



Charles Rueben Cochrane

December 26, 1941 - October 7, 2022

Charles R. Cochrane, 80 of Estero, FL passed away Friday, October 7, 2022 at Joanne's House at Hope Hospice. Formerly of DeKalb, IL, Charles was an Estero resident since 2005. He resided in St. Petersburg, FL from 1979 – 1994. Charles was born December 26, 1941 in DeKalb, IL, a son of the late Emery E. and Olive M. (Sparks) Cochrane. Mr. Cochrane was a veteran of the United States Army. He earned his associates degree in business administration at Kishwaukee Community College. Charles married his wife, Marilyn J. (Brezina) Cochrane, on August 26, 1967.

He was a longtime coach for the Pinellas County Youth Football Conference, worked at Northern Illinois University (NIU) and more recently enjoyed being an usher at Hertz Arena (formerly Germain) in Estero. Charles was a sports enthusiast and fan of the Chicago Bears and White Sox. He was a member of several groups in The Cascades, including the Mariners Club and the Men's Club. As an avid bocce player, he served as the Treasurer of the Southwest Florida Bocce League, as well as playing in the Cascades local and travel bocce leagues. Most important to Charles was the time he spent with his family; he was loved by all who knew him for his positive attitude and infectious smile. His daily visits will be missed by the employees at Starbucks on Estero Parkway, where he was awarded "Customer of The Month" in March 2020.

Survivors include his loving daughters, Kimberlee (Kevin) Crass of Tallahassee, FL, Kristin (Kirk) Teschke of Estero, FL; cherished grandchildren, Margaux and Simon Teschke, and several beloved nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Marilyn in 2016; and his 10 brothers and sisters.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, October 29th, 2022 at 11:00 AM at Our Lady of Light Catholic Community, 19680 Cypress View Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33967. Burial will follow in the church memorial garden.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Charles' name may be made to: Joanne's House at Hope Hospice, 27200 Imperial Parkway, Bonita Springs, Florida 34135 or The Knights of Columbus, 1336 East Lincoln Highway, DeKalb, Illinois 60115.

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

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Light Memorial Garden

19680 Cypress View Dr.
Ft. Myers, FL 33967

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Light Catholic Community
19680 Cypress View Dr.
Ft. Myers, FL 33967

Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Rueben Cochrane*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles Rueben Cochrane.*



October 29, 2022 at 12:30 PM



“ *So many card games with the Chuckster at voyager beach club. I am really so sorry to see him go. I will always miss him.*

nick neal - October 24, 2022 at 12:52 PM



“ *Sooo sorry to hear of Chuckie's passing. Great guy!! Known him forever. U will be missed my friend. RIP*

Donna Deegan - October 19, 2022 at 01:23 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Chuckie's passing-He was a great guy-Will miss his email's-The last of the Cochrane Family—A great large family-I remember them all-Great group of 6 sons-and I think 4 daughters — RIP Chuckie!!!*

Donna Deegan - October 18, 2022 at 07:24 PM

DF

“ Chuck and I became good friends in grade school in DeKalb. This friendship blossomed through all these years and has included our families. My memories with Chuck cover a lot of ground. These include our love of sports, our motorcycle trips, our getting together for talking and parties. Our telephone checks on each other to see how we are doing. I will always be so grateful that my wife, Dede, and I hosted a get together for Chuck and his high school classmates this past summer. Everyone was glad to see him and he was his usual upbeat self. Thanks to his daughter Kim for getting him back to DeKalb for this event.

Don Forrest - October 18, 2022 at 03:44 PM

KR

Thank you so much, Don. Yes, seeing you and Dede and your kids is definitely a happy memory of our summer trips back to DeKalb. I am so happy Dad was able to hear from you recently, and see you with Kim over the summer.

*With love,
Kristin*

Kristin - October 19, 2022 at 02:41 PM

CO

“ To Chuck's family: We're so sorry to hear of your huge loss! Chuck was a great friend for many years....He was the most positive & charismatic person you would ever meet.... With Our Deepest Sympathy, Cletus and Dona ODonnell of Madison, WI....

Cletus & Dona ODonnell - October 18, 2022 at 10:02 AM

KR

It is so nice to hear from you, Cletus and Dona. My husband said my dad told him lots of stories of hijinks with Cletus growing up, and I have good memories of seeing you all on summer vacations. Thank you for your condolences.

*With love,
Kristin*

Kristin - October 19, 2022 at 02:42 PM

DR

“ *I had the pleasure of being a vendor selling to NIU and visiting with Charlie weekly. He was quite the character. I was asked to say a few words at his retirement party so I did the only right thing, I roasted him and everyone had a good laugh especially my friend Charlie.*

*My condolences to the family
Dave Ritter*

David Ritter - October 17, 2022 at 10:44 AM

KR

Thank you very much, David. I am sure he got a kick out of all you said and being able to joke with you.

Kristin - October 19, 2022 at 02:43 PM

FD

“ *One of the nicest, most caring people I have ever known.*

Frank Delmont - October 17, 2022 at 10:32 AM

CB

“ I had the pleasure of calling your father a true friend. I met him while I worked at Hertz Arena and over the years we became more than friends, we were family. Even if I was having a bad day he always turned it into a better one with his great hugs and contagious smiles. He stayed connected with me when I got sick and had to leave my job. I Loved seeing him at the luncheons we had to catch up outside of work with the girls.. I will truly miss you so much! God Bless you and your family. 🥹



Carrie Brown - October 17, 2022 at 10:16 AM

KR

Thank you very much for the photo, Carrie! Yes, this was after an ear surgery when Dad said he now had "one car door open and one closed" to describe his ears. I am sure he appreciates your kind words!

Kristin - October 19, 2022 at 02:44 PM

CM

“ Always upbeat and gregarious as I'll always remember Chuck. He was my neighbor and good friend; he never had an unkind word to say about anyone. Always willing to lend a hand when needed. My sincere condolences to his family, may he rest in peace.

Charlie Mulvihill

Charles Mulvihill - October 17, 2022 at 09:37 AM

KR

Thank you, Charlie. I have to agree with your kind words. I am glad you two got to meet.

Kristin - October 19, 2022 at 02:45 PM

SB

I have known Chuck since high school and just recently connected with him on Facebook. I did not know he passed. until I talked to Jr's wife Kathy. I will miss connecting with him and sharing how we felt about God and life in general. RIP Chuck Sherryl Bannister

Sherryl Bannister - November 20, 2022 at 01:29 AM