



Charles Michael Fondale

November 11, 1948 - July 9, 2021

Charles Michael Fondale, age 72 of Cambridge, passed away on Friday, July 9, 2021 at Southeastern Ohio Regional Medical Center. He was born on November 11, 1948 at home in Junction City, Ohio, a son of the late Carl Fondale and Lewella (Robb) Fondale.

Mr. Fondale was 1967 Graduate of New Lexington High School. He received his bachelor's degree at Capitol University (1971) and was a four-year letterman on the Crusaders football team and member of the 1970 Division Two National Championship team. He obtained his master's degree from Ohio University in 1990. He began his Physical Education teaching career for Cambridge City Schools in the fall of 1971 and continued for 38 years. He held many coaching positions through his career, most notably with girls track and field, football, and basketball. He was a very well-known official for track and field and cross country for over 40 years and officiated at the state level multiple times. He was a member of the Coaches Association for 38 years and served as treasurer and secretary for over 30 years as well. He was inducted into New Lexington High School Athletic Hall of Fame (2015) and the Eastern District Coaches Association Hall of Fame (2017).

Charlie has been a 21-year member of the Cambridge Lion's Club serving in multiple roles including president. He was a volunteer for Secret Santa and for Grace Pantry where he was a member of their board. He was a 40 year plus member of the Cambridge Athletic Booster Club and most recently served as club president. He was present at many Bobcat athletic events even in

retirement. His passion in life was serving others and fundraising for multiple sports teams and service projects.

Charlie is survived by: his wife of 51 years, Margaret L. (Keister) Fondale, they were married on June 20, 1970; their children, Todd Michael (Danna) Fondale of Florida, Shannon Beth (Ed Combs) Fondale of Senecaville and Kevin David (Julie) Fondale of Cambridge; his grandchildren: Jazmine, LeVal and Andria Fondale; Rylee, Kenzi and Alexx Combs; Grace and Rowen Fondale; five great grandchildren; siblings, Mary Jo (Gary) Baxter, John Fondale, Carl Ed (Ruth) Fondale and Nancy Parkman; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He is preceded in death by: his parents; and his mother-in-law Hildegard Allen.

Visitation will be at Bundy-Law Funeral Home on Friday, July 16, 2021 from 4 to 8 pm. The Cambridge Lion's Club will perform services at 7:30 pm. His funeral service will be held in Junction City, Ohio at St. Patrick Catholic Church (1170 OH-668) on Saturday, July 17, 2021 at 1 pm with visitation from 11 am to 1 pm prior to the service. Father Todd LeHigh will officiate the service with burial to follow in the St. Patrick Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cambridge Lions Club P.O. Box 1812 Cambridge, Ohio 43725 or to The Eastern District Track and Cross Country Coaches Association care of (Dugan Hill, 905 Fairground St. Caldwell, OH 43724). Charlie's online guest book may be viewed and signed at www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick Cemetery - Junction City, Ohio

Junction City, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **16.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bundy-Law Funeral Home
120 North 11th Street
Cambridge, OH 43725
(740) 432-5705
info@bundy-lawfuneralhome.com
<https://www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com>

Visitation

JUL **17.** 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

St. Patrick Catholic Church - Junction City, Ohio
Junction City, OH

Funeral Services

JUL **17.** 1:00 PM.

St. Patrick Catholic Church - Junction City, Ohio
Junction City, OH

Tribute Wall

JP

“ *Jacob Padden lit a candle in memory of Charles Michael Fondale*



Jacob Padden - July 19, 2021 at 12:17 PM

BP

“ *Margaret and family, I am so sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

Barbara Pittillo - July 17, 2021 at 09:27 AM

JF

“ *Coach Fondale was a very caring and down to earth person who would have and has helped so many -- we are so sorry to hear about his passing -- your family will be in our thoughts and prayers*



Joe & Mel Johnston & Family - July 17, 2021 at 08:54 AM

DS

“ *Condolences to the family. As you know he was a special man. Charlie was not only my track coach in high school, but he was a second dad to all of us. He would listen and encourage us about anything. He encouraged me to do some coaching and even some officiating to earn some needed extra money. I always enjoyed the light hearted jokes and patience with us crazy teens. Until we meet again Charlie...*
Diana Lyons Simmons

