



Charles "Charlie" August Michel

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Charles "Charlie" August Michel, age 84, of Lewes, DE, passed away on Friday, July 3, 2015, peacefully in his home. He was born on January 2, 1931, in the Bronx, NY, second child of the late Charles Clarence and Rose Marie (Feistenberger) Michel.

Charlie proudly served in the U.S. Army from 1951 to 1953. He was stationed in Europe, where he performed in a band with Eddie Fisher and ran a Boy Scouts of America troop. When he returned from the Army, Charlie married Gwendolyn Dorothy Schramm on September 25, 1954. Together they built their home in Lincolndale, NY, where they raised their three children; Karen, Charles and Steven.

Charlie enjoyed a lifelong career with AT&T Telephone Company as a Field Technician, retiring in 1985. When he was on strike with the phone company, he ran a lobster boat in Connecticut. Charlie was a Scoutmaster for a Boy Scouts of America troop in Yorktown Heights, NY from 1976 to 1985. The family spent many vacations traveling with their trailer from Maine to Florida. When he and Gwen retired, they moved to Lewes, DE, where Charlie enjoyed traveling, square dancing, model railroading, playing bells in the Longneck United Methodist Church bell choir, playing the organ & guitar, boating, fishing, clamming and being with his eight grandchildren. Charlie spent many hours videotaping and photographing all family events.

In addition to his parents, Charlie was preceded in death by his sister, Virginia May Michel (who died before the age of one) and a brother, Robert J. Michel. He is survived by his loving wife of almost 61 years, Gwen (Schramm) Michel of Lewes, DE; a daughter, Karen M. Urban and her husband John "Ben" of Middletown, DE; two sons: Charles F. Michel and his wife Susan of Seaford, DE; Steven D. Michel and his wife Linda of Middletown, DE; eight grandchildren: Michael, Matthew, Mark and Mitchell Urban; Charles, Christopher and Courtney Michel and Pamela Angelos; a brother: Richard Michel and his wife Fran of Long Island, NY; a sister: Marion Pettit and her husband George of New Port Richey, FL, and many nephews and a niece.



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A Celebration of Life Service for Charlie will be held on Sunday, July 19, 2015, at 12 PM, at Conley's United Methodist Church, 33106 Jolyn's Way, Lewes, DE 19958. Interment will be held on Monday, July 20, at 2:00 PM, at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 26669 Patriots Way, Millsboro, DE 19966.

In lieu of flowers, Charlie's wishes were for donations to be sent to Conley's United Methodist Church at the above address with a note "Bell Choir".

Please sign Charlie's guestbook located on this site.

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Events

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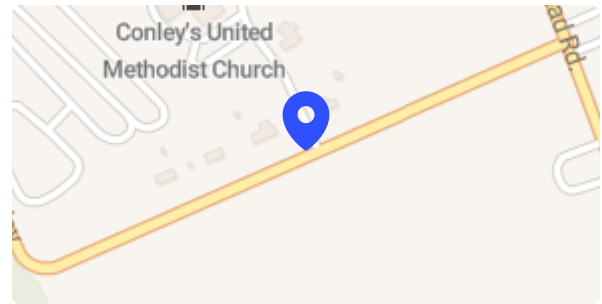
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Celebration of life

 **Sunday**, July 19, 2015


 12:00 PM ET


 **Conley's United Methodist Church**
33106 Jolyn's Way, Lewes DE

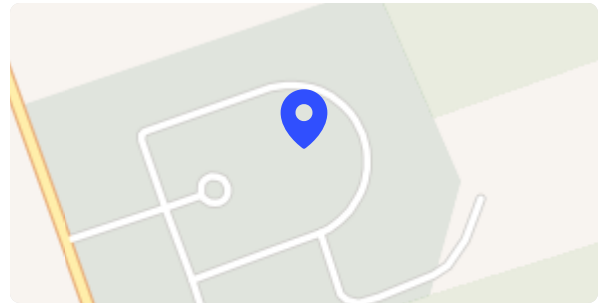


Interment

 **Monday**, July 20, 2015

 2:00 PM ET

 **Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery**
26669 Patriots Way, Millsboro DE





Tribute Wall

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CS

Chuck Shoemake posted:

Gwen, Karen, Charles, and Steven, My sincere condolences on the loss of Charlie. It has been many years since I last saw him. I have many fond memories of my Michel family and "Gwen and Charlie" are a part of those memories. You are in my thoughts. Chuck Shoemake

November 29 at 4:46 AM

TP

Tom Prusak posted:

Steven - I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. I know how hard this is, but you will always have those good memories with you. I am keeping you & your family in my thoughts. Tom.

July 13 at 8:00 PM

JK

Julie Kreger posted:

I am so sorry to hear of your loss, and will keep you and your family in my thoughts. Julie

July 13 at 8:00 PM

SM

Steven And Linda Michel posted:

There are no words that can express how much we miss you. We were fortunate to have you as part of our lives for as long as we did. Our family gatherings will forever be different, but we know that you will still be with us nonetheless. The lessons and values you taught us in life we carry with us and instill on our families. I am proud to have been your son.

July 11 at 8:00 PM

TC

Terrence Cumberland posted:

To Steven and Linda, you have my most sincere condolences on the loss of your father...but even as I type this, my belief system dictates that he is in a better place where there is no sickness or pain or anguish. May your family find peace and solace with that thought.

July 6 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Charles by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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