

Charles "Chuck" Joseph Ruder

August 30, 1937 - September 2, 2025

Charles "Chuck" Joseph Ruder, age 88, of Bonita Springs, FL, passed away peacefully on September 2, 2025, surrounded by his immediate family.

Chuck was born in Bloomington, IL, on August 30, 1937, to Isadore and Margaret (Canvin) Ruder. Following Margaret's early passing, his father married Arvada (Irps), who lovingly raised Chuck and his sisters as her own in Manteno, IL. Chuck graduated from Manteno High School in 1955 and went on to attend Northern Illinois University, where he played basketball and earned a degree in Business.

He married the love of his life, Linda (Young) Ruder, on April 8, 1961, and they shared 64 wonderful years together. They raised their four children, Timothy, RaeAnn, Stephen, and Thomas, while Chuck built a distinguished career at Sears, Roebuck & Co. spanning over 35 years. His leadership roles were varied and impactful, ranging from district management to human resources and public affairs. After retiring from Sears, he embarked on a second chapter of service as the CEO of United Way of Greater Chicago, applying his extensive business experience to support community needs across the Chicagoland area.

His commitment to community continued in Florida, where he served as a dedicated mentor for Champions for Learning. Drawing on his long career, he

shared his passion for business and entrepreneurship mentoring high school students and taking great pride in helping them build the foundation for their own successful careers and lives.

More than his work, Chuck was defined by his rock-solid moral compass and his guiding values of Faith, Family and Friends. He was a man of great integrity and unwavering kindness. He and Linda were always at the heart of social activities, and their home was a welcoming hub for extended family reunions, dinner parties, and an annual open house after Christmas Eve Mass. When you were with Chuck, you always felt important and loved.

He is survived by his loving wife, Linda; his children, Timothy Ruder, RaeAnn (David) Overberg, Stephen Ruder, and Thomas (Marisa) Ruder; his grandchildren, Charles (Danielle) Derrick, Claire Ruder, Sydney Ruder, JohnClaud Ruder, Stephen Ruder, and Samantha Ruder; his sisters, Kay Jarvis and Delores (Lou) Hartlieb; and many nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Isadore, Margaret, and Arvada Ruder, and his grandsons, Jack Ruder and Michael Derrick.

A funeral Mass will be held at 11:00AM on October 13, 2025 at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 283000 Beaumont Rd, Bonita Springs, FL. The service will also be live streamed at <https://facebook.com/events/s/mass-of-christian-burial-for-c/3699299053698964/> for those unable to attend in person.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Chuck's memory to the The Alzheimers Association:

Attn: Donor Services

225 N. Michigan Ave, 17th floor

Chicago, IL 60601

Note on Donations: 100% towards Research

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolence please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

OCT **13**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church
28300 Beaumont Road
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

Tribute Wall

BF

“ No better friend...

Bill Farley

Bill Farley - October 13, 2025 at 10:52 AM

YJ

“ Your friends at Raymond James purchased the S imply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Charles "Chuck" Joseph Ruder.



Your friends at Raymond James - October 12, 2025 at 07:58 AM

YJ

“ Your friends at Raymond James planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles "Chuck" Joseph Ruder.

Your friends at Raymond James - October 12, 2025 at 07:58 AM

PE

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Perpy - October 12, 2025 at 04:35 AM

KW

“ Mrs. Ruder, Tim, Rae Ann, Steve and Tom - We are so sorry to hear about the passing of your awesome husband and Dad. He was a true gentleman. Whether in your home or at school, he always had time to talk and was so welcoming. He was a rock of a man that adhered to high standards in life and had his priorities in order. As I grew to know him throughout high school and college, it was apparent that he was very smart, humble and as genuine as the day is long. Praying that God provides you His peace and strength to carry all of you through this time of loss.

*With love and sympathy,
Michelle (Fournier) and Kevin Weber*

Kevin and Michelle Weber - October 11, 2025 at 11:05 AM

YF

“ Your United Airlines Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Charles "Chuck" Joseph Ruder.



Your United Airlines Family - October 11, 2025 at 03:35 AM

YB

“ Your friends at Brightstar purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Charles "Chuck" Joseph Ruder.