Diana Simmons - July 16, 2021 at 10:47 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles Michael Fondale.*



July 15, 2021 at 05:51 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Charles Michael Fondale.*



July 15, 2021 at 05:16 PM



“ *Always loved officiating with Charlie. He will be greatly missed around the track .*



Gilbert Hartley - July 15, 2021 at 03:16 PM



“ *Mr. Fondale was always a kind and encouraging man. The world is a better place for the lives he has touched and the example he portrayed. My prayers are with the Fondale family in this difficult time.*

Ashley Hollins-McManaway - July 15, 2021 at 07:47 AM

LS

“ Sorry to read about Coach Fondale's death. I will always remember him coaching the Lady Bobcats. As a Buckeye Trail Warrior, I always enjoyed playing his team. I knew Coach Fondale would have them ready to play hard and we (Warriors) would have to play our best to bring home a victory.
Sending my thoughts and prayers to the family.



Lori Smith - July 14, 2021 at 11:01 PM

BK

“ Brother in law Ron Keister purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Charles Michael Fondale.



Brother in law Ron Keister - July 14, 2021 at 05:54 PM

RJ

“ Deepest condolences from Rod Johnson, Mandy Stark, and Meredith Nash. Coach Fondale was a true treasure.

Rod Johnson - July 13, 2021 at 08:43 PM

RP

“ Sorry for your loss Margaret & family. Only time I spent with Charles was when Kmart was closing. Learned that he was a good cook! Thoughts and prayers for you and your family.
Ronda Porcher



Ronda Porcher - July 13, 2021 at 07:43 PM

AL

“ I am sorry for your great loss; thank you for sharing your lovely husband and dear father with the entire Cambridge community for so many years. I had Mr. Fondale for gym class at Oakland school, then track in high school. He made competition positive + learning fun.

Take care of one another as you grieve,
Ann (Pattison) Lynam

Ann Lynam - July 13, 2021 at 05:21 PM

RG

We are so sorry for your loss. Charlie will always be remembered as a man to get it done! Prayers! Ron and Sharon Guthrie

Ron Guthrie - July 14, 2021 at 08:17 AM

KK

I had the pleasure to enjoy coach Fondale from kindergarten through twelfth grade. We all loved him! As an adult, I've been blessed to work with him through Cambridge Athletics and his work on the Lion's Club Peace Poster contest. He will be greatly missed! So very sorry for your loss. Prayers for your family. 🙏

Kim Kennedy - July 17, 2021 at 11:50 AM

JJ

“ He was amazing man Spent very many hours with him secret santa. He was my gym teacher few years. I feel bad because he just messaged me few days ago and I just seen it today. He always asking how my family doing ..God sure got a great man..r.ip buddy.

Jimmy - July 13, 2021 at 03:22 PM

CS

“ Margaret & Family - I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you all. I have many memories of our time at New Lexington High School. The football games, etc. I was so happy he was able to join us at the Top Hat that one time. I'll remember that evening for a very long time. To lose another classmate is heart breaking, but we know are time here is in God's hands. May he rest in peace and God Bless you all.



Carol Smock - July 13, 2021 at 01:48 PM

SF

“ God bless Charlie and all the family! Most recent memories of him are the Lions' club Peace Poster contest. He recruited Marti Reed and me as judges and he was a pleasure to work with! A good and generous man. Rest in peace!

Stevie Fairchild - July 13, 2021 at 11:05 AM

EE


“ Margaret & family,
My deepest sympathies, may God be with you and your family at this most difficult time. May he Rest In Peace.
Emma L (Howard) Euell
1967 Classmate
Monticello KY

Emma L (Howard) Euell - July 13, 2021 at 10:43 AM

MM

“ He was my gym teacher at park elementary. I looked forward to his class, he was such a nice man. Prayers to his family

mark mcjessy - July 13, 2021 at 02:42 AM

 Diana Nichols

“ He was one of my favorite gym teachers. He was so funny. But, the funniest gym teacher ever. When, I was down in the dumps. Somehow, he always cheered me back up. I'm gonna miss you so much Mr, Fondale.

Diana Nichols - July 13, 2021 at 12:42 AM

JS

“ I worked with him at Grace Pantry - a really nice guy - always glad to see him. Judy Simcox

Judy Simcox - July 13, 2021 at 12:37 AM

TG

“ My sincere condolences on the loss of Mr. Fondale. He and I started at Oakland together in 1971, him as a PE teacher and me as a kindergartener. I have fond memories of him throughout my elementary years. He was always kind and smiling.

Tonya Downer Gatewood - July 12, 2021 at 10:33 PM

MY

“ He was my gym teacher at Oakland Elementary, he was a very fun, and kind man, I will never forget him. Prayers to family and friends
❤️

Mooch Young - July 12, 2021 at 09:29 PM

TY

“ I am so sorry for the loss to his family and friends, he was my gym coach at Oakland Elementary, I will never forget him, he was a kind, and funny man, R.I.P. Mr. Fondale

Todd Young - July 12, 2021 at 09:25 PM

TB

“ Margaret and family,

You have my deepest sympathy and condolences. You are in my prayers. Meatball was a good friend, classmate and a pillar of the community. He will be remembered not only for his many accomplishments but always being a helping hand to all those that needed it. May he now Rest In Peace.

Tim Bailey

Tim Bailey - July 12, 2021 at 08:22 PM

LB

“ We are so sorry to hear about the loss of Mr. Fondale. He was a very good and kind track official. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Jerry and Lori Shields Brown and Bryer Barr

Lori Brown - July 12, 2021 at 07:46 PM

AD

“ He was my teacher for years .he was a good man prayers to his family to get through this hard times.

Ann dingus - July 12, 2021 at 07:36 PM

VW

“ He was my pe teacher for years...a great man im not an athletic girl never have been,but he was always kind encouraged me to try and it was good enough. Prayers for his family❤️🙏

Veronica Welker - July 12, 2021 at 06:48 PM

TE

“ To the Fondale family, our deepest sympathy to you all. Mr. Fondale touched all of us through coaching an as a teacher. Chip, Tracie and Bethaney Enos

Tracie Enos - July 12, 2021 at 05:54 PM

BW

“ Margaret and Family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time....
Heartfelt sympathies for your loss,
Al and Barb

Barbara Warne - July 12, 2021 at 05:51 PM

CM

“ So sorry to hear! Thoughts and prayers! He did so much for the kids in Cambridge.

Charlotte McCartney - July 12, 2021 at 05:37 PM

MD

“ Margaret and Family.. I am sorry for your loss..I was very sad to hear that Charlie had passed away.😞He will be dearly missed by many people,including myself..Margaret .. You and your Family will be in my thoughts and prayers..🙏🙏 Rest in Peace,Charlie. 🦋🕊
...Margaret Ann Lewis Davis

Margaret Ann Lewis Davis - July 12, 2021 at 05:35 PM

NS

“ Dear Margaret and Family,
Deepest sympathy at the loss of Charlie. He was a good man and it was a pleasure knowing and working with him. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,
Nikki Salupo

Nikki Salupo - July 12, 2021 at 05:19 PM

AF

“ Al and Barb Warne and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Charles Michael Fondale.



Al and Barb Warne and Family - July 12, 2021 at 04:51 PM

CC

“ Margaret and Family
I am so very sorry to learn of your heartbreaking loss of Charlie. I am thinking of you and praying for your peace and comfort during this most difficult time.

Connie Chappelle - July 12, 2021 at 04:30 PM

AM

“ Mrs. Fondale and Kevin, I was so sad to hear about Charlie. You're in my thoughts.

Angie McPeck - July 12, 2021 at 04:07 PM

SK

“ Margaret, my deepest sympathy to you and your family. May you find comfort in all of your beautiful memories.

Sara Snider Kempa

Sara Kempa - July 12, 2021 at 03:57 PM

TH

“ Tom Hill lit a candle in memory of Charles Michael Fondale



Tom Hill - July 12, 2021 at 02:21 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Michael Fondale.



July 12, 2021 at 01:18 PM

YF

“ Your Perry Elementary Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Charles Michael Fondale.



Your Perry Elementary Family - July 12, 2021 at 01:09 PM

JM

“ So very sorry for your loss.
Joyce Moore



Joyce Moore - July 12, 2021 at 12:06 PM