



## Charles Pihl

April 9, 2006

Pihl, Charles R. age 72, of Wayzata, died peacefully April 5th with his family at his side. Preceded in death by parents, Carl R. and Alva Pihl; sisters, Helen Brack and Fern Halverson. Survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Marjorie J. Pihl; daughters, Susan Pihl-Niederman (Rob), Sherry Smith (Jim); sons, Eric (Holly), Richard (Ann) and Paul; grandchildren, Ryan, Brent and Justin Niederman, Adam and Ashley Frederickson, Charlie and Samantha Pihl; brothers-in-law, Gerald Erickson (Kay) and Richard Erickson (Julie Corty). Chuck was a partner and shareholder of Holiday Companies, based in Bloomington and operating retail stores throughout the Upper Midwest, Northwest and Alaska. Chuck graduated from the University of Minnesota and held an honorary Doctorate from William Mitchell College of Law. He served on several boards of directors, including William Mitchell College of Law, Gustavus Adolphus College and Minnesota Protective Life Insurance Company. He was an active member of Mount Olivet Lutheran Church and served on the church council. Chuck was confined to a wheelchair for the past 26 years, after being stricken with a debilitating disease. His courageous approach to living a robust life with great vitality was an inspiration to all whose lives he touched. Prior to his illness he was an avid sportsman who raised Giant Canadian Geese and many other species of ducks and swans. Chuck shared this love of the outdoors with his children. He was an aircraft pilot, world traveler and collector of automobiles and western and wildlife art. There was nothing he enjoyed more than spending time with his family and

friends. A loving and dedicated grandfather, Papa was adored by his grandchildren and will be dearly missed. Memorials welcomed to Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, Gustavus Adolphus College or donor's choice. Memorial service Monday, April 10, 1:00 PM at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, 5025 Knox Ave. S., Mpls. Visitation will be held Sunday, April 9 from 4 to 7 PM at: Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel West 50th St. & Hwy. 100 952-920-3996

# Tribute Wall

HB

“ *To the Pihl Family,  
I was so sorry to hear of the passing of your beloved husband,  
father and grandfather. Our thoughts and prayers are with you  
during this most difficult time.  
With sincere sympathy,  
Helayne Bruntjen and family*

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*helayne bruntjen,*

*plymouth, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**helayne bruntjen** - April 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Dear Pihl Family, I was so sad to hear about Chuck's passing away. I wish I could be there to celebrate his life at the service today. He was a really wonderful person, with intelligence, a sense a humor and oh so handsome. Marge, my heart goes out to you. Sherry, the same to you, Adam, Ashley and Jim. Love, Susan

~

*Susan Holappa,*

*Grand Junction, Colorado*

*Contact Me*

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**Susan Holappa** - April 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *To the Pihl Family,*

*Our heartfelt prayers go to you at this sorrowful time. I know that your greatest healing will be in the form of memories of a loving "Papa". God will walk with you and keep watch while we will keep you in our hearts.*

*The Carlsons*

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*Stacie Carlson,*

*Wayzata, Minnesota*

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**Stacie Carlson** - April 09, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ *To Marge and the Pihl family;*

*We're sorry for the loss of your husband, father, grandfather, relative and friend. As a friend of Chuck's, I'm thankful that I had the pleasure and opportunity of knowing him and am grateful for what I learned from him.*

*Al and Liz Guberud, past employee*

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*Alden Guberud,*

*Prescott, Wisconsin*

*Contact Me*

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**Alden Guberud** - April 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ *To the Pihl and Erickson families.*

*So sorry to hear about Chuck. He was such a nice guy, always ready with a smile when you saw him in the hallways. My condolences.*

~

*Nadine Fearell,*

*Bloomington, Minnesota*

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**Nadine Fearell** - April 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *To the Piehl Family,  
Our deepest sympathy for your great loss. Our thoughts and  
prayers are with you.*

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*Maria, Tim & Chris Malooly,*

*Edina, Minnesota*

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**Maria, Tim & Chris Malooly** - April 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Dear Eric and Holly,  
You have my sympathy and my prayers.  
Although I never knew your father and father-in-law, I know the loss  
of losing my dad and the grandfather of my children.  
Hugs, Mary*

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*Mary Wrase,*

*Pymouth, Minnesota*

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**Mary Wrase** - April 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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*Dana Lamb,*

*St. Peter, Minnesota*

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**Dana Lamb** - April 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JL

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*JOHN & PAT LINDGREN,*

*Bokeelia, Florida*

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**JOHN & PAT LINDGREN** - April 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Our heartfelt sympathies to the entire Pihl family. You are all such a tribute to his memory. He is proud of each and every one of his family. Greg and I are so very sorry for your loss. I guess Heaven needed another angel to keep thing running smoothly. "Papa" is running with the angels now. God bless you all in your time of sorrow.

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*Joni Selle,*

*Plymouth, Minnesota*

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**Joni Selle** - April 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ *Pihl Family - We are so sorry to hear of your loss!*

*I never had the opportunity to meet Chuck but I heard many many stories of all the wonderful times my husband, Dale had with the Pihl Family when he was a young man.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.*

*The Richardson's (Dale & Tamara)*

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*Tamara Richardson,*

*Eden Prairie, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Tamara Richardson** - April 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ *We will meet again, my great Friend.*

~

*Eugene (Gene & Kitty) Gibson,*

*Gold Canyon, Arizona*

*Contact Me*

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**Eugene (Gene & Kitty) Gibson** - April 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *Dearest Pihl Family: We're sending our thoughts and prayers to you as we remember our friend Charles. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your family -- the staff at Continental Diamond.*

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*Continental Diamond,*

*St. Louis Park, Minnesota*

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**Continental Diamond** - April 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY FOR YOUR LOSS.

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*MARJORIE & MOREY ST. CROIX MEN'S STORE,*

*SCOTTSDALE, Arizona*

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**MARJORIE & MOREY ST. CROIX MEN'S STORE** - April 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM