

Charles W. Stantz

December 24, 1937 - December 26, 2019

Charles (Charlie) William Stantz was born to Helen G. (Wright) Stantz and Marvin C. Stantz on December 24, 1937. Charlie was born in a town called Sullivan, Indiana. He was the middle child of five siblings. From a young age, Charlie has many memories of the kindness his family received from their church home. His Christian values deepened as he continued to grow. Charlie's Dad introduced to him basketball at a young age and it became his ultimate hobby. He would later in life combine his Mom's Quaker expression of faith "let your life preach" and the love of basketball his Dad introduced him to into an amazing ministry. Even as a youngster, Charlie had a way about him. He was the original energizer bunny and was able to direct and lead without hesitation.

In 1964, Charlie visited his Aunt and Uncle and attended their church with them on Sunday morning. Charlie's Uncle introduced him to his future bride, Ellen M. Norwood, that day. On his way home, he was thinking out about the lovely Ellen, not watching his speed and was quickly pulled over and given a speeding ticket. This required Charlie to return back to visit his Aunt and Uncle to pay the ticket, allowing his Uncle to continue to play matchmaker. Charlie many times when recounting this story would tell the listener that he had been paying for that speeding ticket ever since then. In 1965, Charlie and Ellen were married. Charlie remembers the first disagreement that they had not long after they were married. Ellen had mentioned that a piano would be nice to have and he surprised her by buying a piano, which they really couldn't afford. At this time, Charlie thought he had a calling to the ministry. He was a Deacon in the United Methodist Church and had churches that he preached at in Indiana. Charlie then realized he was meant for something else, which led him into the trust business. He still continued to stay active in the youth ministries of the church he attended. The youth were very important to him and he wanted to make sure they were given every opportunity to have positive outlets and good Christian examples.

In 1969, Charlie and Ellen made the decision to relocate to Florida. First they moved to central Florida, until Charlie decided that if he was going to live in Florida he wanted to see Palm trees, then the move was made to the Clearwater/Largo area. By this time, they had two children, Ron Stantz and Tammy Stantz. Charles came to the area to take a role as a Trust Officer for Southeast Bank. Later, he moved to Bank of Indian Rocks to start a

trust department, which was something he had always wanted to try. After Indian Rocks Bank was purchased, Charlie moved onto Sun Bank, as a Trust New Business Officer. He then moved to SouthTrust as a Trust New Business Officer. Charlie ended his career as a Trust New Business Officer at Raymond James Trust. At every one of these institutions, Charlie set the bar very high for himself. He was driven at everything he did and had a competitive nature

The Clearwater/Largo area is where Charlie became active in the Runners Club. He was an avid runner and his daughter would often follow him on her bike when he would go out for his run. Charlie was the race director for the Turkey Trot for 13 years and he made sure his family all had parts to play in the production of the race each year. Then his most amazing ministry began at the establishment of the Christian Life Enrichment Center at St. Paul United Methodist Church. A basketball program that can't be matched because there is only one Charlie Stantz. Everything his parents instilled in him growing up allowed him to impact many lives in his 25 years as the Director of the Basketball program at St. Paul United Methodist Church. His positive reach is immeasurable as everyone he positively impacted will continue to pay it forward to the next generation.

Charlie treasured his family. His grandchildren, Zachary Stantz and Hannah Stantz, were two of his favorite topics of discussion. He loved the time spent together as a family and would go out of his way to make those times special for the kids. Charlie wishes for our family "continued life with Christ as the center of all our lives here on earth and someday everyone will be together in heaven".

Cemetery

Sylvan Abbey Memorial Park

2853 Sunset Point Road
Clearwater, FL, 33759

Events

JAN 2 **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

Moss Feaster Funeral Home and Cremation -
Clearwater
693 South Belcher Road, Clearwater, FL, US, 33764

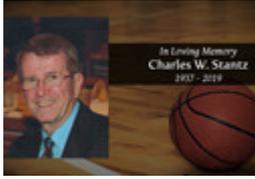
JAN 3 **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Moss Feaster Funeral Home & Cremation Services - December 30, 2019 at 12:08 PM



“ Ellen, I'm sorry to learn about Charlie passing. He was one of my favorite people over the years I practiced in Clearwater, he was always bringing me clients for estate planning help. I've thought of him often over the years since I retired in 2003. My deepest sympathy to you, Ron and Tammy.

David F Kern
East Lake, Florida
dfk4965@gmail.com

David F. Kern - January 13 at 12:24 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Charles W. Stantz.



January 03 at 02:01 PM



“ Les, Steve, & Jeff & families purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Charles W. Stantz.



Les, Steve, & Jeff & families - January 01 at 05:04 PM



“ Love always, Mary Stassi (mz mary) purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Charles W. Stantz.



Love always, Mary Stassi (mz mary) - December 31, 2019 at 08:05 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Charles W. Stantz.



December 31, 2019 at 12:39 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles W. Stantz.



December 30, 2019 at 11:33 AM



“ MARY & ERNIE NIEDBALA purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Charles W. Stantz.



MARY & ERNIE NIEDBALA - December 29, 2019 at 08:28 PM



“ I was an avid runner in my younger years and that is how I met Charlie. We would reminisce about running at St Paul United Methodist Church. I remember him for his smile, encouragement and positive attitude. He would always greet me and my wife, Diane when our paths crossed. It was always a joy. I felt a pang in my heart when I saw his picture in the St.Pete Times today. He will be greatly missed by the community which he served so graciously. My condolences to his family. Know that you were blessed to be a part of his life and he a part of your lives.
David Schick

David Schick - December 29, 2019 at 05:31 PM



“ I have good memories with my uncle and aunt and cousins I love go Disney world and find more shells ... I chat with Charles because he s good alphabet spell sign language and funny joke ☐ all of your family

cynthia - December 29, 2019 at 03:27 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Charles W. Stantz.



December 29, 2019 at 02:53 PM



“ Charlie and Ellen were our next door neighbors for 17 years and our friendship flourished although Charlie & I butted heads many times all in fun. One particular occasion I recall vividly was when we were training our Shih Tzu puppy, to stay in her own yard. Every time I scolded her, he would be calling her and encouraging her to come into their yard. Once, when she did, she promptly pottied there. He didn't think it was so funny then. I told him he called her so he had to clean it up. Sweet revenge. Charlie was a good person though and would help anybody he could. I will never think of Charlie without a smile on my face but with a deep sense of loss within my heart. RIP Charlie and reap the rewards of a life well lived.



Helen Matthews - December 29, 2019 at 01:42 PM



“ Charlie and I were professional acquaintances, he as head of Bank of Indian Rocks Trust Department and I as head of the Trust Department of First National Bank & Trust Co. of Belleair Bluffs located about three miles apart on Indian Rocks Rd. This was in the era of small banking organizations before each of our employers were merged out.

I admired his sales skills, as he was, indeed, a very effective competitor. His moral and religious values were evident even in professional trust situations. I extend my condolences to his family for their loss. Ed Evan, Seminole, FL

Ed Evan - December 29, 2019 at 09:01 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles W. Stantz.



December 28, 2019 at 11:58 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Charles W. Stantz.



December 28, 2019 at 07:26 PM



“ Please accept my deepest condolences on your loss. May the family find solace in your memories of the many good times you shared together throughout your lives and your knowledge that Charlie's life was well served.

I will always remember Charlie for his competitive spirit, determination, honesty, integrity, concern and compassion for others, and his selfless desire to aid and serve others, especially the children of the St. Paul's basketball program.

Charlie gave much more of his time and personal funds than most people recognized and very few acknowledged. His personal satisfaction was the only reward he sought.

Charlie was extremely proud of his family, wife Ellen, son Ron, daughter Tammy, and grandchildren Zach and Hannah. He often eagerly shared with me their many activities and accomplishments.

My fond and lasting vision will be of Charlie playing and coaching basketball eternally in a better place.

Gary Ardrey

Gary Ardrey - December 28, 2019 at 04:09 PM



“Footprints Blanket was purchased for the family of Charles W. Stantz.



December 28, 2019 at 03:36 PM