



Charles Draves

January 15, 1937 - September 17, 2010

Charles Edward “Chuck” Draves, 73, of Fort Collins, Colorado, passed away at 7:00pm, Friday, September 17, 2010, at home surrounded by his loving family. Chuck was born on January 15, 1937 in Gary, Indiana, to Kenneth and Constance Draves. He spent most of his youth in Rensselaer, IN with Waldo and Elise Garrigues, and graduated from high school there in 1955. Chuck served in the United States Navy before earning a BA in Creative Writing from Purdue University. While there he also captured the heart of Rebecca “Becky” Timmons Draves, whom he married in June of 1963. Chuck continued his studies at Duke University, spent his career as a Marketing Management Consultant, moved to West Lafayette, IN in 1976, where he and his wife raised a family until relocating to Colorado in 2006. Chuck was an avid photographer, poet, and writer; often writing as a guest columnist for The Journal and Courier. He was passionate about politics, studied history, enjoyed travel, and loved being with his wife and family. Other than his wife of 47 years, Chuck is survived by his sister, Beverly Hoskins of Lake Station, IN; four children: Ken Draves (Susan Shriner) of Fort Collins, CO; John Draves & Carter Draves of Loveland, CO; and Elizabeth Draves Segrist (Kurt Segrist) of Bend, OR. He is also survived by four grandchildren: Elizabeth, Ian, Erin, and Caitlin. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to the American Cancer Society or Melanoma Research Foundation.

Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Draves*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *We worked collaborated with Chuck on business marketing in Lafayette back in 1984-88. I thought of him today, did a search in hopes of reconnecting, and was very disappointed to learn of his passing. He was a smart guy, a true gentleman, and a joy to be around. I realize that a lot of time has passed, but on the chance any family member reads this, you'll know that Chuck was a man to be remembered by his friends and associates. Please accept my sincerest condolences.*

Greg Brown

Greg Brown - January 16, 2021 at 05:51 PM



“ *Becky,*
I read about Chuck in the Purdue Alumni Magazine. I am sorry. Chuck was an inspiration to me at Purdue. He was a fine man married to a fine woman.

Katie Shugart

Katie Shugart - September 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ We grew up with Chuck, went to High School together. I played on the undefeated Rensselaer Indiana Bomber Football Team with Chuck. He was a dear friend. We respectfully bantered politics back & forth; could never win him over to my side. Carol & I wish the best for all of Chuck's family survivors.

Ed & Carol Ristau - September 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Dearest Becky,
I was saddened to read of Chuck's untimely death. I talked briefly with Donna Segrist this morning to get contact info. She gave me a brief history of Chuck's melanoma experience.
Being in a nest of family and friends will surely helps you cope with the loss. I am wrapping my arms and thoughts and prayers around you as well.
With love to a dear friend,
Leta

Leta Kelley - September 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Becky I am so sorry for your loss. Chuck was a wonderful person and I so enjoyed talking issues with him. May you find peace in the wonderful years you shared together. Jane

Jane McCann - September 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *Bob has known Chuck since they were in sixth grade.*

They played sports together and during high school, joined the Navy together and worked at Falvey's men's clothing store.

I (Patty) remember Chuck coming into the local Drug Store (Soda Fountain) to say hello for many years.

Bob and I had our first date with Chuck and a friend of mine from the drug store.

He will be missed. We loved him dearly.

We reconnected with Becky and Chuck on their trips to CO to visit with Ken and his family.

Bob and Patty Lee - September 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ *Becky,*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We enjoyed visiting with Chuck at USP family gatherings, and know that you miss him very much.

With love,

Scott & Sandra Vana

Scott Vana - September 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Chuck was a wonderful man with many amazing talents. He will be missed. Love to Becky and the entire family.*

September 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Ken & Susan,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and you family at this difficult time. If there is anything I can do to help in any way please know that I am here for you.
Thinking of you,
Lynda

Lynda Dickson - September 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ Charles Draves was a beacon of light for all the local children. He always had a soft voice, kind word and bright smile for all of us. He will be missed immensely!!

Susan Oliver - September 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Ken - So sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Our condolences to you and your family.

Robin Gard - September 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Still can see Chuck with his pipe! May your grief be eased knowing others care!

Lew & Linda Sproull - September 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Ken,
I was so sorry to read about your dad's passing. I pray that God will give your family peace and comfort during this time.
Kim

Kim Doran - September 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *It was a pleasure to know Chuck via the Osher Global Issues Class. He was well prepared and informative and when required Becky always keep him in-line.*

Will miss him! The conversations and given and take at our after class lunches will not be the same.

Jerry Lyons

Jerry Lyons - September 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *Becky and Family:*

Sorry to hear of your loss. Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Dave and Deb Downey

Dave and Deb Downey - September 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM