



Charles Dwight Minnemeyer

September 27, 1945 - January 30, 2016

Charles Dwight Minnemeyer, 70, of Bloomington, passed away on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at his residence.

Charles was born September 27, 1945 in Monroe County, the son of the late Hollis and Fern (Chitwood) Minnemeyer. Charles graduated from Bloomington High School and received a BS in entomology from Purdue University. After serving in the US Army, he completed a MS in entomology from Colorado State University. Charles married Deborah (Clark) Minnemeyer on May 19, 1973. Charles was employed by the US Forest Service as an entomologist until he retired in 1986. His research concentrated on the spruce beetle in the forests of the Rocky Mountains. After moving back to IN, he devoted his time to volunteering in local community events, coaching youth sports, and moonlighting as a civil war historian. He enjoyed restoring baseball mitts, watching horse racing, and swimming.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah Minnemeyer of Bloomington; son Chas Minnemeyer and his wife Jenny of Frankfort, IL; son Grant Minnemeyer and wife Colleen of Spencer; and grandson Miles. He was preceded in death by his brother Michael Minnemeyer.

An intimate memorial service will be held at a later date. Chandler Funeral Home in Ellettsville is assisting with arrangements. Visit chandlerfh.com to share condolences, memories and more with Charles' family.

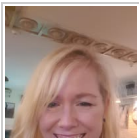
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Owen County Humane Society, 2014 Romona Rd, Spencer, IN 47460, where he adopted his friend and companion Cammie.

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Charlie was an inspiration to me when I opened my J & J Baseball Card shop. He had great stories to share with me and my son Jason and wife Debbie. Even though he was a Cardinal & Boilermaker fan, we still got along. He restored lots of old baseball gloves for J&J. RIP Friend...

John d baker - February 06, 2016 at 11:09 AM



“ Aunt Debbie, Chas, Grant and your families, my love and prayers go out to you at this difficult time. Uncle Charles was a special man, smart, funny, a fighter. I'd like to think that he and dad are teasing each other once again over IQ's and firetrucks and whose award it is that sat on Uncle Charles desk.



Danee Inglis - February 06, 2016 at 02:10 AM

MF

“ I never knew that Charlie and my Father Patrick Henry Fiedler shared the same birthday September 27 and that my Family was very fond of Charlie. He always had a great sense of humor and really made you think at times about how blessed we all have been in life, even when we have had to deal with terrible events. My cousin Debbie and Charlie also raised two wonderful and remarkable sons who they should be very proud of. Charlie's wisdom and kindness that he showed me was greatly appreciated and I will really miss him and wish the Family comfort at this time. I'm glad that he got to enjoy the joy of a Grandson.

Marie Fiedler

Marie Fiedler - February 04, 2016 at 03:07 PM

BH

“ *Debbie, Chas, Grant, and family,*

My heart goes out to you in this time of sadness.

Charlie was a dear friend, and we shared many memories on our somewhat parallel paths through life - Army in Maryland, degrees in entomology from Colorado State, and working together at the U.S. Forest Service offices in both Denver and Portland (he always claimed that I followed him around).

After Charlie's health difficulties and pain near the end, it comforts me to know that he can finally be at peace and that he will live on through our hearts and memories.

Peace and love to you,

Bruce Hostetler

Bruce Hostetler - February 04, 2016 at 11:48 AM

GS

“ *Debbie, Chas and Grant I was so sorry to hear of your loss. I have many happy memories of working with Debbie at the old Ellettsville Elementary school. Chas and Grant you were truly blessed to have such wonderful and amazing parents. And your parents were blessed with two amazing, talented and confident sons. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. God bless you all!*

Gwen Staggs - February 04, 2016 at 11:44 AM

BC

“ Uncle Charlie was a great man and will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Aunt Debbie (Copper), Chas, Grant & family are in our thoughts and prayers. Please let us know if there is anything we can do. God bless.