Your friends at Brightstar - October 10, 2025 at 05:25 PM

YB

“ Your friends at Brightstar planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles "Chuck" Joseph Ruder.

Your friends at Brightstar - October 10, 2025 at 05:25 PM

ND

“ Nancie McDonnell Ruder & Paul Dougherty purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Charles "Chuck" Joseph Ruder.



Nancie McDonnell Ruder & Paul Dougherty - October 09, 2025 at 10:46 AM

ND

“ Nancie McDonnell Ruder & Paul Dougherty planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles "Chuck" Joseph Ruder.

Nancie McDonnell Ruder & Paul Dougherty - October 09, 2025 at 10:46 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles "Chuck" Joseph Ruder.



October 07, 2025 at 10:46 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles "Chuck" Joseph Ruder.

October 07, 2025 at 10:46 AM



“ Chuck H purchased the *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet* for the family of Charles "Chuck" Joseph Ruder.



Chuck H - September 30, 2025 at 10:03 AM



“ Chuck H planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles "Chuck" Joseph Ruder.

Chuck H - September 30, 2025 at 10:03 AM

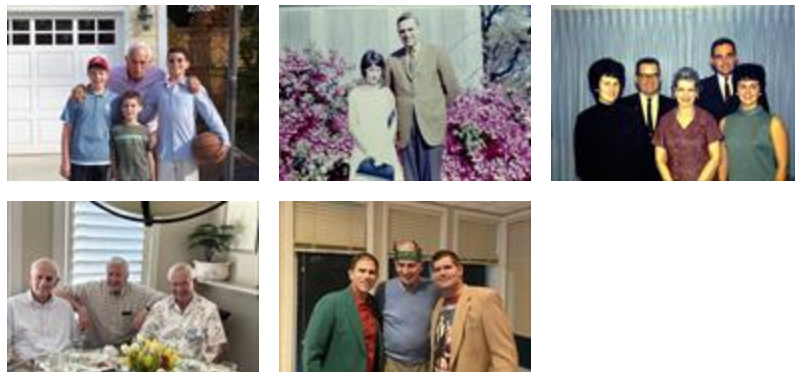


“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles "Chuck" Joseph Ruder.

September 22, 2025 at 12:05 PM

RO

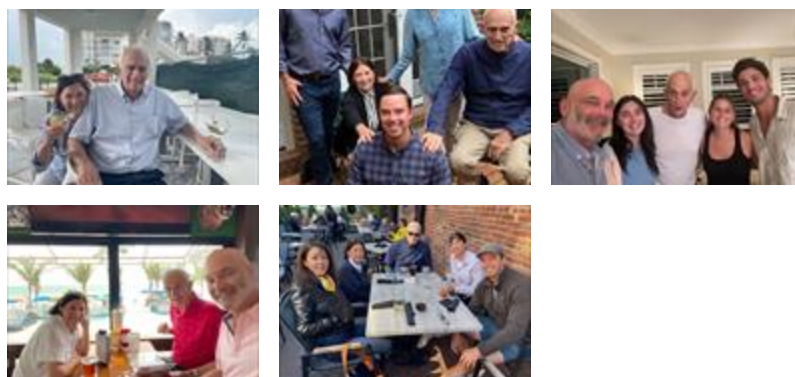
“ 21 files added to the album *Chuck and Family*



RaeAnn Overberg - September 18, 2025 at 05:17 PM

TR

“ 7 files added to the album *Chuck and Family*



Tom Ruder - September 18, 2025 at 09:54 AM

PF

“ *Perpy Ruder and Ramos family purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Charles "Chuck" Joseph Ruder.*



Perpy Ruder and Ramos family - September 14, 2025 at 08:40 PM

PF

“ *Perpy Ruder and Ramos family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles "Chuck" Joseph Ruder.*

Perpy Ruder and Ramos family - September 14, 2025 at 08:40 PM

PH

“ *As class president Chuck played a big role in the class and he will be greatly missed. Park Hollenbeck*

Park Hollenbeck - September 11, 2025 at 03:51 PM