



# Charles Thomas Shackelton Jr.

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“It’s another beautiful day in paradise!!” A favorite declaration of Charles Thomas Shackleton Jr. (Chuck). Indeed, it was a beautiful day when Chuck, age 74, peacefully returned to his Heavenly home on April 11, 2019.

Chuck was born November 21, 1944 in Cleveland, Ohio to Charles Thomas Sr, and Irene Pentek Shackleton. Known in his youth as Tommy, he grew up surrounded by family and many wonderful cousins. He joined the army in 1964, where he was known as Chuck, and served his country loyally for the following 3 years. After his discharge from the military he spent the next 40 +years living in Ohio. He spent most of his professional career in sales, until he discovered his true passion for home remodeling and handyman services. He loved helping people and completing beautiful projects.

In 1997, Chuck married his sweetheart, Vicky Ann Sutch, in the Washington D.C. Temple for time and all eternity. They blended their families of five adult children and 3 teenagers and began a beautiful life together. They lived in North Olmsted, Ohio for 8 years, and Akron, Ohio for 5 years. Chuck loved his Ohio “paradise,” but hated the cold! They moved to their next “paradise,” Florida in 2010. In each area they lived, Chuck was well known and loved, constantly seeing the good in others, always being concerned and aware of everyone around him. He extended a hand with a “how are you” and an infectious smile to everyone. He filled his days in service to others including; giving rides, lending an ear, coordinating service, and offering advice. His greatest gift was the ability to love a person as they were. It was these attributes of selfless love and optimism that made every location they lived a paradise.

Chuck’s greatest legacy is his unwavering faith in God, and an undaunted testimony of his Savior’s love for himself and others. He encouraged everyone he knew to “come unto Christ” and strengthen their love and faith in God. Sometimes he used words.

He leaves behind a blessed family including his wife Vicky, and children, Stacy Farrenholz (Joe), Tanya Ginger (Russ), Doug Shackleton (Julie), Larissa Ruffell (Doug), Barbara Haney (Shaun),



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Chris Shackelton (Brandi), stepson, Hal Eddins, brother, Mike Shackelton and many other extended family members.

As much as Chuck loves his kids, he adores his grandkids. They have many happy memories of being welcomed into his home and heart, playing at the beach, amusement parks and spending time together at home. They felt his love for them when he attended important events in their lives, but more importantly the grandkids knew they were loved because he was present and only a phone call or a FaceTime away! These blessed grandchildren include Ethan, Abby and Drew Farrenholz, Charlie, Ryan and Kristopher Ginger, Brittany, Cameron, Grant, and Rylee Shackelton, Tommy, Emily and Katy Ruffell, Elek, Keenan, Camden, Ilona, Ismayla, Lillyona, and Lovisa Haney.

He is preceded in death by his parents, grandson, Evan Shackelton, and his sister, Linda Marie Shackelton Densmore.

The funeral will be held at 10:30 on Saturday, April 20, 2019 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter- Day Saints, 3303 Belcher Road Dunedin, Florida. Viewing will proceed services starting at 9 A.M. Interment will be held at Bushnell National Cemetery Monday, April 22, 2019.

In lieu of flowers please visit the GoFund me Link below.

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# Events


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## Visitation

 **Saturday**, April 20, 2019

 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM ET

 **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints**


3303 Belcher Road, Dunedin FL 34698



## Funeral Service

 **Saturday**, April 20, 2019

 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM ET

 **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints**

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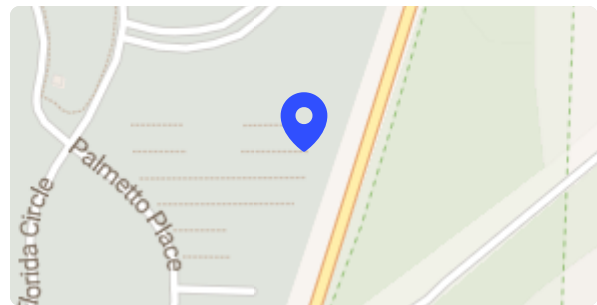
## Burial

 **Monday**, April 22, 2019

 1:30 PM ET

 **Florida National Cemetery**


6502 SW 102nd Ave, Bushnell FL 33513

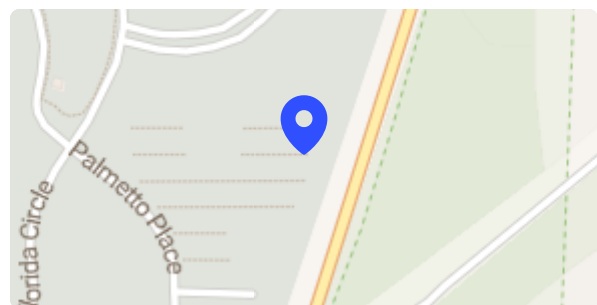


## Cemetery Details

 **Florida National Cemetery**

6502 SW 102nd Ave, Bushnell FL 33513

 **(352) 793-7740**





## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Shackelton family.

