



Charles Edward Henninger

December 6, 1928 - November 24, 2012

Charles E. Henninger died peacefully on November 24, 2012. His beloved wife of 59 years, Joan-Marie, and daughter Carolyn were at his side.

Charles was born on December 6, 1928 in Queens, NY. He was president of the student body at John Adams High School in 1947 where he met his bride Joan. He went to University of Georgia which he attended with a swimming scholarship graduating in 1951. At that time he won the southeastern conference for butterfly stroke and came in 11th at the Olympic trials. He served in the Air Force in mid-fifties attaining the rank of Captain. After the military he earned his master's degree at NYU in recreation. He worked for the 52 Association in Ossining, NY booking Vaudeville acts and Broadway stars for disabled war veteran's entertainment. He made life a better place for these men and loved to tell stories of the famous people he met during this time of his life. In 1962 he became director of the Purchase Community house and from 1967 to 1994 he was the director of the Greenwich Civic Center in Greenwich, CT. In 1965 he volunteered at Burke Rehabilitation Center in White Plains and began their recreation program where he became a part-time employee and stayed for 30 years.

Charles and Joan raised their four children in Norwalk Ct, Diane, Richard, Carolyn & Thomas. They retired to Fort Collins in 1994 to be near family. Charles volunteered for Catholic Charities and was recognized on the floor of

Congress for his work at the Mission. He swam in the Senior Olympics winning 7 gold medals and many other silver and bronze medals (he didn't put a number on those!). Joan and Charlie traveled and had a beautiful happy full life together.

Charles is survived by his bride, Joan-Marie, son Richard, daughter Carolyn Myers (husband Don and grandson Matthew) all of Fort Collins, son Thomas (wife Heidi grandsons Zach and Nate) of Yarmouth, ME. He is preceded in death by his daughter Diane Rice.

A memorial Mass honoring Charles' life will be held at Blessed John XXIII this Thursday, November 29 at 10am. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Catholic Charities of Larimer County.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

St. John XXIII
1220 University Avenue
Fort Collins, CO 80521
<http://www.john23.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Edward Henninger*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Our family sends their condolences to Joan and her loving family. Please know that we will keep Charlie in our daily prayers. May the peace of the Lord be with each of you during this time of great sorrow.*

The Domingue Family.

Pam Orzell - November 30, 2012 at 04:50 PM



“ *Our condolences to the entire Henninger family. Charlie was a wonderful man whose smile immediately put everyone at ease when he entered a room. He will be missed but we will cherish his memory. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Susie and Steve Weiss

Susie Weiss - November 30, 2012 at 07:36 AM



“ *One of the most pleasant people I ever knew.*

Lindley Rawlins - November 28, 2012 at 03:58 PM

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“*Kate Holstein lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward Henninger*



Kate Holstein - November 28, 2012 at 12:05 PM

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“*I worked as a volunteer at Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance toward the end of Charlie's volunteer time there. I loved it when he was there because he was so outgoing and friendly. He loved to tell stories about famous people he knew, and I loved to hear them. He truly had a heart for the less fortunate, and wanted to help as long as he could. He loved his family, and he and Joan were so devoted to each other. It was beautiful to see. I know Charlie is in a better place after having suffered a lot. Joan and family, please accept my deepest sympathy. Jean Christen*



Jean Christen - November 27, 2012 at 06:29 PM