



Charles Derby

November 3, 1935 - November 13, 2010

Obituary of Charles Derby Derby, Charles W. died at Tuscany House Hospice on Saturday, November 13, 2010. Chuck was born in Avoca, Iowa to Wilson Derby and Della Conklin Derby on November 3rd, 1935. He grew up there along with his two brothers Frank and Terry and his sister Jan. After he finished school, he served in the United States Air Force between 1956 -1960, where he worked as a Radar technician. Chuck was known to his family and friends as Chuck, Charlie, Dad, Pops, and Chuckles. He was a quiet man, tall, handsome, with dark brown eyes, with a very private side. In 1961 he met Peggy, his beautiful wife of almost 48 years. They have two daughters, Sherri who was born in 1964 and Teri in 1968. Over the years Chuck had the uncanny ability to think analytically. He was able to think outside the box. He loved to tinker with electronics, watch war movies with a passion, play war games, and work in the garden. He was a quiet and private man, but he would always be there for you, answer questions and guide you along the way, and was very generous to those in need. He loved his family and his other girls, Sassy and Sissy (the dogs). He talked slow, he drove slow; life was unhurried in Chuck's world. He was a brother, a husband, a father, a grandpa and a dear friend. He put on no pretenses and what you saw is what you got. Most of all, he was a regular guy, a great dad. Chuck is survived by his wife of 48 years, Peggy J. Derby, of Ocala; daughter, Sherry Derby Vaughn and husband, Steve, of Oak Harbor, WA; daughter, Teri L Swanson and husband, Larry, of Genoa, IL; daughter, Deborah Sahd and husband, Jim, of Albuquerque, NM;

daughter, Pamela Sanders and husband, Don, of Madisonville, KY; son, Michael Fowler and wife Lyna, of Leesburg, FL, brother, Frank Derby and wife, Sue, of Panora, IA; brother, Terry Derby and wife, Diane, of Harlan, IA; sister, Janice Palmer and husband, Tom, of Kirkland, WA; 13 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Tribute Wall



“ Charles Derby

June 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Hey Grandpa, Its been a long two years since you have past. I am constantly thinking about you. I miss you very dearly. I wish you could be here. I have very many great memory's of you. I can remember the first fish i caught and you help me reel it in. I will never forget the many summer i have spent with you. I will always remember the great time we have had driving around. You were a very big part of my life. I will never forget about you. These have been a longest two years I have dealt with by not having you around. I miss you very much. I will never stop loving you. Love Always Charles Anthony Deering

Charles Anthony Deering - December 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I love and miss you so much Chuck...I just can't say enough....such wonderful memories...the laughter...the serious talks we shared on our political viewpoints...just a lifetime of memories from the age of 8 years old. You will always have a special place in my heart. I love you~Pam

Pamela Fowler Sanders - May 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ DEAR PEG JAN&I ARE SORRY FOR YOUR LOST CHUCK WAS ALWAYS A GOOD GUY HE WILL BE MISSED. LOVE JAN&CHUCK

MR&MRS CHARLES HERNANDEZ - December 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ Four weeks ago you drew your last breath. I am so thankful to have been with you at that time. I rubbed your head and told you how much Sissy and Sassy missed you and that Teri was on her way to see you but I guess you just couldn't hold on any longer. It has been a long four weeks for us. We miss you so much. Things just aren't the same anymore! Rest in Peace my loving Husband. Peggy

Peggy Derby - December 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ My friend and cousin, Charley,snf I got acquainted in about the summer of 1948. Charlie and I were around 13 or 14. Charley was about 6 months older than me. My folks went to a funeral for Charleys aunt Em Derby. Their they got acquainted with Wilson and Della. They got to writing and found out that Charley and me were about the same age and decided that Charley could come to Kansas and Learn about our ways of farming. In May or June of that summer Charley got on the RockIsland Rocket that was a fast passenger train and believe it or not it ran from Avoca to my home town of Dresden, Kansas and then on to Denver. Della and Wilson put Charley on the train at Atlantic, Iowa and we picked him up at Norton, Ks. Charley and I became really good friends. We wrestled and played, drove tractors and raced our tractors down through the field. I don't see how my dad raised very good wheat for the farming wasn't the b est but he did have good crops. Charley came out to our place for 3 years. When he got old enough he worked for the railroad. I always hated for summer to end for Charley would have to go back home. I sure hated that day. As soon as they would pull out of the yard and leave, I would go out behind the house and cry. Charley was the brother I never had. Charles was a good man and I am sure glad to have him as a friend. Though my friendship with him, I got to know and love all of my relatives in the Derby Family. Leonard Sewell

