



Charles Owen Manausa

October 18, 2018

Charles Owen Manausa, age 92, passed away Thursday, October 18, 2018 at the Tennessee State Veterans Home in Murfreesboro. He was born in Chicago, IL. Chuck served in the United States Army during World War II in the 65th Infantry Division. After the war he married and had a family. He and his family moved to Boston in 1967 to work for his church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist as a Typographer for 20 years. After retirement Chuck and Lee moved to Leesburg, FL which he claimed to be the best time of their lives. In 2008 they moved to Murfreesboro, TN to live with his son and daughter-in-law. Chuck was a kind, generous, optimistic man. He always saw the good in people. His mind was sharp until his passing. He loved life and lived a rich life and wants people to remember him how he was when he was alive. He will be greatly missed but we rejoice in his belief in eternal life.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents, Charles George and Martha Rebecca Owens Manausa Sheridan (Jack Sheridan); wife, Lee Manausa; and sister, Betti McClain. He is survived by his sons, Clifford (Susan) Manausa of Thornville, OH, Joel (Claire) Manausa of Winchester, TN, Neil (Dawn) Manausa of Ashburn, VA; daughters, Jean (Fred) Pullin of Southlake, TX, Alyce (Mike) Gunn of Riverdale, NY; twelve grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; and special friend, Doris Gates.

Burial will be at a later date at Nashville National Veterans Cemetery, Madison, TN.

Arrangements are under the direction of Jennings and Ayers Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 820 South Church St., Murfreesboro, TN 37130. 615-893-2422. Please leave online condolences at www.jenningsandayers.com.

Comments



“ Chuck was always one of my favorite cousins! I remember having family Christmas parties at your home in Bellwood Illinois! Lots of family, food, love, and laughter and a visit

from Santa!

I am so grateful to Joel & Claire for bringing him to my home a few years ago

He will certainly be missed!!

I pray that God will use your fond memories to comfort you.

Love, Bonnie (Halley) Schmuhl

Bonnie Schmuhl - November 03, 2018 at 04:21 PM



“ My own father passed away when I was only 23 years old, so I was blessed to have the best father-in-law in the world. Chuck (and Lee) welcomed me into their family with open arms and I have so many happy memories of our times together. Chuck was also an amazing grandfather to our children, Julie and Steven, and they will miss him dearly too. We were fortunate to live close together when our kids were little, so weekends were always family time and Grandma and Grandpa were eager to babysit. I remember baking Tollhouse cookies whenever Chuck was coming to visit. I knew they were his favorite, and I will always think of him whenever I bake a batch.

I know there is a grand reunion right now with those who have gone on before him.

Until the day comes when we meet again, may you rest in heavenly peace.



Dawn manausa - November 03, 2018 at 02:51 PM



“ I have been truly blessed to have had such a wonderful Dad for 68 years of my life! My daily calls to him over the last 8-10 years were truly a pleasure as I got know him really well! I will miss talking to him so much! He had a deep belief that life was spiritual even when the material evidence contradicted his beliefs. He said he was not afraid to die because Jesus Christ proved life after death. He looked forward to seeing again those who passed on before him. I like to compare death to a ship that sails to sea and the people on shore eventually no longer can see the ship and may feel sad at its leaving but those waiting to greet the ship on the other end rejoice when they they see the ship on their horizon and are happy to welcome those aboard. So it is, I have hope that my loving, generous, optimistic Dad lives on the other side happy and healthy in a life that is different from the one he left behind but very rewarding. I will miss his emails with his funny or interesting attachments but will always remember in my mind how much he loved the videos, his computer and sharing with those he knew. I will miss his thoughtful greeting cards which he made on his computer so professionally and thoughtfully personalized for each person he remembered. I have a wealth of memories which flood my mind about my Dad for which I feel very fortunate. It is with profound sadness I said goodbye but in my heart I know he lives on. I will always have love in my heart for my Dad, as well as my Mom, for I know they were wonderful parents and they richly loved us and likewise we richly loved them. My dad leaves a legacy very hard to live up to but I know I had a great role model. Love always Dad from Jean.

Jean Pullin - October 28, 2018 at 02:58 AM



“ Jim and I are so blessed to have known and loved Chuck. What a wonderful, loving, inclusive man. What a privilege to have shared his company and be included on trips to the 65th reunions. Chuck was genuine; a man of honor, and dedicated to his family. I loved his laugh and his easy kindness. To the Manausa family- thank you for sharing him with us. We extend our sincere sympathy for your profound loss.

Love, Susie and Jim Cox

Susie Cox - October 19, 2018 at 09:47 PM



“ We were privileged to have met Chuck through the 65th Division and Legacy group. The history he and the others have preserved, helps us to better understand our fathers' (and mothers') lives and culture back when the world was a different place. Thank you for your gift of preserving freedom, and your selfless service to this country during the dark years of War. Where honor and valor was common in men like you, it is a dwindling characteristic today and we recognize you for the wonderful man you were. We will miss you and will surely meet again in Eternity. We are thankful to have been acquainted with every one of you hero soldiers!

--Cindy Williams (daughter of Ernie Landwehr, 65th Inf Div, 365th Med Battalion, Co. B) and Dean Williams

Cindy Williams - October 19, 2018 at 07:19 PM



“ It was a privilege to get to know Chuck. He always had a smile on his face and a kind word. Our sympathies to the Manausa family for your loss. Dawn & Keith Finch

Dawn & Keith Finch - October 19, 2018 at 03:21 PM



“ Chuck was a VERY special person in my life. He and Lee helped my parents when our family was going through a difficult transition. Chuck and Lee took my two brothers into their home and lives for an extended period of time. My husband Tim and I cherished the time we spent with Chuck especially when they lived in Florida. My favourite antique is one we found in a hardware store that he took us to on one of our visits. I always looked forward to receiving his emails. He was a wonderful man and someone that I loved and respected. We will miss him.

Judi Fredman - October 19, 2018 at 02:54 PM