



Charles H. Mertensotto

December 1, 1941 - August 24, 2019

Charles H. Mertensotto born Dec 1, 1941 passed away peacefully on August 24, 2019 after a long battle with cancer.

Preceded in death by his parents, Peter & Bernice Mertensotto and brother Jim.

He is survived by his sister-in-law, Barb Mertensotto and many cousins and close friends.

Chuck was born and raised in Austin, MN. He attended Pacelli Catholic School where he made and retained many lifelong friends. To this day they have an annual reunion which Chuck helped organize and attended. He was a lifelong devout Catholic who gave generously of his time, talent and money. Chuck participated fully in his church's ministries and community. He enjoyed both the companionship and sense of purpose that it brought. His devout belief led him into social justice causes such as ISAIAH and to personally look for ways to provide a hand up to those in need. His generosity to others seemed to know no bounds. Chuck was a Vietnam veteran who worked for Military Intelligence. Posing as a French business man he literally developed both businesses and friendships. After Vietnam Chuck sponsored several families that worked with the U.S. They and their descendants are now successful citizens and good friends. Chuck eventually started his own business where he found and placed top Financial Officers into many local twin cities corporations. Chuck loved the outdoors. Whether it be camping the BWCA or hiking in the Rockies, Grand Canyon and Isle Royal he was both

game to take on the adventure and be the chief cook. Many of us gained weight on long back country treks when Chuck was the chef. A hearty Minnesotan, he even camped in the winter. Finally, Chuck loved his ski house in Ironwood. Run like a hostel, Chuck relished in the family setting he created as meals and stories of the outdoor skiing and hiking adventures were shared. Visitation will be on Tuesday, Sept 10th beginning at 5 pm, with tributes at 7 pm at HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM-PURCELL FUNERAL HOME; 515 W. Highway 96 at Mackubin, Shoreview, MN.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Sept 11th at 11 AM (visitation 10 -11 AM) at ST. ODILIA CATHOLIC CHURCH; 3495 N. Victoria, Shoreview. A meal of thanks and celebration will follow.

In lieu of gifts please plant a tree or go for a hike in Chuck's memory.

Charles H. Mertensotto will be interred in his home town of Austin, MN. He will be missed.

Tribute Wall

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“ Chuck, was more like family of course living next door for 21 years, having open door to each other's home, gardening, Delegating in our District 42A mandating Laws, serving our city council, sharing dinners , joining our family functions there was nothing we held from each other. He watched my children grow into adults and enjoyed our granddaughters company as well. A spiritual man, not pushy just dedicated a Deacon for Roman Catholic Church single, military man who was was highly recognized for his duties,a suit and tie Man successful business owner, jogger and the man I may ever meet in my life time that climbed Mount Everest Here was the best Land lord anyone could ever have, what he shared with our family just by all of Us realizing there are real people in the universe . He learned from Us we learned from Chuck.
He didn't deserve any of what followed us either.
Always on the bright side!!
Miss you madly lisa & Family

Lisa - October 23, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ I knew Chuck through ISAIAH; I didn't get to see him very often, but I did see the effects of his leadership. Seeing the work he did impact people's lives is beautiful, and I'm glad I got to know him, even briefly.



Amity Foster - September 20, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ I only met him a few times, but he left an impression I will never forget, his personality came thru as MC for the Fisher family eulogies, you could tell he had a passion for people and life !!! He will be missed !!

Russ rilea - September 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sorry for this loss of a "good guy"!

Cathy Tollefson - September 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM