



Charles H. Champion

September 21, 1943 - April 19, 2018

Charles H. Champion, 74, of Benicia passed away peacefully after brief illness Thursday at his home. He was born in Overland, Ohio, grew up in Vacaville and Benicia where he graduated from Benicia High School. He spent close to 15 years in Benicia before moving to Vallejo 34 years ago. Charles worked in private security for many years and with several different firms including Pinkerton, American Protective Services, California Plant Protection, Kaiser and Burns Security. Charles also owned and operated an ARCO Gas Station on Highway 80 in Vacaville for many years.

He was an avid coin and stamp collector and enjoyed playing golf, fishing on the Klamath River, camping, water skiing, was a great cook, enjoyed rooting for the Giants and 49ers and spending time with his friends and family. One of his greatest gifts was his ability to make others laugh.

Charles is survived by Twilla, his wife of 54 years; son Randy Champion; daughter Cat (Rick) Watson; brothers Robert (Pat) & Howard (Karen) Champion; sister Joan (Mike) Bayne and his grandchildren Taylor Tobias & Peyton Irene O'Brien.

Memorial services will be held 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 22 nd at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Hospice of the East Bay.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY **22**. 11:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Charles H. Champion*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *I love you so much Papa. You were the best. I hope you won't forget me. Me and sis are in your den sometimes. Your den is so cool. In your shed were raccoons, how crazy? I hope you liked Rosa because I do. She is the Gramma to my best friend and Rosa is so kind and sweet and she takes me in sometimes and she lets me sleep in the house. I love you so much. I hope you have a nice day. Love Peyton.*

Peyton O'Brien - May 21, 2018 at 12:21 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Charles H. Champion.*



May 20, 2018 at 05:26 PM



“ 200 files added to the album LifeTributes



Passalacqua Funeral Chapel - May 18, 2018 at 01:23 PM

DH

“ Uncle Charlie you will be remembered with love and laughter you were the funny uncle. I have many memories a couple of my favorite ones are the trips to Burney picking and cutting Christmas trees and you writing your name in the snow while waiting for your turn in the outhouse you and dad drilling and gluing the Christmas trees back together after they were blown to bits on the drive home. Another memory is of the time that you and I disagreed about scheduling when you were my boss at the Security company. I remember stomping into your office and calling you Mr Champion and you sitting up tall in your chair and replying "Deborah" you will work that shift or find yourself another job. Man I was po'd but that night you took the time to try and smooth things over by reminding me that life and work are not always fair and the good news for me that you would not always be my boss. You smiled and let out a little laugh and as you went out the door you reminded me that you would always be my Uncle Charlie. Lesson learned I worked the shift and got over being mad at you.

Love you your niece

Deborah

Deborah Haderman - May 18, 2018 at 12:26 AM

RW

“ *Mr. Champion will be missed a great deal by all of us, for me, it was the best father-in-law a son-in-law could have. I will miss the camping and fishing stories along with his laugh, and his smile. He welcomed me into the family and excepted me without without hesitation.*

Rick Watson

Rick Watson - May 04, 2018 at 03:20 PM

CA

“ *Dad, I love you. You were my rock. I was not ready for it to be this way. I am not in denial, I am just not ready to say goodbye. I thought we would have more time. I will miss you every day of my life. You were the best Papa to my girls, the best Dad to me and Randy. My girls love you so much, as do I. You taught me everything about finances and so much about doing the right thing and saving money. You helped me so much over the years and then I remember things shifting a little bit and you let me help you. I remember it so clearly. I got to show you what I know, what you taught me and help you. You made me laugh all the time. I will never forget this day. I had maybe been 9 years old. I wanted to go to he store with you. I yelled down the hallway asking you to wait for me. Mom said "he already left".....I came around the corner so mad yelling "that old fart"! Much to my embarrassment I came down the hall in time to find Dad standing around the corner laughing. You got me good that day! Dad, my heart will be with you as long as I live and beyond. You will always be with me and I will love you for that forever. I love you so much Dad, Cat. We love you too Papa, Taylor Ann and Peyton Irene (Snicklefritz).*

Cat - April 27, 2018 at 01:51 PM

TT

“ Papa,

I miss you. I am profoundly saddened that you are no longer physically with us, but I am grateful that you are at peace. I will always miss our trips to the grocery store, and listening to you gripe about the questionable characters we've seen in Vallejo. We've shared some good laughs together. I'm extremely thankful that I was able to spend these last few months with you at home. I will always cherish the way my heart swells when I walk through your front door. Thank you for giving me such a wonderful Mother and Uncle, who never fail to provide me with support. I love you very much, and I hope that wherever you are, you're catching some fish.

Love, your Sweet Pea

Taylor Tobias - April 26, 2018 at 10:45 PM

RA

“ Dad,

So many miss you but we find comfort and peace that you are in a better place. You would be very grateful but not surprised how many friends and family are reaching out to us making sure we are all okay. I assure them we are, but your passing has left a big hole in our lives. We will comfort and support each other and do for you what you would have done for any one of us. I will always be proud of you and all the times we shared. You were a good husband, father, uncle, brother and son. Thank you for your guidance and allowing me to pursue my dreams while making sure I stopped to enjoy life too. I will always cherish that much of it was doing things with you. I love you dad, Randy.

Randy - April 25, 2018 at 09:49 PM

Jl

“ *Dear Twilla & Family,
Our Deepest Sympathy on the loss of Charlie. We have many fond memories with all of you over the years. May you find comfort knowing he is at rest. His smile and ever present humor will be missed by all. May you find comfort with his memory in the difficult days ahead. Love to all!*

Jim - April 24, 2018 at 01:04 PM

JM

“ *Jim & Trudy McAnally lit a candle in memory of Charles H. Champion*



Jim & Trudy McAnally - April 24, 2018 at 12:59 PM