



Charles Edgar Munson

June 3, 1925 - June 24, 2015

Charles "Chuck" Munson of Wenatchee passed away June 24th, 2015. He was born to Ivan and Pearl Munson on June 3, 1925 in Tonasket, Washington. He graduated high school in Wenatchee and then enlisted in the Army. He served in the 25th Infantry Division in World War II. After being discharged, Chuck attended Washington State College, where he earned his BA in Civil Engineering. He met his wife, Carroll Allen, while attending and they were married at Pullman in 1950. After graduating, they moved to Salem, Oregon where he worked for the Oregon State Highway Department. After 12 years, they moved their family to Wenatchee, where Chuck started his own engineering company, Munson-Nash-Commack. The name was later changed to Munson Engineers.

Chuck really enjoyed his time as a Reserve Officer with the Wenatchee Police Department, which he joined in 1970 serving for over 20 years. He enjoyed his years of singing with the Wenatchee Apollo Club. Charles also enjoyed watching videos and reading. In June of 2000, Carroll and Charles celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary, truly a special occasion for everyone; in 2007 Carroll passed away. There wasn't a day that went by that he didn't miss her. They always said they were "soul mates".

Surviving are his children, Mike and Meri Munson, Renton; Vicki and John Pfeifer, Lynnwood, and Nancy and John Hatzenbihler, East Wenatchee; six grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Charles was preceded in death by his wife Carroll, his parents, and his sister

Val Ogden.

Charles and Carroll had a favorite quote: "May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face. May the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, May the Lord hold you in the palm of His hand." Old Irish Blessing

A Graveside Service with Military Honors will be held on Wednesday, July 1st, at 11:00 a.m. at the Wenatchee Cemetery. You are invited to view his online guest book at: www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com . Arrangements are by Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

CT

“ I am so sorry to hear about the loss of one my Dad's best friends. I remember all the times that I would watch Chuck and my dad either bowling, hunting or around the office as I was growing up. Like my dad Bill, I will always remember him with a big smile on his face and laughter in his eyes. He will be greatly missed.

Cindy "Rollf" Taranto - July 05, 2015 at 07:29 PM

KB

“ Chuck was clearly an example of the Greatest Generation. He gave to his community and country throughout his life. He was truly one of my heroes and I will always remember the times we were able to spend together visiting.
I offer these thoughts to chuck's family in hopes it may in some way help ease the loss through proud memories. He was a very special man.

Ken Badgley - June 29, 2015 at 06:09 PM

DE

“ Chuck was a good friend. Enjoyed the coffee gang. Will be missed.

Dennis English

dennis english - June 29, 2015 at 04:26 PM

BH

“ Worked with Chuck doing the land wells Dam, on Grant Road. My first job and learned a lot. The job and people were always a lot of fun.

Sure he will be missed

Birdie (Rager) Hensley - June 29, 2015 at 09:35 AM

KA

“ *My Father (Roy Yamamoto) worked for Munson & Nash many years ago when the office was on Palouse Street. I have many memories of visiting my Dad at the office. I remember how kind of a man Chuck was. So very sorry for your loss.*

Kim Yamamoto Adams - June 28, 2015 at 10:28 AM

CJ

“ *Dear Nancy & John, Vicki & John, and Mike and Meri--*

Please accept our heartfelt sympathy for the loss of your wonderful father. We will keep you all in our heart and prayers. Please know that we care and loved him, too.

Love, Colleen and Bob Johnston

Colleen Holmes Johnston - June 27, 2015 at 06:02 PM

“ I will always remember when I first met my dear Uncle Chuck in Salem while our branch of the family was visiting on our way from Texas to Alaska, I think. I remember him being so kind to us kids; his own, and his nieces and nephews. I remember how special it was to see and hear him sweetly tuck his girls, Vicki and Nancy, into bed at night in the room I was sharing with them. He had a special, endearing name for each daughter, Sweet Pumpkin and Princess, I think, and he included me in his "sweet dreams" wishes, too.

When I visited again, older and on my own, he always showed such an interest in me and in the world around him. His natural and legendary devotion to Aunt Carroll was so apparent and set the bar for creating and sustaining a happy home life and a good marriage. Oh how he loved that woman! :) He absolutely adored Aunt Carroll and the love that they share is so beautifully illustrated in the wonderful picture of them with their arms around each other on this site! What an inspired selection of photographs! They capture the essence of this dear man and the love that he and his darling, precious "baby" have for each other. I say "have" because I wholeheartedly believe that their love was always present on this earth and remains that way in heaven.

Thoughtful of others as always, Uncle Chuck and Aunt Carroll made a point of calling on birthdays and singing the "happy birthday" song all the way through! It made the occasion more fun, as did the kind and cheery cards that they always sent.. Aunt Carroll's and Uncle Chuck's cards were always on time, too! :)

After Aunt Carroll passed away, I had the distinct privilege of talking to Uncle Chuck on the phone a number of times. We both love history, he knew a lot about it, and as a contributing hero of the Greatest Generation, he had first hand experiences, insights, and knowledge to share. His anecdotes were illuminating, educational, amazing, and instructional. It is testament to his strength of character and innate goodness that he endured the trials that he

did, including the personal losses of fellow countrymen and close friends, during WWII and still remained the fine, loving, upstanding, and principled man that he was.

Bob and I send our deepest condolences to Mike and Meri, Vicki and John, Nancy and John, and their children and grandchildren at this sad and difficult time. The world has lost a splendid man and heaven is all the richer. We will miss him.

Much love to all, Cousin Colleen Johnston and husband, Bob

Colleen Holmes Johnston - June 25, 2015 at 06:18 PM