



Charles Leslie Relyea

September 2, 1948 - October 29, 2024

CLAYTON- Charles Leslie Relyea, age 76, of Clayton, Michigan, died unexpectedly at home early Wednesday morning, October 29, 2024.

Charlie was born on September 2, 1948, in Adrian, Michigan, the oldest of Charles A. and Martha (Miller) Relyea's two children. Charlie graduated from Sand Creek High School with the Class of 1966 and went on to serve his country in the United States Air Force for four years. During his time in the Air Force, Charlie received a variety of training and took on roles as a helicopter mechanic, pilot and crew chief.

Charlie married his high school sweetheart, Mary A. VanNorman, on July 29, 1972, in Adrian, MI. Over the next 51 years, Charlie and Mary raised two children and grew in their love and commitment to one another. Charlie lost his beloved, Mary, on December 10, 2023.

For over twenty years, Charlie worked at ACME Preserves in Adrian before moving on to Bixby Hospital where he worked in the maintenance department for 10 years. Charlie's strong work ethic was evident in every job he held during his lifetime. His easy-going personality and sense of humor was always on display in his interactions with others. When it was time to relax, Charlie liked to be outdoors fishing and hunting. Family was Charlie's pride and joy, and he treasured the times when they were all together.

Charlie leaves behind his children, Michael (Julia) Relyea and Christy Relyea; and grandchildren, Connor, Ryan, Eric and Angelina. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Mary; and sister, Susan Relyea.

Visitation for Charlie will be held on Monday, November 4, 2024, from 4 to 8 pm.at Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian. Funeral services will take place on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Christy Shaw officiating. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

East Siena Heights Drive
Adrian, MI 49221

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)
1501 W. Maumee St.
Adrian, MI 49221
(517) 263-1400
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Funeral Service

NOV 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ So sorry for your loss sending love and prayers as you honor your father. From Jake & Jennifer Blaker and sons.

Jennifer Blaker - November 05, 2024 at 04:33 PM

JG

“ Jennifer G. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Leslie Relyea.

Jennifer G. - November 04, 2024 at 01:04 PM

GV

“ Gary VanNorman purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Charles Leslie Relyea.



Gary VanNorman - November 02, 2024 at 09:56 AM

JG

“ Christy, Michael and Family, I am so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Keep all the good memories close to you during this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Jennifer Griffith

Jennifer Griffith - October 31, 2024 at 04:43 PM

CS

“ I am a member of the Sand Creek Class of '66 - Chuck, and Mary, graduated with me.

I was saddened by Mary's death and now to hear about Chuck also.

I hope they both now rest in peace!

Calvin Schuch

Calvin Schuch - October 31, 2024 at 02:54 PM

MB

“ I was Mary and Chuck's maid of honor on their wedding day. I worked with Mary at Bixby for many years. I would see them at breakfast in Bob Evans like so many other. I'm saddened by the loss of both of them

I would see Christy at JoAnn's and we would have long talks there occasionally. I'm so sorry for your loss. I will miss them both.

MaryJo Benzler - October 30, 2024 at 08:24 PM

CR

Hi thank you I was hoping you would find out... I tried to send a card but was returned to me... I am so happy you knew about this. I was wondering how I was going to tell you

Christy Relyea - November 06, 2024 at 07:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles Leslie Relyea.*



October 30, 2024 at 07:00 PM

J(

“ I'm sorry to hear of your passing Mr. Relyea, you were always a very sweet and respectful man. My love to your family at this time.



Jessica White (Hawkins) - October 30, 2024 at 06:37 PM