



Charles Albert Bonneville

March 12, 1933 - October 14, 2020

Charles Albert Bonneville passed away peacefully on October 14, 2020 surrounded by his loving family. Chuck (or Charlie) was 87 years old when he died, which surprised everyone, especially Chuck who liked to say “If I would have known I was going to live this long, I would have taken better care of myself!” Chuck lost his wonderful wife Patricia in 2000, his son Casey in 2000 and his oldest son Charles (also Chuck) in 2020. The years 2000 and 2020 have been sorrowful ones for the surviving family – his daughters Kathy (Marty) and Mary (Brett), his son Jeff (Jolene) and his daughter-in-law June who was like a daughter to Chuck. Chuck also has 11 grandchildren, great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild on the way. His brother Mike (Marlene) lives in Arizona.

Some family and friends have laughingly described Chuck as “the most interesting man in the world” not only because of his many adventures and strong opinions on an astounding number of topics but also because of his mastery of storytelling. Everyone who knew Chuck well had their favorite Chuck stories – some tall tales, others hysterically funny, or the slightly naughty ones that only the adults were supposed to hear (many from his time in the Navy). One of Chuck’s favorite things to do was to spend time talking and telling stories with family and friends, over a good steak and glass of merlot or while drinking Budweiser at one of his children’s homes.

As a young man, Chuck had several hobbies including flying small planes, scuba diving, snowmobiling, hunting and fishing. He learned to play golf when he was 50 after a major accident on a backhoe (another great story) because he had a desk job and was afraid he wouldn't get enough regular exercise. He was also an avid reader and was looking forward to reading the upcoming Sanford book at the end of October. Though he frequently complained about how technology was ruining the world, Chuck used his iPad every day, staying up-to-date with current events around the world, keeping in touch with family and friends on social media, and indulging his life-long pursuit of learning new things. He also discovered "the YouTube" and would spend hours listening to music or watching old tv shows.

Chuck Bonneville loved his family and lived his life fully. He was the first to admit his many failures but was quick to point out he didn't have many regrets about things he was too afraid to try. He was smart, well-read, occasionally grumpy, sometimes inappropriate, but a truly memorable person who was loved and will be missed by many.

The family will be holding a private burial service at Fort Snelling but are planning a remembrance celebration for Chuck when we can all safely be together.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent in honor of Chuck to the American Cancer Society or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Bonneville family, I send my hugs and love to you all at this time. He was one of a kind. Whenever we came up, I always wanted to make sure I got to see him, sometimes I did and sometimes I didn't depending how he felt. We were blessed when our two families blended together with our sister, June marrying into your family. I loved listening to his stories. The one he would always remind me of, was the time the Polack drove from Illinois to Aitken (10 hours) opened trunk of car to get suitcase and it wasn't there, it was back in Illinois. He thought that was the funniest thing. He would say, "The Polack that went on vacation for a week and left his underwear at home". That Polack was our, June's Dad. Rest easy Chuck, I will miss & love you.*

Deb Boone

Deb Boone - October 20, 2020 at 11:51 AM

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“ *To the entire Bonneville family...our sincere condolences at this very sad time. Your dad was amazing and a blessing to so many. Please capture and carry on his stories so that they live on for generations to come. Judy and Louis* ❤️

Judy Zimmer - October 20, 2020 at 06:27 AM

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“ *My sincere condolences to the family. I was lucky enough to know him and hear many Chuck stories, both from my dad (Gary) and Steve Hassett.*

*Thoughts and prayers to all of you.
Toni LaBonne-Maki*

Toni LaBonne-Maki - October 19, 2020 at 07:58 PM

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“ Kerry loved listening to all his stories and his smirk and laugh. He would always make you feel welcome. Wanda remembers meeting him and the whole family in South Dakota at June and chuck’s wedding. Was impressed by his family values. We loved how the whole family made us feel at home when we visited Aiken. Will be greatly missed. Sending hugs to the whole family. Kerry and Wanda Steward

kerry sreward - October 19, 2020 at 07:32 PM