



Charles L. Melanko

November 4, 1941 - July 16, 2017

Because years ago he accepted by faith God's gift of eternal life made available to all by Jesus' death on the cross, Charles L. ("Chuck" "Sonny") Melanko, 75, is now enjoying the eternal Presence of God the Father and His Son, Jesus, who has wiped all tears of sorrow from his eyes, and he is right now receiving his heavenly rewards in the home the Lord prepared for him! (Revelation 21:3-4, 22:12, John 14:2-3).

Chuck went to be with the Lord on Sunday afternoon (July 16, 2017) during a brief stay at Cambridge Care and Rehab Center in the presence of his wife, Jean Melanko, whom he married on November 27, 1986, in Malvern, Ohio, by United Methodist pastor Gerry Carl on Thanksgiving Day, which was also the 50th wedding anniversary of Jean's parents, the late James and Wanda Blair. Chuck was born November 4, 1941, in Bellaire, Ohio, to Charles and Mildred Melanko, who preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife Jean;; his sister, Judy Driscoll; his brother, Attorney Richard (Pam) Melanko; his daughter, Nicolle (Greg) Merkel of Lima, Ohio; and son, Justin D. (Heather A. Yerian) Greer of Cambridge (as well as his beloved dog Hadassah, and cat Fluffy!) His seven grandchildren, Skylar, John, and Merri Merkel, and Logan, Blake, Chloe and Maddie Greer, added much happiness to his life. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Earning a Tool Engineering Bachelor's Degree from Allied Technical Institute, Chuck spent some years working out of Chicago and then moved to Lima, Ohio where he became involved in the furniture business. In 1974, Chuck

patented a "Video Switcher" that made it possible for any closed circuit TV to receive video from any camera, where prior to his invention, each TV had to be dedicated to a single camera.

After a brief stay in Shadyside, he married Jean, moved to Cambridge, and became a furniture manufacturer's representative for 25 years. During that time, he also joined partnership with Dick Schmitt of Schmitt's Furniture, later buying Dick's shares of the business, (dba Byesville Furniture & Carpet), and invited Evelyn Spring to join him as part owner and manager while he remained on the road. When Evelyn retired five years ago, he bought her shares, left his road salesman position, and worked full-time at Byesville Furniture. His son, Justin, also joined the business, managing it much of the time since Chuck was first diagnosed with Stage IV metastatic papillary kidney cancer on Halloween, 2014.

Over the last 20 years, God brought Chuck through two near death heart attacks, stents implanted to his kidney, diabetes and bladder cancer. Since his kidney cancer diagnosis almost three years ago, he has had hernia surgery, blood clots in his leg that moved to his lungs, a cerebellum stroke that caused no noticeable harm and atrial fib. Through God's touch and compassion, Chuck's frequent healing amazed all who knew of his endurance through such difficulties!

In spite of all those health issues, by God's grace, Chuck enjoyed a relatively pain free life, was a serious jogger for many years, and made numerous trips to Cancun, Mexico, once to Europe, and once to visit a former exchange student, Gadi Louzon, in Israel! He was also an excellent cook and an avid golfer. He has been the treasurer for S.A.L.T. Factory, Inc. teen center (founded by Jean's father, Jim Blair) since its inception 25 years ago and actively attended Calvary Baptist Church until late.

Calling hours at Bundy Law Funeral Home will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, July 20, with funeral service officiated by Pastor Dennis Rost of Calvary Baptist Church at 1 p.m. on Friday, July 21, also at Bundy-Law Funeral Home. Burial will be at Northwood Cemetery, Cambridge with dinner

following at Calvary Baptist Church in Byesville.

To extend Chuck's love for area teens, memorial contributions to S.A.L.T. Factory, Inc. would be appreciated.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 20. 2:00 PM - 4:00 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 20. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JUL 21. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Jean my prayers go out to you and your family. Chuck will be remembered by many. He's in a better place waiting for us. My memory of Chuck will be in our small group in church when it started to get to 2:00 he would look at his watch never saying a word just looking to let us know its time to go. Take care Jean and God be with you and your family. Love Always Gail Lenarz



Gail Lenarz - July 22, 2017 at 02:47 PM

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“ This was back in 2016 we went to dinner at the forum with chuck and jean for Mother's Day!!! I did not get to know you as long as I would have liked, you were one of the sweetest men I have ever ment! Your friends and family will miss you so much! But we'll have the memories that we all shared to keep your spirit alive! Keep watch over jean and we'll do are best down here! Rest in piece chuck!!! We all love you!!!!



Heather Yerian - July 20, 2017 at 11:08 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Charles L. Melanko.*



July 20, 2017 at 11:08 AM



“ *Tom & Ethel Brown lit a candle in memory of Charles L. Melanko*



Tom & Ethel Brown - July 20, 2017 at 12:13 AM



Chuck is my brother's best friend. He was around our home enough he became part of the family. He forever had a smile and was always laughing. I'm proud I had the opportunity to know "Chopsy"

Tom and Ethel Brown - July 20, 2017 at 12:17 AM



“ *Don & Margie Brown lit a candle in memory of Charles L. Melanko*



Don & Margie Brown - July 19, 2017 at 02:37 PM

KM

“ Jean,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and those who loved Chuck.
God will give you strength and peace as he has in the past. Your
great loss is heavens reward!
Kathy McClure

Kathy McClure - July 19, 2017 at 08:25 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy Jean & Justin. Always the gentleman and
such a wonderful father and husband. It was an honor to know
Chuck. Many prayers and blessings to his family.
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denice felt - July 18, 2017 at 06:34 PM

BA

“ Im so sorry to hear this Jean. It was a
pleasure serving Charles and youreself while
you were here. It was so nice to meet you.
Very sweet lady. Prayers to you and your
family in this time of need. Byrda (Burt) from
the Dietary.



Byrda Armstrong - July 18, 2017 at 06:06 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Charles L. Melanko.



July 18, 2017 at 11:33 AM

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“Karen Thomas lit a candle in memory of
Charles L. Melanko



Karen Thomas - July 18, 2017 at 03:32 AM