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age 89, of Novi (formerly of Six Lakes and Dimondale, Michigan), went to be with the Lord on Friday, August 28, 2015 at Providence Park Hospital in Novi, Michigan.

Charles was born in Sharon, Tennessee on July 14, 1926, the son of George E. and Edwina Bell (Summers) Barrix. He was raised in Gleason, Tennessee and attended Gleason Public Schools, entering the military in his senior year. He was in the Army for nearly 3 years serving in Korea, Germany, and Austria. A part of the Occupation Forces, he was the Assistant Manager of an NCO Club for 18 months.

Charles married Nyda E. Kelley on April 1, 1949, in Lansing, Michigan. Charles was the owner of Capital Cleaning Company in Lansing for 15 years. He served two terms as Mayor of Dimondale and the Deputy District Governor of Michigan Lions Club and President of the Michigan Unit Airstream Clubs.

Charles was a Michigan Education Association Building Engineer for MEA for over 20 years in Lansing, Michigan. He was a life member of the VFW Post 5602 in Six Lakes. Charles and Nyda made a month long tour of Europe in 1974. While in Bamberg, Germany, they found the couple that he worked with during the war.

He enjoyed traveling, carving, woodworking, and spending time with family and friends. Charles will be missed by his wife of 66 years, Nyda E. Barrix of Novi; children Stephen K. (LaVergne) Barrix of Homer-Glen, IL, Marsha E. Barrix of Traverse City, and Sue E. (Kirk) Hooper of Northville; 9 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild; one brother Halbert R. (Elizabeth) Barrix of TX; one sister Brenda Adams of West Liberty, KY; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents George and Edwina Barrix; four brothers George E. Barrix Jr., Phillip G. Barrix, Samuel D. Barrix, and Hugh E. Barrix.



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Funeral Services for Charles will be held on Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at 1:00 P.M. at Brigham Funeral Chapel in Six Lakes, Michigan with Pastor Sue Baab officiating. Visitation for family and friends will be on Tuesday, September 1, 2015 from 2-4 and 6-8 P.M. at the funeral home.

A luncheon will be at New Life United Methodist Church following graveside services at Hillcrest Cemetery in Six Lakes, Michigan. Memorial Contributions in Charles memory may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.



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AA

Andy Aka Almost posted:

Almost son in law misses almost father in law. He lived, loved, served, and was one of the precious few the lord put on this earth to show all of us how we should conduct ourselves . Hope he stillhas the mold as we need many more like Charles.

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JG

Jon Grote posted:

As one of many Grandchildren Grandpa had, I'm pretty confident in saying that he was the definition of what a Grandpa should be. He taught life lessons, kept us laughing(especially with Creep-O-Mousey) and always left us with wise words. He will be forever missed on Earth, but I'm sure him and God are up there laughing and joking Love you Grandpa, we'll see you later.

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LM

Leonard & Judy Mohre posted:

Charles was a great person & so friendly. We new him in Dimondale & our prayers go out to the family

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BL

Bonnie Lagoe posted:

Charles you are the best person that I have known for some time always pulling a funny on some one and getting a kick out of it, a great brother-in-law anyone could ask for. Will miss you Love Bonnie

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MC

Mike Chappell posted:

Chuck was a great churchman. He loved to usher congregants to their seat. Always stood straight and smiling. He was a man of God!

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MC

Mary Evelyn Canter posted:

Chuck was a wonderful man. He always had something funny to say and made everyone feel so special. I loved him and Nyda and enjoyed so much my time in Dimondale because of them.

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EG

Evelyn Guth posted:

Dear Nyda and family, I want to express my sincere sympathy in your loss of Chuck. He was a great and good man and will be missed by everyone. Chuck and you were so appreciated by all of us Michiganders. We so enjoyed our caravans to Gleason with you two and the Patenges. You both have been special people and fun people to us.

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AG

Al Gaiss posted:

God bless you Charles. Your memory lives on.

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DF

David W. Figg posted:

I have known Chuck Barrix most of my life. When I was very young, he would humor me with his broken/separated finger illusion. Later, when he referred to someone who was ailing, he would dangle one arm to the side and say "The swifolagister slipped off the prejump, which dislocated the jazzpin." Later, in 1970, my brother Lynn was scheduled to return to the USA from Viet Nam. Lynn received unexpected orders to pack up and board the next plane 9 days ahead of schedule. We knew nothing about it. Lynn arrived at Capital City Airport and saw Steve Barrix there in uniform. Chuck and Nyda were on their way to get Steve, and brought Lynn home with them. They left Lynn off at the end of the driveway so he could walk in the back door of the farmhouse and surprise us!

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KG

Kathy Glisson posted:

I have so many fun memories of Chuck, Nyda and family. Chuck was such a funny man, he always made me laugh. I remember family vacations to Tennessee, Mammoth Cave, where a bat landed on Sue's foot. We laughed, but I don't think Sue thought it was so funny. I remember when Marsha and I at about age 9 or so wanted to get into a fight on her corner. We both went home to get permission from our moms and dads. Surprisingly, they all said it was okay. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Nyda, Steve, Marsha and Sue.

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SS

Sylvia Hoisington Snyder posted:

I remember Mr. Barrix fondly from our childhood days. I am so sorry for your loss. May God raise you up during these difficult days.

