



Charles "Chuck" Wallis

January 19, 2012

Wallis, Charles J. "Chuck" age 67, passed away peacefully on Jan. 16, 2012. Chuck was born Oct. 3, 1944 and was raised in NE Mpls where he graduated from Edison High School in 1962. He was a veteran of the US Navy who served in Vietnam and was the longtime owner of The Polish Palace Bar, Nordeast. His favorite pastimes were bowling, golfing and fishing, and he loved nothing more than spending time with family and friends. Chuck was a devoted father & grandfather, and he will be missed deeply by the many whose lives he touched. He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank & Edna. He is survived by his sister, Sharon (Fred) Zajac; daughters, Natalie Roberg, Kimberly (Alan) Boyd, Dana (Chris) Pagel; grandchildren, Nicholas and Gabrielle Roberg, and Taryn and Piper Boyd; granddog, Sammy; nephews, Fred (Shirley) Zajac and Frank Zajac; many other close family members and friends. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to donor's choice. Interment Hillside Cemetery. Funeral service Sat., Jan. 21, 2 PM, with visitation one hour before, and also Friday, 4-8 PM, all at: www.Washburn-McReavy.com Hillside Chapel 612-781-1999 2610 19th Ave. N.E., Mpls

Tribute Wall



“ Judy and I were saddened to hear of Chuck's passing. Look up class in the dictionary and you will find Chuck's name. We grew up together playing in accordion recitals at Traficante's on Central Ave at age 12. Later the U.S.Navy. Stayed in touch over the years, miles apart. We played the Polish Palace golf tournament. Last time I saw Chuck was in Browerville, Mn. He drove with family to pay their respects when our mother passed. There with a warm smiling face one can never forget. God Bless him and all his family. Chuck will be missed. We were fortunate just to know him. He's resting in peace now with a SMILE. Our condolences to all the family.

~

Larry Jakubik,

Indian Harbour Beach, Florida

Larry Jakubik - January 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Have known Chuck for over 50 years. Played baseball and Jr. Bowling at East Side Lanes. Spent many hours at the Polish Palace with many drinks in front of me at what I called the "Cheers of Nordeast". On Fridays at 5:00 Chuck would be on the customer side of the bar with Jan, winning at pull tabs and a lot of meat from the meat raffle. They were very lucky. Good times . . . great memories. Chuck will be missed by all!

~

Tom Kudak,

Surprise, Arizona

Tom Kudak - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Kim, Dana and Natalie ~ I was so sorry to hear about Chucks passing when we were away. I have so many wonderful and fun memories that all bring a smile to my face. You were very blessed to have such a wonderful father and friend in him. He is probably the most wonderful man I have ever met and will be missed dearly! Love and hugs to all of you! Sandra and Johnny*

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Sandra Simco,

Brooklyn Park, Minnesota

Sandra Simco - January 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *My sympathy and prayers go out to the Wallis and Zajack families.
Chuck was a good man with a huge heart & smile!*

~

Kathy Berg-Johnson,

Blaine, Minnesota

Kathy Berg-Johnson - January 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *Kim, Our deepest condolences in the loss of your father. You're in our hearts and prayers.*

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Bill and Cindy Spear,

New Brighton, Minnesota

Bill and Cindy Spear - January 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

K(

“ Dear Uncle Chuck, Thank you for all of the Polish Palace and Christmas memories! I remember playing PacMan and getting my butt whooped. Was that game rigged? You were always very generous. My parents still have pictures of me in my kids size Polish Palace T-shirt (red and white). We never got our bowling game in, but I will still hold you to it in the next lifetime. I should probably practice now so I can catch up ;) Thank you for being my Godfather.

