



Charles "Chuck" T. O'Brien Jr.

October 22, 1959 - November 8, 2020

Charles "Chuck" T. O'Brien, Jr., age 61, passed away on November 8, 2020 following a brief, but courageous battle with melanoma. He was surrounded with the loving embrace of his family.

Chuck was born on October 22, 1959 to Anne (Nancy) and the late Charles T. O'Brien, Sr. Chuck was raised with his three siblings in North Wildwood, NJ, where he was a proud graduate of Wildwood High School. Always striving to live the American Dream and better the standing of his family, Chuck continued his education, receiving an MBA from Wilmington College. Chuck was honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award from Delaware Technical Community College for Data Processing Technology in 2009. He was a tremendously hard worker, but his lofty academic and work achievements were second to his truly most important accomplishments: being an exceptional husband, son, father, grandpop, brother, uncle, and friend that anyone could have.

Chuck loved his life, his friends, and most of all, his family. He spent decades coaching soccer, softball, basketball, and serving as a Boy Scout troop leader in Seaford, DE. He did anything and everything to be close to his children from the day they were born to the day he died. He was a hero to them and a positive influence on countless others.

Chuck loved the beach, a cold beer in hand, Bruce Springsteen playing in the background, and his grandkids pulling at his hand begging him to pick them up. He always did. Chuck's compassion and kindness for all was reciprocated with great love from his family and friends. He will be missed beyond words and his memory will live on forever.

Chuck is survived by his loving wife of 41 years, Danette; his children of whom he was so proud: Chip (Jen), Dan (Jaime), and Kasey; his adopted Brazilian son, Bruno; his beloved grandkids: Owen, Finnigan, Olive, Cooper, and future baby O'Brien; his siblings: Ann, Susan, and Paul (Niki); and a host of other family and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2020 from 1:00 PM - 5:00

PM, at the Rehoboth Beach Country Club, 221 West Side Drive, Rehoboth Beach, DE. All family and friends are welcome (casual beach attire recommended).

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Chuck's memory to the Melanoma Research Alliance, 730 15th Street NW, Washington, DC 20005, or https://curemelanoma.secure.nonprofitsoapbox.com/tribute?dedication_toggle=true to support continued advancements in melanoma research and treatments.

Please sign the online guestbook located on the tribute page.

Events

NOV **Celebration of Life** 01:00PM - 05:00PM

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Rehoboth Beach Country Club

221 W. Side Drive, Rehoboth Beach, DE, US

Comments



“ I was both shocked and saddened to hear about Chuck. Although I didn't see him often, when I did he was always upbeat and it was a pleasure to talk to him. He will be dearly missed and I am so sorry.

Jerry Smith
Seaford, DE

Jerry Smith - November 29, 2020 at 01:05 PM



“ Dear Danette, Kasey & family,
Please know that you are being held in prayer & that loving thoughts are being sent your way.

Sincerely, Lynne Mangene Betts & family

lynne M Betts - November 21, 2020 at 09:36 AM



“ Chuck was a pleasure to work with !! Always had very positive and "can do" attitude. He will be always remembered and missed. May his soul RIP.

Swati Agrawal - November 20, 2020 at 01:10 AM



“ I am glad I got the opportunity to work with Chuck. He always was positive and I will miss his "are we having fun yet?" Truly a wonderful soul to have crossed paths with.

Chaleen Cropper - November 19, 2020 at 09:43 AM



“ Chuck was a man of great character. He always talked about his family and when he would visit his grandkids again. He was always a pleasure to work with. He is greatly missed.

Mike Tingey - November 19, 2020 at 09:13 AM



“ So sorry to hear this, RIP

scott coulbourn - November 18, 2020 at 07:44 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear about Chuck! We both worked at the same State office for a few years, and he was always very nice to me. Rest in peace, Chuck.



Carol Warren - November 17, 2020 at 09:22 AM



“ I went to school with Chuck. Many fond memories. One of the good guys!!!

Kelly Hall - November 15, 2020 at 03:17 PM



“ "The Song is Ended (but the Melody Lingers On)", Irving Berlin, 1927.

During our rare "quiet" moments at work, Chuck and I used to talk about a variety of other-than-directly-work-related things. Things like families and heritages, and such. Chuck told me once that the Irish' joy for life goes so far, that when their loved ones pass away, family and friends find a way to celebrate their lives while mourning their passing...

Here's to Chuck... Thank you for being in our lives, Chuck! RIP, Buddy!

Elina Gamburg - November 14, 2020 at 01:52 PM



“ Linda Boyles, (Delaware Tech) lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chuck" T. O'Brien Jr.



Linda Boyles, (Delaware Tech) - November 13, 2020 at 08:41 PM



“ To the Greatest Dad in the world...I will miss you forever and love you always. Your son, Chip

Chip - November 13, 2020 at 06:40 PM