

## Charles L. "Chuck" Chartier

February 13, 1927 - January 2, 2020

Charles L. "Chuck" Chartier passed away of natural causes January 2, 2020. He was born to Walter and Jessie (Drouillard) Chartier on February 13, 1927 in Applegate, MI. In 1930, Chuck's father was forced to leave Applegate when caught bootlegging during prohibition and moved the family to Port Huron. Chuck served in WWII stationed in Korea from July 1945 to February 1947. Chuck was happy, fun-loving, helpful and generous. He was most often described as a "character". If you were fortunate to have known him, you will agree! He was street smart, had loads of common sense and was a great judge of character. Chuck's goal was always to make someone smile or laugh; he did just that up until his last day when he said, "I can't go lay down; it will wrinkle my jeans".

Chuck married Hannah Wasmuth on September 23, 1950. They were married for 68 years until her passing in June 2018.

Chuck was a talented bricklayer and cement mason. A partner in Chartier and Harland Builders of Port Huron and later self-employed. He left his mark on dozens of fine homes. Chuck loved people and finding out if he knew any of their relatives, which he usually did.

Chuck was interested in all things related to nature and the outdoors, especially birds. He was a keen observer of the wildlife in his yard which was probably the largest parcel of wooded residential property in Port Huron at 3+ acres. That property was his pride and joy.

One year ago, he relocated to The Sanctuary at Mercy Village where he

played tricks on the staff and made others smile and laugh. While there, he was happy to rekindle a long-ago friendship with Arlene (Schultz) Kuhr who became his buddy, helper and translator of his silly antics (Arlene knows what we mean).

Chuck had a crazy language of his own: any bread item was a hot dog bun, anything spreadable was Jello, wine was KoolAid....

Chuck was fortunate to have been a 2019 participant in the Soaring Valor Program of the Gary Sinise Foundation. His all-expense paid 4-day trip to the WWII Museum in New Orleans was "A Trip of a Lifetime".

Chuck was a friend to many and will be very missed. He was the greatest dad in the world, friend and accomplice in silliness.

Chuck is survived by his only child, daughter, Lori (Dennis) Kutz of Port Huron and several nieces and nephews.

Thank you to special friends Lynne Beeler who was his "Angel on call", Ray Borowski for his enjoyable visits, April Seavolt for keeping his sloppy housekeeping in order and Dr. Sandy Parrott his favorite dentist of all time. Thank you also to his wonderful neighbors, Steve and Billie Gates and Don and Vicky Brewster.

Chuck is preceded in death by a sister, Alberta (Dr. Howard) Liljestrand of Hawaii, a brother, Fred (Joetta) Chartier of Goodells, Michigan and a special nephew, Mike Chartier of Goodells, Michigan.

A private service has been held. Arrangements in care of, Jowett Funeral Home, 1634 Lapeer Avenue, Port Huron.

Memorials may be made to The Gary Sinise Foundation at [www.garysinisefoundation.org](http://www.garysinisefoundation.org)

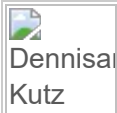
To view the obituary and share memories, please visit [www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com)

# Tribute Wall

EM

“ sorry to hear of chucks passing, he was a very special person ! Lori I have a special story to share with you , Please give me a call when you have a minute. thanks. Ed Mainguy 810-324-9651 . from Ed & Joann Mainguy

Edward j MAINGUY - January 16, 2020 at 03:13 PM



Dennis and Lori Kutz

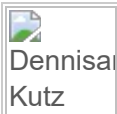
thank you much for reaching out to me! I can't wait to hear the story...I'll be calling you :)

DennisandLori Kutz - February 07, 2020 at 03:30 PM

BA

“ Lori, I wish to send my deepest condolences to you. My mom was so happy to have reconnected with your dad and she shared him with us which was quite a blessing. He was a very funny man and he was heartwarming to be around. He was so proud of you and he couldn't express it enough! You were a very lucky girl to have him! Chuck will be missed even by those who only knew him for the short time that they had with him. Our deepest condolences to you and yours. Barbara and Gary Arseneault