Leonard Sewell - December 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ *My Superman Dad, you shared your life with many: your wife of forty-eight years, two daughters and eleven grandchildren, and many more, oh dear. Dad, you were a life-long friend to so many; mild manner in nature and always willing to lend a hand. Dad, you are my superman, teacher, mentor, counselor and friend. You listened and guided me in every way; you loved me and cared for me and helped mold me into the woman I am today. I will miss your smile, laughter, mischievousness and quirks; the many science projects you started in the dirt. I will miss coming home and learning of your new contraptions, talking politics, business and life in general. I will miss your God-given ability to think outside the box. I never knew how much you had touched others lives until your death. You invested time in others without expecting anything in return; sometimes at the expense of your family. But dad, the love and kind words of those who knew you speak more to me today than you or they will ever know. There is no greater man in my heart so near, then you dad, of my forty-six years. You will truly be missed and loved always. - Your SherBear*

Sherri Vaughn - December 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ *Chuck was well Loved by Family and friends. In times of deep discouragement and when we're filled with fear, someone understands our plight and holds us near. When a solution we must find, someone will outstretch a hand someone who's both merciful and kind, Chuck was a quiet Man who will be missed by me and many-many others.*

Charles Kniht - December 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Chuck... It is a bit sad to think of all the years you and my sister were married that we really did not get to know each other until the last few years. Of course, it would have been difficult, since I was always either over in the Asia or living 2 or 3000 miles away. It was only last year that I realized and appreciate a talent you were. Your inventive capabilities were amazing to me... as I am sure they were to all that knew you well. However, your greatest attribute, that I learned from others, was your kindness and willingness to help others in need, without hesitation! There is not much more I can say, that has not been said by your family and friends, that would add to the tribute being payed to you. May you Rest In Peace

Ed Burns - November 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I have had the unique privilege to know Chuck first off as a friend of my Mother, second as my Stepfather for 42 years, and finally as a second Dad for the last 5 years. I think I can say unequivocally that Chuck has been the best example I have ever known of what it means to be both a Father and a Friend.... Throughout the years Chuck has always been there for me and my family.... he had the caring and patience to step up and help me in times of dire need....and the care and love to be the first to step to the plate when Hurricane Andrew destroyed our home.... taking on the care of my 3 Sons for several months while we rebuilt our lives. We have had our share of laughs, shared plenty of awesome family holiday meals (always room for seconds right?), some pretty intense checker games in the early years, a few "war" stories, figured out 19 ways to do a job when it usually only took one, shared similiar political views (Thank God!), and butted heads once or twice (I think it was his way of teaching me to appreciate the good side of him.... :)) I'm going to really miss those things and so much more. I really believe he has gone on to a better place....where he can continue his projects of every imaginable type. In the end he has left me with a lasting impression of what defines a great Dad and a friend. He will never know how many happy memories that were created by the care he showed and the thoughtful things he did.... I just hope he knew how much he was loved and appreciated be everyone whose life he touched. Rest in Peace..... With Love Always.... Michael

Michael Fowler - November 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ There are so many wonderful memories of Chuck as my family and I were very fortunate to have him as our friend for so many years. I feel blessed to have had in my life and to have had the chance to know such a kind, generous man - he was like a second dad. I will always remember the camping trips and his famous silver dollar pancakes, digging for worms in his back yard to get our bait for a fishing trip, all the fishing we did in his beloved little boat, him helping me with a science project, working in his garage and all the other buildings that he and my mom had their business in. I thank him for being my patient when I had to go to Miami to take my licensing exam. I'm happy too that my girls got to know him and play with the "pollywogs" in his pond, even when he thought they might be getting too big for that! :) You will be missed, Chuck - so much! I will always cherish these special memories. It's not very often in life that you get the chance to meet someone like you.

Sylvia Davis - November 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Charlie, What more can be said. We were blessed to have you in our life and for you being such a great person and friend. From the early days-fishing in the Fox River-to the caravan we rode in to get to Florida. Chuck driving the Uhaul whose speedometer was governed at 52 mph. It took us a while to get to Florida-but we made it. I will always remember our bowling nights together-your quiet but competitive nature. Rest in peace Chuck-you Will be missed, but always with us in memories.

Robert Salazar - November 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ I have so many memories starting when I was about 8 years old. Chuck was an incredible man. He was honorable, humble, a man always ready to help in any way possible. He was kind and loyal to his family and friends. He treated me as his own and I consider him my second Dad. I will miss him with all my heart. I love you Chuck...the memories and love will stay within a special place in my heart forever. Love Always, Pam

Pamela Fowler-Sanders - November 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Grandpa I first off want to say that I really enjoyed the past 12yrs being your Granddaughter in-law. You were such a wonderful, kind, and caring man. I will always remember you watching old war movies and western shows with John Wayne.. The one time that I will remember was when Scott proposed to me at your house on 4/1/01.. That was very special to me because I was able to share that special moment with family... There are so many other times I will remember forever.. Noelle will always remember the fun times at your house.. She will miss her GG..I love you and miss you forever... Love, AnnMarie

AnnMarie Peters - November 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Grandpa you were always there for me. I enjoyed the summers we spent together and i wish for so much. I know you will never not be there but its so hard to know that you couldnt be there in person. I LOVE YOU GRANDPA!!!!!! Chuck

