



Charles (Chuck) L. Rider

April 18, 2022

Charles “Chuck” Leroy Rider was born on December 18, 1927 in Longmont CO. Chuck and his younger siblings, Donna and Dudley grew up on a dairy farm. Through high school Chuck helped his dad milk cows and take care of the farm. He graduated from Longmont High School in 1945 and moved to Boulder, CO to attend the University of Colorado. In 1948 Chuck married his high school sweetheart, Marjorie Neighbors, and they made their Home In Boulder while Chuck finished up his final year of college earning a degree in Electrical Engineering.

After college he got a job working for Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company in Boulder, starting at the bottom rung of the ladder, climbing telephone poles to repair the wires at the top of the poles.

He worked his way into a desk job and received several advancements which meant transferring to Colorado Springs, Denver, and finally back to Colorado Springs where he eventually retired from what was then Mountain Bell after spending over 30 years with the phone company.

He soon realized retirement didn’t suit him and he reentered the job market going into the insurance business for a second career which lasted for another 15 years. His second retirement was in 2003 and he and Marg packed up after living in Colorado Springs for 35 years and moved to Fort Collins CO to

be close to children and grandchildren.

In 2010 Marg passed away after they had been married for 60 years.

In 2014 Chuck married Dee Morris who he spent the rest of his years with.

Throughout the years he and Marg raised 4 children, Nancy, Mike, Craig, and Sarah.

Wherever they were living, Chuck and Marg were committed to their Catholic Parish deeply involved in many aspects of the church. They held Marriage Prep classes for young couples preparing for marriage having the experience of having built a strong and loving marriage themselves.

Some of their favorite times were following Craig as he played football for the University of Texas travelling to Texas for many games each season. Often, everyone in the family drove to Austin and Dallas, Texas to share in some memorable times.

Once their last child left home, Chuck definitely got the desire to travel and he and Marg travelled the world.

In his later years he and Dee were able to travel as well.

While living in Fort Collins Chuck volunteered at the Fort Collins Visitor Center, which he so enjoyed. The best of days was when a traveler would stop by and he would explain to them all of the wonderful places In Colorado they must visit. As a fourth generation Coloradoan he was full of great information.

Chuck also volunteered at the CSU games working in the press box updating

the announcers on college football scores as they were reported in from around the country.

The cornerstone of Chuck's life was his deep faith in the Lord, starting everyday attending Mass which was his north star that guided him every day. His deep love for his family has left a legacy of kindness and love which is embodied within each of his kids, their spouses, his grandchildren and his great grandchildren. He will always be remembered standing on the sidelines of the field, gymnasium or ice rink being the best of fans, always encouraging everyone with a big smile and a "good job".

Chuck was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Marg, brother Dudley, grandson Davis Stewart and great-granddaughter Merida Rider.

He leaves behind his wife Dee Rider, children Nancy Daniel (Mick), Mike Rider (Diane), Craig Rider (Christy), Sarah Stewart (Jim), and his Columbian daughter, Tachi, 15 grandchildren, and 25 great-grandchildren.

He also leaves behind many friends who deeply touched him throughout his life, and those whose lives he touched.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to either St. Joseph Catholic School and/or Charter Hospice

St. Joseph Catholic School

127 N Howes Street

Fort Collins, CO 80521

Charter Hospice, Northern Colorado

1562 Taurus Court

Loveland, CO 80537

Charles "Chuck" L. Rider passed away Monday, April 18, 2022 in Fort Collins, CO. A Memorial Mass will begin at 10:00am, Monday, April 25, 2022, at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Parish with a reception to follow. Interment will be at Grandview Cemetery. Please visit goesfuneralcare.com to read his full obituary and share condolences with his family.

Cemetery Details

Grandview Cemetery

1900 West Mountain Avenue
Fort Collins, CO 80521
<http://www.fcgov.com/parks/grandview.php>

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

APR **25**. 10:00 AM (MT)

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
5450 South Lemay Avenue
Fort Collins, CO 80525
seas@seas-parish.org
<http://seas-parish.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Charles (Chuck) L. Rider*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Chuck was a loved and loving cousin to my mother, Shirley, and her late sister, Elaine (two of his mother's nieces). As a kid and as an adult, I always enjoyed a visit with this warm and caring man--and enjoyed his nice sense of humor, too. I send my condolences to his entire family, including his sister, Donna.*

Julie Campbell - April 26, 2022 at 09:00 PM



“ *Sarah, thank you for posting. I always admired your father, I remember his dedication to his faith and family. I always had a secret wish that he would marry my mom after my sweet father died, (: But I am so happy that he found a second love. He was a great gift to our community. I share in your loss. These fathers of ours are the epitome of “well done, my good and faithful servant.” Prayers and love to you my sweet and dear friend, Desiree*

Desiree Brickell - April 24, 2022 at 09:20 PM

SM

“ Many memories going back to when I was in Junior High growing up in Colorado Springs. The Rider home was a welcoming place and I / we spent a lot of time there. I was fortunate to know Chuck who was like a second Father to me growing up. I will always remember his smile, laugh and wisdom. I know and trust that his Legacy will live on through everyone he met and touched. God Bless and Peace be With You Chuck as well as the entire Rider Family !!!!

Steve McInnis

Steve McInnis - April 24, 2022 at 01:37 PM

SS

“ I never met Chuck but felt I knew him in spirit through all the stories and kind words of him Sarah shared with me. What a legacy he leaves for his family! Sending thoughts and prayers to all his family and especially thinking of the Stewart's during these sad days.

Sharon Sample - April 24, 2022 at 01:24 PM

TA

“ Dad, because of your loving care and generosity, I am part of your extended family . I am here today, grateful to call you dad. I will always love you. Tachi.

Tachi - April 24, 2022 at 01:23 PM

KA

“ I met Chuck when I worked at Pathways Hospice. I enjoyed our conversations very much, and was always pleased when he stopped by the office and asked to see me! He was a very interesting man with a kind, kind heart.

kathy anderson - April 22, 2022 at 04:54 PM

MF

“ So many memories and laughs that we shared over the years volunteering together at the Welcome Center. Also just a month ago out to lunch.. Your smile was contagious.. So glad our paths crossed years ago. HUGS TO HIS FAMILY Mary Farrell

Mary Farrell - April 22, 2022 at 02:28 PM

RB

“ Dee and Family,
Kathy and I were saddened to hear about Chuck. I always enjoyed our meeting at breakfast these past years. I will miss his smile and sense of humor. He will be missed by all.
Roger Boltz

Roger Boltz - April 20, 2022 at 03:08 PM