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Kelly Klinepier (Hruska),

East Bethel, Minnesota

Kelly Klinepier (Hruska) - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *My Sympathy to the Wallis & Zajac families. Chuck was a good person and friend. He will be dearly missed. God Bless Him.*

~

David Reger,

New Hope, Minnesota

Contact Me

David Reger - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ To my dearest Uncle, I looked forward to my weekends with my parents and the added bonus of my uncle being there!!! Kissing that bald head and my stomach hurting because we would laugh so hard. I have many amazing memories of you and thank you for the man you were in my life!!! You have now received your wings!!!! See you soon in Heaven my dearest uncle. Love and miss you always!!Your niece, Leslie

~

L Price,

New Hope, Minnesota

L Price - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *Natalie, Kim, Dana and FamilyWords cannot express the feelings of emotion and pain you must be going through with the loss of your Dad. Hold on to all the memories. You are all dear to our hearts. A piece of our heart is now missing. We cherish all the special times spent with you and your Dad. Our thoughts and prayers are with you always. Love, Tim, Kathy and Buddy. We will be playing golf again "BA" - We love you and miss you!*

~

Tim Smith,

Blaine, Minnesota

Tim Smith - January 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ With deepest sympathy to Natalie, Kim, Dana, Fred & Sharon. To Chuck:- Thanks for letting me borrow your Firebird to impress a lady on a date.- Thanks for kicking our butts in softball playing on the field off 49th ave in North Mpls. Old guys versus the young kids.- Thanks for showing me Nordeast and every bar in the area all in one night. - Thanks for the first time we had Christmas together. The Timex watch was a surprise and never expected to receive anything. But thats when I learned who you are. I could only assume you either traded in your Gold Bond Stamps or they had a few excess in inventory were you worked.- Thanks for bowling in the Father/Son tournament. My dad wasn't a bowler and you took the time to be my partner. I thought we were going to win knowing you were a scratch bowler. What I didn't realize was there wasn't much handicap and we didn't place in the money. I did learn how to bowl better because you inspired me.- Thanks for showing me that their is more than one "Cheers Bar" and it's not located in Boston. Walking in and seeing Turk, Larry, Gordy & Tim sitting in the corner of the bar and you always the server, there was never an empty glass."na zdrowie"- Thanks for teaching me how to bid on a bowler when organizing the Calcutta Tournament. It was the first time I learned about \$500.00 I spent making only \$2.50 an hour and lost. But you were a great host when you closed down the pool table when someone was playing, put a piece a plywood over it, slapped on a table cloth, and out came the best Polish Food in town.- Thanks for having concern of your patrons, especially when someone was hit by a car, you were out there in a flash. When the medic showed up his leg looked like he had a bone protruding outward. You reached into his pocket and pulled out a Ham sandwich that he took from the buffet table. He got up and walked home.- Thanks for taking us to Rudolphs. First time I learned how to eat great ribs.- Thanks for taking us to Nyes for the very first time. Prime rib that layed over a large plate and Lobster the size of Poodle dogs.- Thanks for taking me fishing and showing me how to use the largest sucker minnows to catch the biggest Northerns I have ever seen. We always said not to tell anyone of the 8lbs walleyes we caught. You always had a cooler of beer, pop and food.-

Thanks for the golf tournaments at Daytona.- Thanks for being the Godfather of our first child.- Thanks for showing me that if you put your mind to anything that you want,it will be. And yes you did win the Peterson Classic, and I got my 300 game.But most all, thanks for being the warm hearted, giving person that you are. You will be missed and will always cherish the memories.

~

Scott Hruska,

Blaine, Minnesota

Scott Hruska - January 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Natalie, Kim & Dana, Sorry for the loss of your Dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Am stuck in Washington, flight cancelled, won't make it home until Saturday. Am bummed I can't be there for you guys and to say goodbye to Chuck. Uncle Denny*

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RH

“ *My Sympathy to the Wallis & Zajac families. Sad news to hear, Chuck was like a 2nd dad to me as I was growing up, as I'm sure he was to a lot of us kids. Once I was old enough, it was always a fun time to hang out at the Polish Palace and watch him in action, a great time was always had by all. Many fond memories*Robin (Narum) Hughes

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Robin Hughes,

Hopkins, Minnesota

Contact Me

Robin Hughes - January 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Dana, Kim, and Natalie- I'm so sorry for your loss. Your father always made me feel special. I always looked forward to my big hug and a smooch everytime I'd see him at ball. Chucker, I promise some year I'll get the piano off my back. Until we meet again. Love you!

