



Charles L. "Chuck" Ryan Jr.

May 29, 1953 - January 9, 2015

Age 61, passed away suddenly at his home on Friday, January 9, 2015. He was born on May 29, 1953 in Cheverly, MD, the son of Charles L., Sr. and Lillian (Gaydos) Ryan. On June 28, 1975 in Falls Church, VA he married Nancy J. Dittig and she survives. Chuck was an active member at the First Presbyterian Church in Saline. Other survivors include his children, Zach (Morgan) Ryan and Lindsay Ryan, sisters, Cathy Ryan, Eileen (Randy) Cooper and Nancy (Mike) McNealy and he is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 from 5:00-7:00 P.M. and on Thursday, January 15, 2015 from 3:00 P.M. until the time of the Memorial Service at 4:00 P.M. at the First Presbyterian Church 143 E. Michigan Ave., Saline with Rev. Jennifer Clark, officiating. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Church and to the Haiti Outreach Ministries and envelopes will be available at the church. To sign Chuck's guestbook, to leave a memory, or for more information or directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 14. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Saline
143 E. Michigan Avenue
Saline, MI 48176
<http://salinepres.org/>

Visitation

JAN 15. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Charles L. "Chuck" Ryan Jr.*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Thanks so much to all of you for sharing memories of embellished Bible stories and tomato aspic. We loved them all. Funny how that wicked smile and twinkle in his eye made anything alright. In Maryland, where Chuck was born, our "in" famous Comptroller used to say "God Bless you all real good", which I hope for each of you. Chuck doesn't need those blessings anymore - his pocket is full of them!*

Nancy McNealy - January 17, 2015 at 07:29 PM

BW

“ *Chuck was a great friend in the years long ago at Phillips when we were young and full of energy. He had a twinkle in his eye and that smile that said "we're about to do something that might get us in some trouble - but that's how to live life". I enjoyed and benefitted from those times and will carry his memory fondly forever. There seemed to be positive things happening around Chuck. God bless. Bill (and Barb) Whitte*

Bill Whitte - January 14, 2015 at 08:35 PM

BB

“ *Chuck and I had many a good battle years ago on the basketball court at the Rec Center. We seemed to always be matched up against each other and he played both with intensity and good nature. I'm not surprised by the wonderful comments being made. Condolences to the family. Bill Beardsley*

Bill Beardsley - January 14, 2015 at 01:52 PM

SP

“ I'm heartbroken to hear of Chuck's passing. I have so many great memories of his sense of humor and he could always make me laugh, even on a bad day. May God be with you during this difficult time and know that my prayers are with your family.

Jim and Shirley Phillips, Grass Lake, MI

Shirley Phillips - January 14, 2015 at 12:44 PM

JP

“ Chuck was a key part of my youth. He mentored me during youth group and was a friend that listened to any issues I would have. He was part of the church family that raised me and an integral part of what defined my character. I will forever remember the lessons he taught me and the positive outlook he always had in life. It pains me to think that we've lost such a great man, but know that his legacy lives on in the countless people he's influenced.

We will miss seeing him in church when we come home to visit our family and church. Our prayers are with the Ryan family who have always been there for us.

-Justin and Sharon Philips

Justin Philips - January 14, 2015 at 11:37 AM

DM

“ Dear Nancy, Lindsay, Zach, and Morgan,

We will miss Chuck more than words can say. I (Debra) especially enjoyed my years of shepherding the kid's Sunday School class while he taught. Chuck could do anything, including humorously explaining what a eunuch is to a group of 8-10 year old boys (not an easy task, and thank God it was all boys that day!). It's my favorite memory of him, though there were so, so many fun times!

What I (Chip) remember most about Chuck is the joy and enthusiasm with which he taught the children in Sunday school. There was always a twinkle in his eye, easy laughter, and inexhaustible patience. He was the embodiment of Christ in this world that will always be with us.

Our kids love him. We love him. The hole he leaves behind is huge. You are all in our prayers. We love you, too!

Debra, Chip, Kayleigh, and William Manchester

Debra Manchester - January 13, 2015 at 07:53 PM

AD

“ So sorry for your loss Nancy. May he rest in peace and for you to gain strength to get through this difficult time. Love to you and your family.

Love, alicia donahoe.



alicia donahoe - January 13, 2015 at 05:33 PM

WP

“ Chuck modeled a Christian life in every sense of the word. His concern for the less fortunate through dedicated mission outreach, his love for children and youth with his untiring efforts with youth groups, his willingness to participate and lead wherever the need was----the list can go on and on. It was a privilege to have Chuck as a mentor to our boys when they were growing up. So fondly remembered and so sadly missed!

Nancy, Zach, Lindsey, Morgan----we share in your grief today. May God give you strength and peace in the days to come.

