



Charles Otis Willoughby Jr.

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Charles Otis Willoughby., a cherished husband, father, brother, and grandfather, passed away peacefully on November 1, 2024, at the age of 78 in Bridgeville, DE. Born on August 29, 1946, in Milford, DE, Charles was a man whose presence brought warmth and joy to all who knew him.

He is survived by his loving wife, Janice Johnson Willoughby, with whom he shared countless lunches and precious moments. His legacy continues through his sons, Chuck Willoughby (Angie) and Bryan Willoughby; his brother, Bruce Willoughby (Gail); his granddaughter, Brooke Carpenter; nephews, Rob Willoughby (Becky) and Michael Willoughby; niece, Michele Willoughby; great-niece, Lily Grace Willoughby; and great-nephew, Luke Evans Willoughby. Charles was predeceased by his parents, Charles and Anna Willoughby; brothers, Stanley and Danny Willoughby; and granddaughter, Brittany McLoughlin.

Charles dedicated 32 years of service to Hearn Rawlins Feed mill, followed by 14 years at Mike Layton's Hardware Store. His commitment to his community was unwavering, having served as a part-time police officer for 20 years across Bridgeville, Greenwood, and Blades, DE. Captain of the Bridgeville Fire Police and his 13-year tenure with the State Fire Team. His passion for service was recognized when he was named Fireman of the Year in 2016 and one of the Top Responders of the Year in 2023. In 2024, he received an award for his service to the Apple Scrapple Festival, a testament to his enduring dedication.

An avid fisherman, Charles loved nothing more than spending time by the water, rod in hand. He was a man who loved talking to people, and his home was always open to friends and family. His role as a fireman was not just a job but a calling, and he was often described as the friendliest person one could ever meet.

Charles's life was marked by his loving, friendly, and thoughtful nature. He will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. His memory will be cherished and kept alive through the stories and laughter he shared with so many.



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Visitation for family and Friends will be held on Friday, November 15, 2024 from 11:00 AM -1:00 PM at Union Methodist Church 2 N. Laws Street, Bridgeville, DE 19933. A Memorial: Service will start at 1:00 PM. Interment will follow at Bridgeville Cemetery Market & Laws Streets Bridgeville, DE 19933.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Charles memory to Bridgeville Fire Co. PO Box 727, Bridgeville DE 19933 or to Colon Cancer Research www.colorectalcaner.org.

Kindly visit the Tribute wall available on this website to add your message.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLOWERS DELIVERED ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024 BY 3:00 PM TO OUR BRIDGEVILLE LOCATION.



Events


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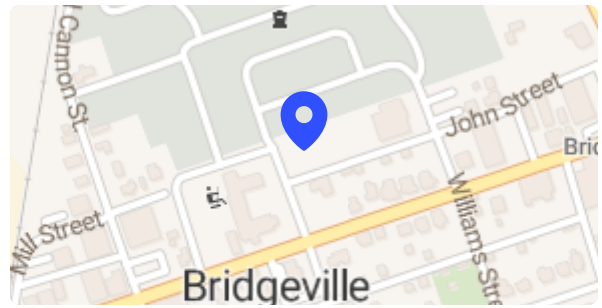
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Visitation of Family and Friends

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 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM ET


 **Union Methodist Church**
2 N. Laws Street, Bridgeville DE

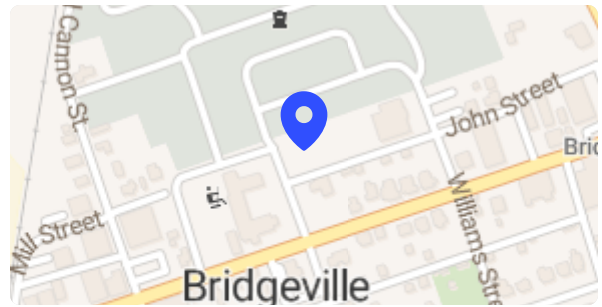


Memorial Service

 **Friday**, November 15, 2024

 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET

 **Union Methodist Church**
2 N. Laws Street, Bridgeville DE

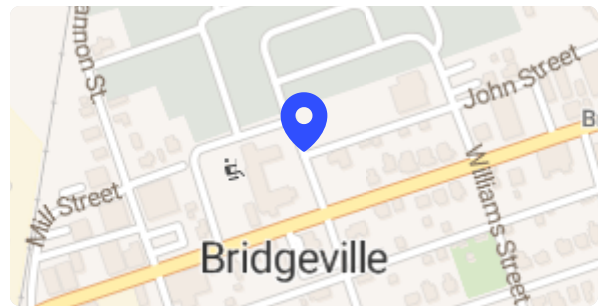


Interment

 **Friday**, November 15, 2024

 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM ET

 **Bridgeville Cemetery**
North Laws Street, Bridgeville DE





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GB

Gary Birch posted:

I worked with Charlie for a short time and Laytons Hardware . If it weren't for Charlie I wouldn't have last there as long as I did . I really enjoyed talking to Charlie he always had some great advice and a good story to tell

March 29 at 7:55 PM

JC

John Carver posted:

He was a mean old bastard towards me never thought much of him and know where to find his grave to pay my disrespect

June 2 at 11:59 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Charles.

November 13 at 5:36 AM



Anonymous sent a Serene Retreat to the Willoughby family.

November 13 at 5:36 AM



DS

Dr. Marlene A. Saunders posted:

My condolences to Charles' wife and family. Every time I shopped at Layton's Hardware, I felt like we were neighbors. As time passed, we connected. He would sincerely ask how I was doing; I reciprocated by fondly asking him how he was doing. I will miss his special presence and meaning to Bridgeville.

November 10 at 11:17 AM

LR

Laurie Robison posted:

So sorry for your loss, Mr. Charlie will be missed thinking of all of the family.

November 8 at 8:31 AM



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RG

R&L Irrigation Gang And Mr. Gordan planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Charles.

November 8 at 8:30 AM



RG

R&L Irrigation Gang And Mr. Gordan sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Willoughby family.

November 8 at 8:30 AM



LA

Lois Andrew lit a candle in honor of Charles.

November 7 at 2:30 PM



JP

Janet Podlaseck posted:

Charlie was a great neighbor and friend. His service to our community has been greatly appreciated over the years. His kind heart and sense of humor will be missed. You are in our thoughts and prayers. David and Janet

November 7 at 2:12 PM

MT

Marsha Tull lit a candle in honor of Charles.

November 7 at 6:58 AM



BG

Beth Gibbons lit a candle in honor of Charles.

November 6 at 9:53 AM





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Chesapeake Shipbuilding Corp. Employees planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Charles.

November 6 at 9:42 AM



Chesapeake Shipbuilding Corp. Employees sent an A Full Life to the Willoughby family.

November 6 at 9:42 AM



Brenda Tribbitt posted:

So sorry to about charles he was a good friend and husband who loved his wife and children he was a good friend to my husband Butch Blessings

November 5 at 12:50 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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