~

Stephanie Weibye,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Stephanie Weibye - January 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss Janice. Natalie, Dana and Kim, you are in my prayers. God bless you and your family during this difficult time. (Latonya Reeves, Hennepin County DOCCR)

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Latonya Reeves,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Latonya Reeves - January 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Natalie, Kim and Dana - May you find comfort in all the memories and special thoughts people are sharing about your Dad. He lived life to the fullest. We have some good memories of Chuck. Remember your Dad loved you all and was so proud of you. Brian & Kay McDonald

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NR

“ I will miss everything about you and your zest for life, our joke of the day and you keeping me in line. You raised a wonderful family. I cannot bear the thought of not having our weekly check-ins. I love you dad and someday we will meet again to share a Windsor and a smoke.

~

Natalie Roberg,

Champlin, Otsego, Ham Lake and, Minnesota

Natalie Roberg - January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Natalie.. we are thinking of You and Your loved ones. Please accept our Deepest Sympathy. Allina, Champlin

January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Hope everyone is well, and Christ be with Chuck and the family. My prayers are with you all. In his name, I pray. God bless you all! Jan

January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dana, Kim, Natalie and family, It has been an honor to have known such a genuinely great man. He always filled the room with his presence and when the world would become a little too black and white he always brought color. Thanks for the memories Chuck, you will always fill our hearts with laughter. Love always, Kara, Bill, Johnny and Sam Ballot

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BK

“ *The obit picture captures the true personality of one really good person...he was a credit to everything he was involved in...and always a GENTLEMAN. You will be missed by all, Churck, but not forgotten. Our thoughts and prayers are with all in the family and his many friends as you celebrate his life.*

~

Bill and Kathy Kozlak,

Scottsdale, Arizona

Contact Me

Bill and Kathy Kozlak - January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am really sorry to hear the sad news . I have known him since Junior Bowling back at East Side Lanes in the early 1960's. He was a real Gentleman and a great guy and he made the Polish Palace the funest bar in NORDEAST !! Jim Johnson*

January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *NE has lost another legend. Thanks for the great times and memories and being a great boss and true gentlemen to everyone. Chuck, will be truly missed by many friends. My prayers and thoughts go out Wallis family. Thank you, Chuck!*

~

Craig Bellanger,

NE MPLS, Minnesota

Contact Me

Craig Bellanger - January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *My heart breaks today hearing the news that Chuck has passed. Natalie, Kim, Dana, Sharon and family, I send my deepest sympathy to you all. So many great memories of working and playing at the Polish Palace. It was my second family for so many years. RIP our dear friend; you will be missed. Barb McGowan*

January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry . Chuck was truly one of the nicest, funniest guys I had the pleasure of knowing. A real S-T-A-R. Thinking of you all back home. Love, Burt*

~

Burton Emerson,

new brighton, Minnesota

Burton Emerson - January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Chuck's generous spirit, sense of humor, and his love of life sets the example for how we all should live. We will miss him. Love to his wonderful family* Kristie and Bob Wenzel

January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *To tell you how much you meant to everyone is impossible. You will be so missed by all. You were the best boss I ever had. Many memories at the Polish Palace. You were like the brother I never had. My condolences go to the Wallis and Zajac family.*

~

Shelby Baker,

Columbia Heights, Minnesota

Shelby Baker - January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We know everyone will remember the Bear at the Polish Palace and the Hockey Games - Bear and Ellie Morin

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Ron Morin,

Anderson, South Carolina

Contact Me

Ron Morin - January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ Dear Nat, Kim and Dana, we were very sorry to hear about your Father. To us, he'll always be remembered behind the bar. His quick witted humor could bring a smile to anyone! We hope your families can find calm, and peace in his memories. Chuck, today you get a little sneaky Anderberg smirk. We thought you'd like that. Our love and prayers are with you.