Tom and Wilsy Philips

Wilsy Philips - January 13, 2015 at 01:18 PM

RS

“ I played ball in the morning at the Rec Center for several years with Chuck. He was always an even-tempered, hustling, ball player. It's a blessing to know that he had a relationship with his Savior, so his eternal place is with God. I hope Nancy, Zach, Lindsay and all family can be comforted and find peace through this loss. Roy Shields

Roy Shields - January 13, 2015 at 10:26 AM

MB

“ I pray that this tragedy is a reminder to all of us that each day is a gift. I am so very thankful that my family and I were able spend New Year's Eve with Chuck, Nancy and Lindsay. Our many other times spent together over the years will be fondly remembered and cherished forever. I am honored to call him my friend. Let the shenanigans begin in heaven!

With deepest sympathy and love,

Margo Brown

Margo Brown - January 12, 2015 at 05:41 PM

CM

“ Nancy and family, I am shocked and saddened to hear of Chuck's sudden death. I've known him since 5th grade and through high school. I hope your great memories will comfort you all until you meet again. Thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Cathy Hudgins Martin

Cathy Hudgins Martin - January 12, 2015 at 03:48 PM

CT

“ Chuck always had a smile for everyone. If the church needed something done, they called Chuck. When I heard of his passing, I called the church office to be sure the e-mail wasn't a misprint. There is a very large hole in the heart of all that knew him. My prayers are with Nancy and all the family. *Carol Talbot*

Carol Talbot - January 12, 2015 at 03:44 PM

JE

“ Jackie Evans sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles L. "Chuck" Ryan Jr.



Jackie Evans - January 12, 2015 at 03:14 PM

JE

“ I remember Charlie from second at Westmore Elementary through graduation from Oakton High. He was always soft spoken and to everyone. My best to Nancy and family during this difficult time.

Jackie Evans - January 12, 2015 at 03:08 PM

SC

“ Dear Nancy and family,

Our hearts are heavy with the news of Chuck's passing. We pray for you and the children at this difficult time. Chuck was a true friend and I will miss him - he always had my back during some trying times. I close my eyes and see him driving the Mustang with the top down, wearing the Hawaiian shirt and baseball cap! He gave of himself tirelessly and was truly a wonderful, caring and giving individual. Jim and I will be in touch.

*With love and sympathy,
Jim and Sue Cruden*

Susan Cruden - January 12, 2015 at 11:41 AM

GH

“ Nancy,
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your husband. My healing thoughts are with you.

Genie Hollander

Genie Hollander - January 12, 2015 at 10:23 AM

AP

“ Nancy, Lindsay, and Zach,
We are so sorry to hear of Chuck's passing. What a wonderful person he was and we have many fond memories of him and your family, we wish you comfort and peace in the coming days and years, and our thoughts and prayers will be with you. Alice and John Pierce, Duluth, MN.

Alice Pierce - January 11, 2015 at 04:36 PM

KF

“ *I was so sad to hear about Mr. Ryan's passing. I was lucky to meet him during my volunteer year in the Marshall Islands, where Lindsay's friendship proved invaluable to me. Sending my heartfelt condolences to the Ryan family during this very difficult time.*



Katie Fotofili - January 11, 2015 at 12:58 PM

MD

“ We know not the day nor the hour...but Chuck's passing is sadly too soon.

Nancy, we are so sorry for your loss. We can only imagine your pain. But, pray

that the Good Lord will comfort you and your family, somehow, in your time of grief.

We pray too that Chuck is resting in heaven and will channel some of God's light down upon you.

As teammates on the freshman basketball team at Oakton high school; and as roommates and fraternity brothers at William & Mary; Chuck was always a good buddy and loyal friend. He did earn the nickname "Catfish" for a pretty weak blonde growth of hair he called a mustache. He did kinda drive his friends crazy playing the same Moody Blues album over and over again. And, he was a little possessive about his slide rule and organic chemistry flash cards....But other than that...What a Great Guy!

He was dearly missed when he transferred to VPI to be with Nancy...but the move was inevitable, for there has been nothing more dear to his heart for the past 45 years than his wonderful wife. May Charlie, Chuck, Chasbo, Luce Catfish Ryan Rest in Peace.
Mike & Bobbie Dobson

Mike Dobson - January 11, 2015 at 11:35 AM

BW

“ My condolences and sorrow are extended to the entire family. I so enjoyed reconnecting with Chuck at a recent OHS reunion event. What a good friend of mine he was. We caddied together, we played sports together, we hated Lily's tomato aspic and fed it (unsuccessfully) to Chuck's dogs, we built tree forts out of builders' lumber stock, we did just about everything together we could just shy of getting arrested. We even drove into and wrecked the drive through window at Potomac Bank & Trust with Lily at the wheel (she blamed us). This guy was a great and true friend with an endearing smile who made chemistry seem like second grade addition and subtraction. Hold me a spot Chuck, wherever you are. God bless you all. -Bob White, Falls Church VA (aka Bobby)