Barbara Arseneault - January 08, 2020 at 08:11 PM



Dennis and Lori Kutz

thank you so very very much Barb! YOUR mom is a gem and was such a wonderful friend for my Dad to have at his new location. :)

DennisandLori Kutz - January 11, 2020 at 03:19 PM

SS

“ My condolences to the family. Chuck worked with my dad, Jim Schultz back in the day. He also worked on several houses laying brick and doing stone work in my neighborhood when I was 6-10 years old. When I found out where he was working, I'd always go over and see if I could help - and I loved every minute of it!! I helped him build several on riverside dr - and even helped on his original house he built on riverside.

*I enjoyed seeing him again at mercy village where he and my mom (Arlene Kuhr) became fast friends again! He was a hoot!!! - Steve*

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**Steve Schultz** - January 08, 2020 at 07:17 PM

CE

“ Sorry to here. Thoughts and prayers  
A.Cece

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**cecelia** - January 07, 2020 at 06:51 AM

 Dee  
Chartier

“ Dee Chartier lit a candle in memory of  
Charles L. "Chuck" Chartier



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**Dee Chartier** - January 03, 2020 at 06:52 PM

KL

“ To know Chuck was to love Chuck. He loved to make people smile,  
and he always succeeded. He will be greatly missed.

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**Kim Leslie** - January 03, 2020 at 06:30 PM

LO

*thank you Kim, I'm glad that you had the chance to enjoy his nuttiness!*  
*Lori*

lori - January 04, 2020 at 04:44 PM

RH

“ *Chuck was an amazing man, every time I seen him walk into the dining room he would always wave and have the biggest smile on his face, he would always make my day 100 times better and make me laugh. One day he came in with his wig and played the piano in front of everyone and it was the funniest thing ever and made everyone's day. I'm so sorry for your loss, my thoughts will be with you guys* ❤️ *Love, Regan Harris (from mercy village)*

Regan Harris - January 02, 2020 at 09:17 PM

LK

*Regan, your comment made me smile and laugh. He was a funny guy. He wore that wig to the New Years Eve Party the day before he passed. He loved me so very much...Im truly blessed to have had him as my father.*

lori kutz - January 03, 2020 at 07:13 PM

AK

*Everyone loved Chuckie'*  
*My family 'The Schultz Kuhr' Family were Riverside Dr neighbors for years...He will be missed* 💕

Arlene Kuhr - January 04, 2020 at 04:40 PM

TB

*Please accept my deepest sympathies. He was a very devoted family man.*

Ted Barss - January 04, 2020 at 07:45 PM

WA

*Lori and Dennis,*

*You know how I felt about Charles.*

*Looks like I will have to go down in the crawl space.*

*May he rest in peace.*

*Walt*

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**Walt** - January 06, 2020 at 06:08 PM

CB

*Lori*

*When I asked my Dad if he knew Chuck- he immediately smiled and the stories began! Thinking of you and Dennis and can only imagine how much your Dad will be missed .*

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**carrie britz** - January 07, 2020 at 03:43 PM

HP

*Lori and Dennis, my Mom so loved rekindling their friendship from past years as Riverside Dr. neighbors and Port Huron friends. She was always sharing stories of what a "hoot" Charle was at their Mercy Sanctuary residence. I enjoyed sitting with him and my Mom's friends a few times that we were there visiting. God Bless his soul.... I know my Mom will miss him.*

*Hugs, Helene Schultz Pillsbury*

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**Helene Pillsbury** - January 08, 2020 at 10:09 PM

DS

*Nancy and I were so privileged to have Chuck as our dinner companion at Mercy Village these final year(s). All that has been said about is sense of humor is 100% accurate. He will be missed.*

*Dave & Nancy Sheaffer*

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**D sheaffer** - January 09, 2020 at 04:36 PM