Charles Anthony Deering - November 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ dear chuck the rios family wants to thank you so much for the time we have shared with you. Peggy and you took me and my family under your wings when i moved here and started working with peggy in cvs. The time was short but you put an impact on this family. i wish we could have had more time, you took jacob into your heart these last couple of months and he still calls you grandpa. we miss you and i promise i will take care of peggy. i know you in a better place. rest in peace. love stephanie orestes, julie and jacob

stephanie rios - November 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ To my dearest husband - We had our "ups" and downs" during our 47 1/2 years together, but I loved you all the more. We raised two daughters (they turned out to be great!), 3 grandchildren, 10 step grandchildren and 4 step great grandchildren, which you acknowledged as your own. You were always there to help out others in need. I wish you were still here with me even tho' I know you are in a better place. I really need to let you know you could have finished one important task before you left me - you could have cleaned the garage! - Love, Peg P.S. Sissy & Sassy miss you too!

Peggy Derby - November 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ I never seen Chuck get angry, even when he had every justification to be that way. An example of how he put other peoples needs before his. A vendor could or would not pay him for pc assemblies he made for him. Instead of Chuck holding on to new ones he had at the shop, He gave them to the customer knowing that the customer probably would not pay for them. They were worth over \$7k. I don't know of of many people that would of done that. Most would have thrown out these assemblies. Just another deed that shows what a great guy chuck was. I am a better person for having Chuck as a friend. I will always remember the great times I had with Chuck. I know He is in Heaven probably making a fixture to open and close the pearly gates easier. friends forever Bob Brown

robert brown - November 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ My Uncle Chuck was a great man and a hard worker. I can recall seeing my uncle chuck when i was 10 yrs old down in miami fla along time ago. He drove to the airport to pick a family memeber up, and even at that age i said to myself BOY UNCLE CHUCK DRIVES SLOW, Ha! But he always had a smile on his face when i saw him even when he was sick. I loved to hear hi, talk about old times. I saw him a few months ago when i came to Ocala to see my mama. And he was laying down but when he heard my voice he got up and sat at the table and we had a great visit. I will always remember that. Rest in peace uncle Chuck and i will always have you in my heart. Love, Anita Faye Garner

Anita Faye Garner - November 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ Grandpa- Hey Grandpa, I am missing you and thinking of you. Lately i have been feeling guilty, Mom says I shouldn't, I haven't seen you in over a year. I remember we we used to go down to Florida and I remember watching older T.V. shows. I remember going down and visiting when we had gotten Sissy and Snickers. Last time I saw you, I remember you helped us plan Grandmas 75th birthday party. I remember you laugh and smile. I remember Grandma telling you to not eat so many potato chips. I am never going to forget the amazing times we had and I miss you so very much. You are one amazing dude! I love you Grandpa I miss you. love Angela XOXO

Angela Deering - November 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ i ONLY KNEW CHUCK FOR A SHORT WHILE BUT KNEW RIGHT AWAY HE WAS A GENTLE MAN AND VERY LOVED BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HE WILL BE MISSED BY EVERYONE THAT KNEW HIM.

Becki Watson - November 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ THERE SO MUCH TO SAY.JUST THAT I LOVE HIM AND WILL MISS HIM VERY MUCH

SCOTT PETERS - November 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Grandpa was a great man, one of the few important men in my life. He has been a loving and caring grandfather. There will not come a day that I can watch MASH and not be able to think of him. There are so many memories that I will cherish in my life, one of which was 2-3 years ago at Christmas. I made him a blanket that had the air force symbol on it. When he saw it and had it unfolded he draped it around his shoulders and started dancing and showing off the blanket to Uncle Steve. I remember running around his house playing tag with my siblings and I could never forget the time he fed us ice cream while everyone else was sleeping. Grandpa was great in every way that I can remember. He made us laugh and I'm sure even cry(probably because we got in trouble.) but he was always there to the end. I love you Grandpa.

Christine Deering - November 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Thank you for being a good husband and father to my sister and your girls. You were deeply loved by your family. So rest in peace Chuckles. You will be missed by your friends and family. "Sassy and Sissy" too! Love you, Myra

Myra Knight - November 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ I will miss my father-in-law dearly, but he was much more than a father-in-law to me! He taught me how to use a drill press, a lathe, a chainsaw, a soldering iron and my favorite... the wood chipper! He was my employer, my teacher, my target for endless Air Force jokes, and my inspiration for choosing electronics as a career... he was my papa! I pray that my papa accepted Christ before he drew his last breath, as I want to spend eternity with him, in Christ's presence, when I die. He brought out many emotions in me, but mostly love and admiration.

Steve Vaughn - November 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I think we kind of bonded with him being from Iowa and me going up there...so I knew the soil and how things grew...so I enjoyed all my talks with him about plants and trees...growing pineapples here. I always had a great time talking to him...and planning...like the time when he was going to grow gourds and I would paint them...I didn't quite hold up my end...and we had a good laugh about that. Whenever I cooked something he liked...he always said...mighty tasty and wanted the recipe. I loved his kind and gentle manner and he always made me feel welcome. I will miss him dearly.

Lyna Fowler - November 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM