



Charles E. Swartzlander

September 7, 1952 - March 2, 2020

Charles E. Swartzlander, 67, of Clarion, passed away on Monday, March 2, 2020 at the UPMC Shadyside Hospital in Pittsburgh surrounded by his loving wife and daughters.

He was born on September 7, 1952 in Oil City; son of the late Leroy Swartzlander and Lucille DeArment Swartzlander Staley and her husband, Jack Staley, Sr. of Clarion.

Charles graduated from the Oil City High School in 1970.

He served in the United States Army.

Charles married the former Tonya Rhoades on July 8, 1986; whom survives.

He worked for Universal Stainless & Alloy Products in Titusville for numerous years.

Charles then worked as a delivery driver for Phillip-Kifer Flowers in Clarion, where he always had a smile on his face when delivering arrangements.

He always enjoyed taking his therapy dog, Dawber, to the Clarion University and Clarion Free Library.

Charles also enjoyed attending car shows and flea markets and spending time with his family.

He loved antique cars, especially his Mercury Cougar 1968.

Charles was an avid Pittsburgh sports fan.

He is survived by his loving wife: Tonya, of 33 years; his two daughters: Amanda Giehl and her husband, Matt, of Virginia and Tara Carroll and her husband, Matt, of Butler; and four grandchildren: Jackson, Elijah, and Leo

Giehl, all of Virginia, and Amelia Carroll of Butler.

Charles is also survived by his siblings: Linda Bauer and her husband, Steve, of Tennessee, Beverly Cassone of Tennessee, Terry Swartzlander and his wife, Sharon, of North Carolina, Julie Novak and her husband, Tony, of North Carolina, John Swartzlander and his wife, Lynn, of Virginia, Kandi Tharp and her husband, Danny, of Clarion, Rona Lou Schake and her husband, Mel, of Indiana, PA, and Rick Staley and his wife, Cindy, of Clarion; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father and a brother: Jack Staley, Jr.

The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, March 6, 2020 at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at the Asbury United Methodist Church in Strattanville with Rev. Jeff Foor, pastor presiding.

Interment will take place in the Asbury United Methodist Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, Memorials or donations can be made in Charles' name to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society or to the Clarion or Venango County Humane Society.

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 6. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Robert V. Burns Funeral Home
638 Wood Street
Clarion, PA 16214
(814) 226-6300
<https://www.rvburnsfuneralhome.com>

Viewing

MAR 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

MAR 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Asbury United Methodist Church
19801 Route 322
Strattanville, PA 16258

Tribute Wall



“ Robert V Burns Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles E. Swartzlander



Robert V Burns Funeral Home - March 06, 2020 at 07:16 AM

JW

“ Chuck was my baseball mentor and friend. He spent many hours with me on hot afternoons improving my skills in Colt League. I remember shagging fly balls at his home out Grand River Road. I always felt welcome at his home. Sadly it has been many years since we have had contact. My heartfelt sympathies to his family.
John Willis

John N. Willis - April 17, 2020 at 08:38 AM

DM

“ Chuck was my friend from Hasson Heights Elementary School, South Side Junior High and Oil City Senior High. At Hasson we played many games on the spacious school property when schools still saw value in recess. Our class celebrates its 50th reunion this year, and we will miss Chuck. My sympathies to his family and friends. We were fortunate to have Chuck in our lives.

Diane Shafer MD - March 13, 2020 at 01:50 PM

TS

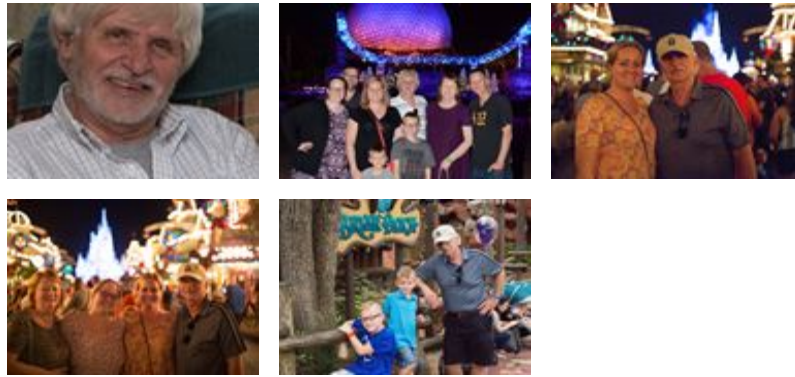
“ *Tim & Bobbi Smith lit a candle in memory of Charles E. Swartzlander*



Tim & Bobbi Smith - March 06, 2020 at 12:24 PM



“ *139 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Robert V Burns Funeral Home - March 06, 2020 at 07:13 AM

JO

“ *Dear Swartzlander Family,*

My sympathies for your loss. It has been many years ago that we all attended church together in Oil City. Chuck was a great guy then and obviously that trait continued throughout his life's journey. Praying for your peace and comfort.

Janice Ward Osten

Janice Ward Osten - March 05, 2020 at 08:58 PM

DF

“ So sorry to hear of Charles passing. I only knew his family for a short time, but he was one of the nicest people you would ever meet. Rest easy good man.