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MW

Mike Weiderman posted:

I will always remember Uncle Chuck's infectious laugh, devilish grin. Will always cherish the fond memories of time spent with you and Aunt Nyda. I was glad to have known him and I know he lived a great life.

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ML

Melissa Lacewell posted:

My amazing Uncle Chuck definitely a one of a kind. Everytime i was with him i would try to be the one to sit next to him and just stay close to him so i could soak up every joke every laugh every moment. I always felt blessed to be in his life even for the short periods of time we spent together. I will be holding my precious Aunt Nyda close to my heart for she is also a lovely person. There is always a good woman behind a good man Love always Missy

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EB

Elizabeth Barrix posted:

My Wonderful Brother-in-Law Chuck, where do I begin to tell you how much I am going to miss you, All the great times Hal and I had with you and Nyda and all the funny jokes, pranks, and remember the day we went for a donut a Dunkin Donuts and instead of a donut each we got a dozen and the four of us eat the whole box of donuts, your laugh and GREAT big smile will always be a part of my life, I could go on, but you are truly a gift from God and you have left your mark on so many lives along the wonderful journey you and Nyda took together. I will miss sending you your favorite fruit cake, and was so glad I was able to send the last one on your birthday. But you know I but heaven has a bigger and better fruit cake. I will always remember all the wonderful times we were able to share with you and Nyda. May you Rest in Peace in Gods Loving Arms. You are truly one of kind.

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SB

Shirley Glisson Brown posted:

Naida and family I'm sure you know how much I thought of you all. Chuck was special to so many people. this is a sad loss for many. most sincerely, Shirley Brown of Mesa AZ formerly Shirley Glisson of Dimondale MI. God bless you Nyda and your beautiful family .

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EL

Elizabeth posted:

Nyda & family: Are hearts our broken for the loss of a wonderful Husband, Dad, Grandpa, Chuck will miss ya'll, as much as you will miss him. Nyda you have been a trooper through all this. What wonderful memories only you can hold close to your heart for the wonderful 66 years of marriage you and Chuck had. You both are a loving example to all who knew you, You raised wonderful & beautiful children and left your loving foot prints where ever ya'll went. Praying for you and your family. Love You , Hal & Elizabeth

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GO

Gary Ozanich posted:

Nyda, My condolences for your loss. As many have said Chuck was a good man. Great sense of humor, always enjoyed our conversations and jokes at work. Sad to see another one of the "old timers" at work pass. Thinking of you. Peace

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CM

Charlene Mosher posted:

Nyda, so sorry for your loss! Love and prayers are with you!! Chuck and you always made us laugh and comfortable in whatever was happening in our lives.

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NW

Nancy & Jack Wilkinson posted:

Nyda, sorry for you and your families loss. Chuck loved you and his family and was very proud of all of you. The first contact that we remember was at the October 1989 Michigan Unit Airstream Rally at Charlotte. Chuck was the Michigan Unit Third Vice-President. Jack worked with him dumping the trailers. You folks were heading to FL from there. We have always enjoyed our time with you and Chuck at the rallies, caravans, Land Yacht Port O' Call in Melbourne and our contacts since then. Every time we see a penny, we will think of him.

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JB

Jan Barrett posted:

So so sorry!!!! Love to all of the family!

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MB

Melanie Barrix posted:

So sorry for the loss of my super, amazing, caring, funny, strong and all around awesome man, Uncle Chuck!! My prayers are with our family! You will be forever missed! I know you will be looking down from above and watching over your family! Love you and will miss you forever Uncle Chuck!!

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GC

Gary & Pat Cooper posted:

So very sorry Sue, to get the news of your Dads passing. I am glad that we got to see him, just a few weeks ago. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and also your mother and entire family. Our Love, Gary & Pat

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RS

Rosanne Smith posted:

Sorry on the loss of your Husband and Father, my thoughts are with you...God Bless Rosanne

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JR

Joann (French) Roush posted:

Sue, thanks for getting in touch with me. So glad to have had the opportunity to talk to both Chuck and Nyda earlier this summer. It was great to catch up with the folks once again. Chuck was a greatguy.

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BA

Brenda Barrix Adams posted:

There's no words to say how much you meant to me and our family after mother and dad died you were the head of our family You will be missed so much I had greenbeans in a box to send you but whatyour having now in heaven couldn't compare to them I'll love you always so bye until we meet again on the peaceful shore I'll love you always (Sis).

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SE

Sondra Ebersole posted:

Thinking of you all in my thoughts and prayers. I wish I could be therein your time of need. Charles I will miss your witty jokes and your great smile.

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Hal Barrix Sr posted:

This world has lost the greatest man it has ever known, my big brother was a person that never met a stranger, many times I have seen him approach folks he had never met and in a very short time they were great friends he had a gift like no other and his warm sweet smile would melt any heart. One special memory stands out in my childhood back in Gleason Tenn. right after the war was over Chuck had gotten a German shepherd and named him Tojo and his dog would go to the very front of the lawn by the road and lay there day after day waiting on Chuck to walk down the gravel road home from the war. One day he saw Chuck coming down the road and took off to welcome him back. Chuck knelt down and hugged Tojo for a long time. This is the kind of person he was. This will always remain in my memory along with many more, the greatest big brother I could ever have. See you on the other side. I love you big bro.

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Charles by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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