April 16 at 6:03 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Shackelton family.

April 16 at 6:16 AM



**Helene And Eugene Lapointe** posted:

Charles was an autodidact person who was well-served by his wisdom. A dedicated family and religious man that God needed for reasons unknown to us. That does not ease the pain of his passing as we loved him so much. Hugs and Kisses to the family. Eugene and Helene

April 16 at 12:30 AM



**Julie Brann** posted:

I only had the privilege of knowing and having Chuck as a friend for about a year and a half, but I'm a better person because of our friendship. As I read through what has already been written on here, I agree completely with all that has been said. I too, have experienced those kinds of things with him. He was a wonderful example, mentor, and friend to me. As we worked together in our church assignments, he was so patient as he carefully listened to my frustrations and concerns. After I had the chance to say what was on my mind, he would give me wonderful counsel and advice that not only applied to the situation of concern to me, but counsel that I could use in my life in general. In addition, he would make me feel good about my efforts and he recognized gifts and talents in me that I hadn't yet identified. Then he worked to help me develop those things. Chuck was someone that not only talked the talk, but walked the walk. From my view, he was unfailingly kind to those around him and went out of his way to help and lift people. He told me once, "put people first". He was a perfect example of that. As I watched his health decline, I saw the courage and determination with which he faced his imminent death. I never once heard him say, "why me". He was still trying to lift those around him even at the end. When he started dying, I thought my time to learn from him was over, but he still taught me by his actions right up till the end. Because Chuck worked so hard to be like his Savior and tried to hear those things that the Savior wanted him to say and do, he touched so many lives. I will always be grateful I had the chance to know him and learn from him. I will miss him terribly! Julie Brann

April 15 at 2:10 PM



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RM

**Rose Mentz** posted:

Growing up in a close Italian family, I was and still am close to my cousins. Naturally when one of them gets married you become close to the spouse, especially when he is the adorable Chuck and he marries your favorite cousin. You may no longer be my "cousin", but you are someone who was and still is very special to me. Noone has ever called me "Sunshine" like you did. God speed, Chuck. Love you!!

April 15 at 9:09 AM

MM

**Morgan Mcdermott** posted:

I remember when I started at the ward in Clearwater. Chuck was one of the first people to greet me. I had so many questions and Chuck was always glad and eager to help me with the answers. He was always encouraging me to get closer to the Savior and go to the temple. Chuck would lift me up when I would feel like I was unworthy. He would say "you're doing good Morgan, just keep doing what you're doing" you're doing fine. One time he gave me a book to read "Visions of Glory". When I finished it (only 2 days), we talked about it. I could hear the excitement. He asked what I thought and then started pointing things out and we would discuss them. I could always feel and see the love he had for the Savior. I remember going to the temple with him and Vicky. Chuck asked me help in one of the endowment session so I could experience a part I may not have been able to being a single person. I will miss him terribly even though I only knew him for a short time. Chuck's gladful loving and grateful heart, the way he treated everyone, showed me what the Gospel is all about. I am so grateful to have met him and be able to be friends with him. He was the only one besides my mom that could make me feel like I was a worthy person. I will miss him terribly. Because of his friendship and kind and caring nature, I saw what becoming as Christ looks like. Because of his ministering to me I know that I will get to see him again. I think if I was a good enough writer, I could write a novel to explain all that he did for me. The love he had for his fellow man and for Vicky was so evident. He radiated the love of the Savior and walked with the light of Christ shining through in everything he did or said. His example helped me to see what following Jesus Christ looked like. He was and is still ministering to me through all he did. When I had gone to visit him, I asked him if he would find my mom and minister to her because I wanted to to be sure that she accepted all I was doing for her in the temple. He got a paper and said, "what is her name". I feel better knowing that he will minister to her as he did me. Because of Chuck, I am staying on the straight and narrow. I was blessed to have known him and will be forever grateful for all he taught me. Until we meet again my friend.

April 14 at 11:26 AM



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DS

**David Salyer** posted:

Chuck was a rare and special friend. We came to know one another as we served our fellow saints in our ward together, and a strong and loving friendship blossomed as a result. I can't count the number of visits, blessings, classes, meetings, and ordinances we took part in together over the last 9 years. We enjoyed studying many gospel books together, each one bringing further light and knowledge to us as we traveled life's road. We basked in our shared knowledge of the truth, and worked together in the spirit of love and service; participants in the exercise of our Priesthood with a common purpose: to bring others into the loving, healing, and wonderful ways of the gospel we knew and loved. No one knows how spiritually exhilarating our discussions could get if we had just a few minutes to spend talking about gospel principles together! I think the longest and the most memorable period of all our association was serving together in the High Priest Group Leadership. Brother Ron Chapman and I were his assistants and Brad Owen and John Ellis were the secretaries for a time. The group of us had many spiritual Wednesday evening leadership meetings. We hated to have to end them. It was grand, educational, exalting and we all grew in our love of the work of the gospel and each other greatly. I look back now and realize all the good work Chuck and the High Priests accomplished in our ward during that time. We had dinners, Firesides, Temple Trips, and picnics. We took turns teaching Sunday Priesthood lessons, and helped in setting up and cleaning up after ward parties. Chuck had a special gift all recognized in his ability to convey the intent of The Spirit when giving a blessing. Consequently, he was asked to give many. Being invited to assist in one of his blessings was not something to be missed; and the recipients were typically left glowing and in tears of relief, gratitude, love and joy. I knew Chuck as a true servant of Our Lord and Savior, a righteous, faithful and loving Husband, Father, Grandfather, Friend and Priesthood Holder. I know no one is perfect, but I have no doubt you have finished your mortal probation clean and forgiven and therefore worthy of being told "Well done thou good and faithful servant." I Love and miss ya Chuck! Thanks for being my Friend! David Salyer 4/14/19

April 14 at 11:26 AM

DF

**Diana L. Foley** posted:

I will always and forever remember, and miss that smile. Chuck sure knew how to make a person feel like they were special. There was always a compliment regardless of the occasion. I was truly touched by how tenderly he cared for Vicky. You could just see the magnitude of his love for her in his actions. They don't make them like him anymore. The Holy Spirit followed him where ever he went, and you could feel it when you were around him. The sun is shining more brightly in heaven now. This angel will surely be missed here on earth. My love and prayers to his family and especially Vicky.

April 14 at 5:33 PM



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MS

**Michelle Salyer** posted:

I cant quite believe his smiling face is gone from this earthly existence. Im going to miss him so much, especially his laugh. I looked forward to making his favorite treat every year for his birthday too. He was always so grateful. I teased him and called him "The General" because he had a commanding voice, but actually he had such a gentle nature. I marveled at the way he took care of Vicky and his stamina for life. He sure did help many many people over and over with a smile and was grateful for all his blessings. I cant think of anyone who wasn't better off in some way for having known him. That's how I measure a successful life, that's the question I always ask myself... have I helped anyone? Is anyone better off for having known me? Chuck had a very successful life. I know he had a dream of hitting the road in an RV someday....maybe he'll be able to do that beyond the veil. I hope all our hearts eventually heal, especially his family. This is not something we'll get over, but something we'll get through. We'll get through together with the love of Christ. Its one of those milestones...the life changing kind.

April 14 at 5:17 PM

LA

**Linda Arbogast** posted:

We remember Chuck Shackelton as such a caring person. He was always interested in the individual. And he would follow up with any problems; always willing to help in any way he could. He was such a great person and we have many good memories of him. He was always smiling, through the good times and the bad times. We will miss him!! The Arbogast family

April 14 at 3:41 PM

DK

**Daniel Kilburn** posted:

Brother Shackelton is a great person. I am saddened to know he is no longer with us. And gladdened to know he has gone home.

April 14 at 3:26 PM



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**W Bublik** April 14 at 9:48 PM

We first met Vicky an Chuck in Cleveland. We were present when they were sealed in DC Temple. We have many fond memories of them. Our love and prayers go out to Vicky and their family. Love from Rick and Wanda Bublik



## Media

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