



Charles E. "Chuck" Chorpening

June 11, 1937 - January 21, 2025

Charles E. "Chuck" Chorpening, age 87, passed away on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at the home. He was born June 11, 1937, in Washington, IA, the son of the late Earl Everett Chorpening and Geneva (Libe) Chorpening.

He graduated from West Chester High School in 1955 and was proud of being a varsity football player through his four years of high school. He attended CBI, now Evangel University, in Springfield MO.

Chuck married his childhood sweetheart, Joyce Steele Chorpening, October 12, 1956 and they shared 68 years together.

He valued his family and always enjoyed spending time with them. He was especially proud of what his children have accomplished in their lives. His career took him from Burlington, IA to Anaheim, CA, Las Vegas, NV and Overland Park, KS before retiring to the lake. He spent 32 years as a human factors engineer on fighter jets for McDonnell Douglas & Program Manager for Grumman Aerospace. He was a true entrepreneur. But his greatest accomplishment was becoming the pastor of Community Chapel, Church of God in September, 2018. Chuck always said his hobby was "working", but he enjoyed a good game of bridge and a challenging round of golf. He and Joyce enjoyed traveling and seeing the sights God created.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce Chorpening of the home, his children Jennifer Fitzhugh, Beaufort, SC and Jeff Chorpening and wife Sandra, Laurie MO, grandchildren; Jeremy Chorpening, Justin Chorpening, Jacob Fitzhugh, Joshua Fitzhugh and Hannah Fitzhugh; 10 great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews and, his sister, Ruth Burdick of Mesa, Arizona.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Christopher and two sisters, Mildred McKune & Esther Allison.

Chuck was a member and pastor of Community Chapel, Church of God, a charter member of Elks #2705 and Mayor of Laurie from 2008 – 2012.

A celebration of Chuck's life will be held at 12:00 Noon, Saturday, February 8th, at the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel with Reverend Howard Megill officiating. The family will receive friends from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon, Saturday, at the funeral home. Memorial Contributions may be directed to: Community Chapel, Church of God, earmarked "Youth Fund".

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel
417 Silvey Rd.
Laurie, MO 65038
(573) 374-7688

Celebration of Life

FEB 8. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TO

“ Chuck was a great leader and mentor to many people. I learned much from Chuck while working for him early in my career at BC Electronics, a large successful manufactures representative firm based in Olathe, Kansas. Many people who worked for Chuck over the years developed skill sets that carried them throughout their individual careers. Basic principals of taking care of the customer and doing what is right have carried me through many endeavors in my life. Rest in peace, God bless you and your family.

Tom and Pam Ostermann - March 23, 2025 at 08:17 AM



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BB

“ Chuck was always so tender hearted and truly loved the Lord and wanted others to know Him. I praise the Lord for His promises of a better place He has prepared.

Belinda Brown - February 06, 2025 at 10:46 AM

MA

“ We will miss you Pastor Chuck, you were very special to our church, I enjoyed your stories and your awesome sermons. You helped us all so much & we all love you!

Mark and Tricia Anderson - January 31, 2025 at 12:11 PM

PB

“ Patricia Brauner, Becky Buzan lit a candle in memory of Charles E. "Chuck" Chorpeneing



Patricia Brauner, Becky Buzan - January 27, 2025 at 01:56 PM

SA

“ Always kind and had a smile for you. Thinking of you all. Prayers



Stacey Anderson - January 25, 2025 at 11:36 AM

JC

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John Clifford - January 23, 2025 at 06:46 PM