Brendan M Clark - February 03, 2016 at 01:28 PM

JM

“ Though it has been a few years since I last connected with the Minnemeyer family, my heart is deeply saddened to hear of Charles' passing. Knowing Grant from my time at Edgewood and Purdue, I know Charles was a good man and instilled his good moral character not just in his family, but in the community as well. Your family is in our prayers.

- Joe Mallory

Joseph Mallory - February 03, 2016 at 09:12 AM

JS

“ Charles must have been a great man to have raised a son as wonderful as Grant. Colleen, Grant, and Miles, I am sad for you family Joani and Ed Staubach

joan and ed staubach - February 02, 2016 at 10:01 PM

CO

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Colleen - February 02, 2016 at 08:34 PM

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Colleen - February 02, 2016 at 08:31 PM

NL

“ *Dear Debbie,
I'm so very sorry to learn of the passing of your husband. My
sympathy to you and your family. Nancy Jarratt Loring*

Nancy Jarratt Loring - February 02, 2016 at 07:32 PM

PB

“ Charlie was a wonderful, wonderful man. He kept us entertained with his humor and his stories. We always looked forward to visiting with Charlie and Debbie whenever we came to Spencer to visit Colleen, Grant and Miles. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Debbie and the family.

Love,

Patrick and Mary Brennan

Patrick Brennan - February 02, 2016 at 07:17 PM

JJ

“ Debbie and family. On behalf of the Leslie Young family please accept our deepest sympathy. Charles was an amazing man and I know he will be missed. Blessings to all of you. Sincerely. Joyce Young Jackson

Joyce Young Jackson - February 02, 2016 at 06:03 PM

CM

“ 3 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Charles Minnemeyer - February 02, 2016 at 04:38 PM

NF

“ *Debbie, Chas, and Grant, I'm sorry to hear about Charlie's passing. Since Grant was my first ever friend and we have known each other since we were born, I have so many memories of Charlie I could share. He was a great storyteller, especially at the annual Minnemeyer Halloween party. Hanging out at your house, watching basketball games, spending the night, and so many more memories. Though we haven't been in contact much in recent years, you guys will always be friends and family. My thought and prayers are with all of you during this time. Love to you all*

Nicholas Faulkenberg - February 02, 2016 at 03:39 PM

PB

“ *Charlie was the best!! I absolutely loved sitting on his porch and swapping stories for hours. Charlie had a fantastic knowledge of many subjects but especially history. His wit and story telling made it a pleasure to be with him and enjoy his warm personality. He will be greatly missed by me and my family.*

Patrick Brennan

Patrick Brennan - February 02, 2016 at 12:35 PM

LC

“ *Debbie - I'm so saddened to hear of Charlie's passing. My deepest sympathy to you and the family. I'm keeping you in my prayers. Lori Chandler*

Lori Chandler - February 02, 2016 at 10:28 AM

SR

“ Those of us at the Monroe County Civil War Roundtable are sorry to hear of your loss. Charlie's contributions to our group will be missed.

Steve Rolfe, Secretary

Steve Rolfe - February 02, 2016 at 07:31 AM

LD

“ Debbie, Chaz, and Grant, I am so sorry for your loss. I loved my time with him coaching and sharing his knowledge. My prayers and thoughts go out to you. Larry Decker

Larry Decker - February 02, 2016 at 06:56 AM

CY

“ So many memories: From our baby picture taken together when we were less than a year old, the first time I remember you joking about my "pony tail" to so many other memories. I will miss you so much.

Connie Young - February 01, 2016 at 11:48 PM

BK

“ John and I are so sorry to hear the news! Charlie was one of the good guys. I really enjoyed talking to him. He always had interesting things to tell, whether it was something about Bloomington of the past or things going on now! Charlie will be sadly missed! Barb and John Kleindorfer



Barbara and John Kleindorfer - February 01, 2016 at 11:30 PM

CF

“ *A special guy he was indeed. Always smiling and helping out where he could.* ”

Chris Fisher - February 01, 2016 at 05:52 PM