Bob White - January 11, 2015 at 10:52 AM

VC

“ I have a lot of memories of Mr. Ryan!! Some from our wheeling trips, a lot from church and from our mission trip to Mississippi!! Most recently was a simple hug at Christmas eve service. He was a comforting smile, a bright light and a genuinely caring soul. My sincere condolences to Nancy, Lindsay, Zach and the rest of your family. Love always ~ Val

Valerie clark - January 10, 2015 at 07:03 PM

CT


“ My deepest condolences to all that were close to Chuck. I have worked with and enjoyed every moment, especially those trips we shared around the country. You will be greatly missed. - Chris Teal, Eclipse

Chris Teal - January 10, 2015 at 06:36 PM

RL

“ Nancy, Zach, Lindsay,
We were so saddened to read of Chuck's sudden passing. Chuck was a great person, we shared good conversations and laughs at school functions. Our caring thoughts and deepest sympathy to your entire family.
Our prayers and friendship are with you,
The Lockwoods,
Roger, Ruth, and family

Ruth Lockwood - January 10, 2015 at 02:22 PM

 David
McDonagh

“ Nancy and family. We send our deepest condolences to you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.

David McDonagh - January 10, 2015 at 12:56 PM

TH

“ Nancy the new came as a tremendous shock to me. I know I can't even imagine the impact to you and your family. Chuck was much more than a boss for all those years, he as a good friend. More than that, he was a Christian who put hands, feet, and body to work for God. He will be missed but because of my faith I know I will see him again with God. Donna and I pray for comfort for you and your family.

Thomas Haynes - January 10, 2015 at 10:31 AM



“ Dearest Nancy and Family - It is with great sorrow I hears of your beloved Chuck's passing. What a shock it must be. Please know that our congregation up here in Gaylord will be praying for you and your entire family. May your love for Chuck and your love of God surround you in comfort. From your SoulGround Sister.....Kate

Kate Huddelson - January 10, 2015 at 09:34 AM

JC

“ So sad - Chuck was a wonderful person and an inspiration to me and many others. He and Nancy spurred the members of First Presbyterian Church of Saline on to greater service for the Lord and served as examples of how mission work should be done. I will miss his smile and rye wit. My heart goes out to the whole Ryan family, you are in my prayers and thoughts. May God comfort each of you during this time of loss.

Love,
John Coffey

John Coffey - January 09, 2015 at 06:29 PM



“ Our family is praying for you and thinking about you. Chuck was so special and made a huge impact on our lives. There are no words that I can say to make this better. I hope you feel our love and hugs surrounding you.

Terrie Eroh - January 09, 2015 at 05:08 PM

PH

Dear Nancy and Family, I feel overwhelmed by the news of the sudden departure of our friend Chuck, especially when I thought that you both were there in October to pick me up from the airport. In the name of Haiti Outreach Ministries (HOM), Mission Outreach of Cities Christian Church (MICECC), Cite Soleil Church and my personal name, I present to you all my deepest sympathy. We pray that you find comfort, love, peace and strenght in our loving Lord and Savior Jesus in that very dak moment so that you may go through it. May our Lord shine His face on you all!

Profaité Medeus, Haiti

Profaité Medeus, Haiti - January 10, 2015 at 07:55 PM



Nancy, Zach and Lindsay

We are so saddened by the loss of Chuck. Being Sons and Daughters of Christ, we rejoice knowing that Chuck is in the arms of our Everlasting Father. Chuck was truly a disciple, and had a loving, giving soul. Probably what I will most remember is that is was a loving husband and terrific father. With that being said, your loss is tremendous. Praying for strength for today and hope for tomorrow.
Much Love,
Terry and Jackie Buse

Jackie Buse - January 11, 2015 at 02:49 PM

BR

God Bless you Nancy and your entire family. Bill Ritchie, Charlotte

Bill Ritchie - January 11, 2015 at 04:14 PM

MS

Dear Nancy, Zach and Lindsay,
As neighbors we hardly connected, but as sisters and brothers in Christ our hearts and prayers are with you.
God Bless You All,
Doug and Marcia Swiss

Marcia Swiss - January 11, 2015 at 04:14 PM

AR

Dear Nancy, Zach and Lindsay - Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers and that Chuck's NCMS family is grieving with you. Please let us know if there is anything we can do.

Alissa Roath - January 12, 2015 at 07:54 AM

GL

Dear Nancy & family- Words can't express how we feel about Chuck's sudden passing. Our family's lives have been enriched over the years by our friendship with Chuck. He was a humble, intelligent man who would give to anyone in need. His love of children and youth shined through his time at First Presbyterian of Saline as he led by example of what it means to be Christian. His service to those locally, nationally, and internationally was always freely given. We miss him.

Ginger Liemohn - January 15, 2015 at 12:00 PM

NR

Dear Nancy and Family, I am so sorry for the loss of your husband and father. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. May God Bless You and Charlie. "To live in hearts we leave behind Is not to die." Thomas Campbell, Hallowed Ground May God Bless ~ Nan Lozito Rosenberg

Nan Lozito Rosenberg - January 15, 2015 at 07:01 PM