



Charles "Chuck" Kenneth McPherson

September 9, 1938 - October 16, 2020

Charles "Chuck" Kenneth McPherson, of New Brighton, Pennsylvania, passed away in Springfield, Virginia, on Friday, October 16th, 2020 at the age of 82.

Charles is preceded in death by his loving wife, SueZann McPherson. He is survived by; their children, Ann McPherson and Paul McPherson (Deanne McPherson), and grandchildren, Eli and Emma McPherson. A private service will livestreamed at Jefferson Funeral Chapel on Saturday, October 24th, 2020 with an inurnment at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

Chuck was one of the first Polio vaccine recipients from Dr. Salk and was committed to continuing the fight to eradicate it with Rotary Int'l. In lieu of flowers or a gift, make donations to Springfield Rotary Foundation, PO Box 5017, Springfield, VA 22150 marked "in memory of Charles K. McPherson for Polio Plus".

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

1 Memorial Drive
Arlington, VA 22211

Tribute Wall



“ *Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Charles "Chuck" Kenneth McPherson*



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - October 23, 2020 at 03:44 PM



“ *Charles "Chuck" Kenneth McPherson*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM

“ The Rotary Club of Springfield letter is difficult to read. I am reposting it here.

Springfield Rotary Club

Ann McPherson & Family

7101 Kerr Dr.

Springfield, VA, 22150

In Memory of Charles Kenneth “Chuck” McPherson

Rotarian Chuck McPherson joined our Club in 1999. He, and his wonderful wife, SueZann, quickly became actively engaged in the work of our Club. The key reason was that they already “walked the talk” of Rotary’s motto, Service Above Self, in their own lives. They never stopped.

Chuck was justifiably proud to have served as a Marine. That speaks volumes, especially given the era in which many of us grew up. He and SueZann devoted their careers to government service. Chuck actively cared about his community. He was very active in the Boy Scouts, serving on many Eagle Boards of Review, making the barbecue chicken at Scouting events as a part of the Order of the Arrow cook crew, and providing his wise counsel to literally hundreds of young men in the program. For years he served ECHO by delivering excess donations to other organizations in our area. He was also very involved with the Richard Byrd Library in Springfield. His love of reading and study were legendary. As a Rotarian he embraced our commitment to service in so many ways. He quickly became active in the leadership of our Club, serving as President in RY 2003-04. Near the end of his tenure, he learned of ShelterBox and inspired our Club’s support for that organization. Chuck was co-chair of our Little Theatre fundraiser evening for years, and for a time, lead our Ornaments sales to benefit unaccompanied students in Fairfax County Public Schools. He recruited a neighbor, Neil da Silva, into our Club and he created an award-winning Club bulletin. After Neil passed in 2014, Chuck continued this effort until he passed. No person in a Club works

harder each week than the bulletin editor.

Carol Goldstone, our longest serving female Rotarian said it best:

“Chuck was one of the finest human beings I have ever known -- caring, compassionate, charitable, helpful, kind and so giving of his time to Rotary's various causes. He may be gone but will never be forgotten.”

The Springfield Rotary Family gives our sincere condolences to you and his family which he loved so much. His Rotary family will always be here for you.

Sincerely

*Angela Contee
President, Springfield Rotary Club*

JOAN LEDEBUR - October 27, 2020 at 08:47 AM



“ *Pat Locke lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chuck" Kenneth McPherson*



Pat Locke - October 26, 2020 at 01:38 PM



“ *Pat Locke sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles "Chuck" Kenneth McPherson*



Pat Locke - October 26, 2020 at 01:28 PM



Chuck captured my heart as soon as I met him over ten years ago. At every encounter, I learned something and walked away totally in awe of his intellect and wit. He graced me with his presence many times at my house, totally at home. I can barely hold myself in check because I know how much I will miss Chuck making me feel just a little bit more than totally human. He inspired the spirit in all of us. He is with our Lord and his Angels, trying to work out deals for all of us. Throw some prayers this way, Chuck, and continue to fight for us. We love you eternally.

Pat Locke - October 26, 2020 at 01:36 PM

BR

“ When I was growing up I looked forward to Chuck's visits to our house. He always had time for us kids and something interesting and entertaining to say to us, and he laughed at our lame jokes. I learned a lot about math and science from Chuck! Later, when email was still a brand new thing, he and I would correspond about books, family, computers, work, everything. In the last few years I've enjoyed sharing family photos and memories with him, and found that I was STILL learning a lot from him. You'll be missed, Chuck. If they do a remake of Star Trek in heaven, I hope you get to play Scotty.

Bob Roos - October 24, 2020 at 11:55 AM

EG

“ I remember the first Thanksgiving gathering on Bon Air Drive the year Dad Don and Mom Eleanor were married. The McPherson clan gathered there and it was literally wall to wall Aunts and Uncles and Cousins. This was the first time meeting many, including Chuck ! Family was and remains very precious to the McPhersons and prayers go out to his family !

Elaine (Cochran) Guscar - October 24, 2020 at 10:51 AM



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BH

“ *The Hill family will always remember Chuck as a good neighbor, great Boy Scout Leader, and warm and kind friend, who was extremely proud of his family and country. My sons Dan and Bob, benefited from his guidance and wisdom while participating in our local Scout Troop. My husband Steve volunteered and accompanied them on several camp outs, many under adverse weather conditions, and appreciated Chuck’s humor and knowledge about coping with “Nature’s temper tantrums.”*

The troop certainly learned a lot of valuable life lessons from him. I remember when one member, Ian McLeland, gave his speech upon earning his “Eagle” award, he thanked Chuck, stating “Here’s to Mr. McPherson, the man who knows way too much” and meant it in a sincerely fond, sentimental, warm way.

Chuck introduced my family to the fabulous productions of the Little Theatre of Alexandria, for which we will be forever grateful. He also carved me a walking stick as I began to have some mobility issues due to Post-Polio Syndrome. I will certainly think of him, and treasure it all the more as I use it in the future. He will be missed.

Beth Hill - October 23, 2020 at 11:46 PM

CS

“ I will remember Chuck as a brilliant and fascinating man, a great story teller, a most sincere friend, a good listener and a great patriot. We both enjoyed reading, sharing and exchanging many good books on a wide variety of topics and stories. We shared many meals with our lunch bunch, trading stories and observations about current events, friends, science and career histories. We shared great times in Rotary and he was a most avid contributor to club and international missions and projects. He was an interesting contributor as a speaker, leader and member of the Rotary Club of Springfield. He was inspiring and uplifting, encouraging to all of us. His passing leaves a great void in our Rotary family, and a huge loss to our community and nation. May God bless and comfort the McPherson clan.

Chuck Sleeper - October 20, 2020 at 09:37 PM

JL

“ I will miss Chuck. He was always the ultimate gentleman who had a story to fit all occasions. He cared about people and he was generous in doing things for others in need. He loved Rotary and frequently shared his extensive expertise as our speaker. He faithfully created and circulated the weekly Rotary Club of Springfield Rotary Week newsletter for many years. I am attaching a picture of Chuck that was taken at his last Zoom Rotary meeting. It is so perfect because you can see some of the many books he has read and remember his willingness to give them away to friends. Rest in peace, dear friend. Joan Ledebur



JOAN LEDEBUR - October 20, 2020 at 01:47 PM

RM

“ *I am always grateful for the years of building cousin relationships and associated memories with Chuck, Sue, Ann, Paul, and our other cousins in and around the Washington area. We were not just cousins, but friends, allies, supporters, and cheer-leaders. Great times over spaghetti, pretzel salad, and all sorts of other delights, sharing stories and just having fun together. A wonderful guy to remember always!*

Cousin Ruth McPherson

Ruth McPherson - October 19, 2020 at 11:29 PM