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Tracy and Angie,

Andover, Minnesota

Tracy and Angie - January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dana - so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you, Marcy Richardson

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GB

“ Dana, Kim and familyl feel blessed to have known your dad. Some of my fondest memories of Chuck is bowling the peterson classic with him. He always made that weekend so fun with his notorius one liners (i'm laughing to myself thinking of a couple he used). I will miss him. My deepest symphy at this difficult time.

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Gina B,

mpls, Minnesota

Gina B - January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AE

“ To the Wallis Family, I was so saddened when I saw that Chuck had passed away. I have so many fond memories of him and that smile of his. My dad, Dick Carlson, and Chuck were very good friends for years and his friendship meant the world to him. After my dad passed in 1994 I kind of took my dad's place in visiting the Polish in mornings to say hi to Chuck. I'm so very sorry for your loss. All my love, sympathy and prayers to all of you. I will never forget Chucks smile and of course his quick wit. Hold close to you the happy memories of Chuck and forever he lives in your hearts.

~

Anna (Carlson) Ellingsworth,

Brooklyn Center, Minnesota

Contact Me

Anna (Carlson) Ellingsworth - January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *Charlie you'll be missed by many people. I'll remember the good times until we meet again.*

~

tom weyrauch,

yuma, Arizona

Contact Me

tom weyrauch - January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JZ

“ Chuck will be missed by all that met him. He always made you feel like you counted and that you were special to him. His daughters have the same special qualities. I'm glad to have known him and to have been "his little dog catcher".

~

Joey Zuehlke,

New Brighton, Minnesota

Joey Zuehlke - January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Will miss you for many happy days and nights with the boys at the Polish. I'll see you later on.

~

Tom Weyrauch,

yuma, Arizona

Contact Me

Tom Weyrauch - January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

J(

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. May the fond memories, funny moments and special times help you through these difficult days. Sincerely, The Brennys' (Larry), Angie, Keith, Dina & Julie AND the Bruneau Family (Louis, Bill, Terese and Carol)

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Julia (Brenny),

Mpls, Minnesota

Julia (Brenny) - January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ My sympathies go out to Natalie, Kim, Dana, and all of Chucks family. We were blessed to have him as a neighbor growing up and to call him a friend of the family does not seem quite right, he was family to me and mine. I am thankful for all the memories I have, vacations, fun at the bar, etc. He truly was a one-of-a-kind with a joke and a smile for everyone, a truly wonderful man. We will miss you and you will remain forever in my heart.

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Daphne Laskowski,

Richfield, Minnesota

Daphne Laskowski - January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

L(

“ My deepest condolences to Natalie, Kim & Dana and the Zajac family. Chuck was a sweetheart. I've got many fond memories of the days at the Polish & Zajac family events. RIP Chuck.

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Lisa (Goldsberry)Bowman,

Eagle, Idaho

Contact Me

Lisa (Goldsberry)Bowman - January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Chuck was one of the best men I have ever known. He always made me feel special, made me laugh and was just so fun. I have awesome memories that will be with me forever. Love you Charlie. Heidi Gwiazdon-Perna.*

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“ *Dana, Kim and Natalie: We are very sorry for your loss. Chuck was a great man and could always make you smile (even if he was screaming at you from 3rd base to stop running)! You are in our thoughts. Jess, Tom and Madi*

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Jessica Kotchen,

Ramsey, Minnesota

Jessica Kotchen - January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SW

“*Natile My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family through this sad time. Chuck was a great guy lot's of fun. Love
Sonny*

~

Sonny Williams,

Otsego, Minnesota

Contact Me

Sonny Williams - January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ I'm so sad to hear that Chuck has passed...what a great guy! I'll never forget the trips to Chicago for the Pedersen - fun times. My thoughts and prayers are with his family - rest in peace, Chuck! You will be missed!

~

Sue Lea,

Shoreview, Minnesota

Sue Lea - January 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM