his family. Going to his granddaughter's softball games, swim meets, concerts and plays brought him much joy. He collected antique phonographs and was a member of the Michigan Antique Phonograph Society. Many hours were spent hunting for records and machines to add to his collection. The many people from all over the United States he met due to this "hobby" is incredible and he had many rich friendships because of it. He also loved a good game of Scrabble or Euchre.

He is survived by his daughter, Gretchen (Jeff) Peters of Kingsford; granddaughter, Catherine Peters; uncle, Donald Shaffer of Blissfield, MI; and numerous cousins.

Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 16th at Maranatha Assembly of God in Kingsford. A memorial service will follow at 11:00 with Rev. David Wilton officiating. Burial will be in Blissfield Township, MI at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Maranatha Messengers or Almost Home Animal Shelter.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Charles Shaffer Jr. online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant View Cemetery

Blissfield, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Maranatha Assembly Of God
920 S. Carpenter Ave.
Kingsford, MI 49802

Memorial Service

APR 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MT

“ I miss him. Nobody could make me laugh like Chuck. I worked with him at LAFB, WHMC and he made my work week fly by. He would invite me and another coworker over for Thanksgiving each year knowing that we had no relatives nearby. He loved to tell “Turkey facts” that kept me in stitches. I loved the fact that he could laugh at himself as he was a humble man; a gentle giant. Once, he decided to help me with a project so I was the designated driver.....only I had just purchased a Ford Fiesta from one of our fellow Cytotechnologists. After squeezing himself into my car, we had to get back out to catch our breaths from laughing so hard. He was my friend. I miss him.

Michelle Thomas - May 03, 2022 at 09:15 AM

GP

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



gretchen petets - April 15, 2019 at 06:43 AM

KB

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Kevin Boerma - April 14, 2019 at 04:58 PM

TK

“ We have such special memories of our friend, Chuck — we never knew anyone who loved music more than Chuck. He would wind up one of his very old treasured phonographs, put on a wax cylinder or an old Edison Diamond Disk record and release it's voice. His eyebrows would go up and his foot would begin to tap to the tempo and he would say “oooh”! He could tell you so much about the members of the band, what year it was recorded, how many copies were made and so many wonderful facts. Chuck was so generous with sharing his knowledge to everyone. For years he was a regular at Bussey's Flea Market and had a very large circle of friends in Central Texas.

Chuck was so happy to have moved back to Michigan to be with his family and we all missed him greatly but knew he would be sharing his musical treasures with a whole new family. Now, he has moved on and we know for sure that the music will never stop for him. If you hear music on the wind, it is probably Chuck playing one of his favorites for you. Rest In peace dear friend. Tim and Myra Knapp, Seguin, Texas

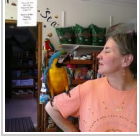
Tim Knapp - April 12, 2019 at 09:30 PM

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“ Sorry for your loss, a good man from a great family. May God comfort and bless you all.

Rob Mullins and family

Rob Mullins - April 11, 2019 at 10:47 PM



“ Charlie was one of my favorite patients...he always had a smile on his face and brightened our office with his presence...TheBakery's cookies will always bring a smile to my face as I think of him and how much he loved cookies 😊 No more sickness, pain or sorrow Charlie....may I always remember that the way you handled illness is a promise from our Savior that we are never alone and that we can still be a light for Him...

Love you Charlie and hugs and prayers to your family...Candy Oslund and all at Dr. Zevitz office

Candy Oslund - April 11, 2019 at 04:43 PM