DONNA RANSOM FLOYD - March 05, 2020 at 07:23 PM

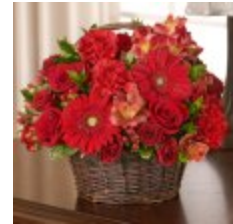
MC

“ My condolences to Tonya and family. Charles and my dad, Gary, became car show buddies a few years back. I made his acquaintance when I started taking Dad's car to the shows after his passing. I enjoyed talking with him and am glad to know him. God speed Charles.

Mike Cyphert - March 05, 2020 at 05:57 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All Red was purchased for the family of Charles E. Swartzlander.



March 05, 2020 at 03:28 PM

PP

“ It was indeed a pleasure to work with Charlie in the International division of Cytemp Specialty Steel during the '80's. Charlie was not only competent in his approach to work, but was blessed with a terrific sense of humor, and together with his love of family, ... Tonya and the 2 girls at that time, his life was complete and content. Charlie was not only respected by all his colleagues, but by all his friends around the world in the Aerospace community. I was so thankful that our careers crossed.
peter

peter pursall - March 05, 2020 at 03:11 PM

PP

“ *Peter pursall purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Charles E. Swartzlander.*



Peter pursall - March 05, 2020 at 02:58 PM

TC

“ *We will miss seeing Charlie and his Mercury Cougar at the local car shows. He always had a story to tell, and was the life of the party! Our deepest sympathy to his lovely wife, Tonya, and his two beautiful daughters and their families.*
Tim and Teresa Carroll

Teresa Carroll - March 05, 2020 at 09:10 AM

JC

“ *As a classmate from elementary through high school Chuck, we spent many years in the same home room. He was always a sweet guy. I am sorry for your loss and glad for your years of memories.*



Judi Weaver Coad

Judi Weaver Coad - March 04, 2020 at 10:52 PM

BE

“ I have many memories of my brother. Watching him play ball. Being so proud of him.. Thinking he had to be the best.. But I think the best memory I have is the night me and him were alone in the house. Charlie was planning on going to a dance. He came out and asked me If I would teach him how to do dance. I remember trying to get him to listen to the beat, and to just move to it.. He was an ballplayer, not a dancer. But I got him to stay with the beat and we even slow danced.. I think that's the only time we ever did. I will hold that very dear to me always... I love you Charlie.. Thanks for being a great BIG BROTHER.. You are going to be missed. But never forgotten.. Thanks for so many great memories

Bev - March 04, 2020 at 09:13 PM

JN

“ My Dear Brother, I have such wonderful memories of us growing up. I always looked up to you, I always thought you were a super star in so many ways. Growing up at the baseball fields hearing your name being announce over the loud speaker so many times. You were an all star player and I was so proud of my famous brother. I remember when you bought our family our first colored tv. That was a big deal. You worked at Brown Boots Store and saved your money for us. Building the largest igloo where we could actually stand up in. Practicing baseball and playing with the neighborhood kids in our big open field. Not to mention I always thought you looked like Tom Jones and you had the dance moves like him too. :) My adult life you were always there for me. I loved it when you and your family would come visit me in NC and the fun we would have together. I called you so many times for advice, not that I always listened. You loved to have fun, shop at flea markets, refinish furniture and you loved your wife's cooking. I loved it when you really liked something you would say, "It's better than sliced bread!" and so many more sayings

My heart aches knowing you are gone, but I know you are in heaven and making everyone laugh and smile. Love you my Dear Brother! Your sister, Julie

Julie Novak - March 04, 2020 at 08:57 PM

TC

“ We will surely miss seeing Charlie with his Mercury Cougar at the local car shows. He always had a story to tell and was the life of the party! Much sympathy to all his family!

Tim and Teresa Carroll

Teresa Carroll - March 04, 2020 at 06:53 PM

FF

“ Sympathy and prayers to the family. My memories of him back in the '80's put a smile on my face. So sorry for the loss of him, a great fellow !

Fred Fauvre - March 04, 2020 at 05:18 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Charles E. Swartzlander.



March 04, 2020 at 04:35 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Charles E. Swartzlander.



March 04, 2020 at 12:05 PM

DL

“ Although it has been close to 30 years ago since Charlie and I worked together at Cytemp in Titusville, the memories are still fresh in my mind. Charlie was a great person and always smiling or laughing, and a pleasure to work with - he made work enjoyable! With deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayer for Tonya, daughters and the entire family.
Donna Lapek

Donna Lapek - March 04, 2020 at 11:43 AM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Charles E. Swartzlander.*



March 04, 2020 at 10:10 AM



“ *Although it has been many many years since I've seen Chuck, he will always have a special place in my heart. I. Remember his smile, his love of live and his kindness toward everyone who knew him. RIP Chuck.*
Trish

Patti (Trish) Gredler - March 04, 2020 at 10:08 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Charles E. Swartzlander.*



March 04, 2020 at 09:53 AM