



Mark "Charlie" Van Houwelingen

April 25, 1943 - November 17, 2020

Mark "Charlie" Van Houwelingen, age 77, of Knoxville, Iowa, passed away on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines.

Charlie was born on April 25, 1943 in Oskaloosa, Iowa, the son of Marinus and Ida (Dylhoff) Van Houwelingen. He grew up just outside of Pella and attended Pella High School. Following school, he joined the United States Marines Corp. and served for 6 months before being medically discharged due to knee problems.

Charlie was united in marriage to Marijo Bingley and to this union two children were born, Doug and Teri. Charlie later married Nancy (Jarman) Rowley on April 9, 1983. They were blessed with 37 years of marriage before his passing.

Charlie worked at Red Rock Dam, Iowa Power & Light, and as a car salesman before becoming employed at VerMeer in Pella. He worked there for over 30 years until his retirement. After retirement, Charlie worked at Weiler Mfg., mowing for several years.

Charlie was a loyal sprint car fan and a longtime member of New Covenant Church in Knoxville. He loved life and had a great sense of humor. Charlie was very opinionated and wasn't afraid to let people know his opinion. He was always there to help anyone in need. He was loved by his family and friends and will be missed by them all.

Charlie is survived by his wife, Nancy Van Houwelingen; children, Doug Van Houwelingen (Kathy) of Leon, IA, Teri Carson (Brian) of Grand River, IA; step-children, Lisa Modlin (Steve) of Altoona, IA, and Dennis Rowley (Kim) of Melcher-Dallas, IA. He is also survived by his brother, Alvin Van Houwelingen of California; sister, Jessie De Jong of Pella, IA; eleven grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Charlie is preceded in death by his parents, Marius and Ida Van Houwelingen; brother, Jim Van Houwelingen; and one grandson, Kenny McKay.

Charlie's wishes were to be cremated. Visitation will be held on Saturday, May 29, 2021 from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at Winfield Funeral Home in Knoxville. A luncheon will also be provided during visitation. Charlie's family will be present to greet friends and relatives. A Celebration of Life will follow at 1:00 P.M at the funeral home. Private burial services will be held at Graceland Cemetery in Knoxville.

The Winfield Funeral Home of Knoxville is assisting Charlie's family.

Previous Events

Family Greeting

MAY **29**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Winfield Funeral Home
202 Washington
Knoxville, IA 50138
leroywinfield@windstream.net
<http://www.funeralplan2.com>

Visitation

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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *Healing & Hope Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Mark "Charlie" Van Houwelingen.*



June 03, 2021 at 01:24 AM



“ *Rich & Connie Lambirth lit a candle in memory of Mark "Charlie" Van Houwelingen*



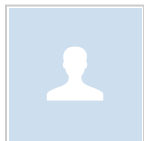
Rich & Connie Lambirth - May 31, 2021 at 12:03 AM



“ *Marsha Kendrick lit a candle in memory of Mark "Charlie" Van Houwelingen*



Marsha Kendrick - May 25, 2021 at 03:46 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mark "Charlie" Van Houwelingen.*



May 24, 2021 at 08:53 PM



“ *Kres / Katie Spriggs lit a candle in memory of Mark "Charlie" Van Houwelingen*



Kres / Katie Spriggs - November 30, 2020 at 10:17 AM

KS

I met Mark while working on a prototype machine at Vermeer years ago... I found out pretty quick how funny the man was...He always had a smile and a good word for everyone. He and I had recently been talking about our classic cars....We will try and have the Mustang on the road for a cruise in your honor this coming Summer. God bless Nancy and family. Krestin and Katie Spriggs

Kres / Katie Spriggs - November 30, 2020 at 10:20 AM

RG

“ *Ron & Margaret Gee lit a candle in memory of Mark "Charlie" Van Houwelingen*



Ron & Margaret Gee - November 28, 2020 at 10:25 AM

DD

“ *Hello Nancy. Don Darnell here. I first met Charlie in about 1965 or so when Dick had the station by the old Hy-Vee. Have enjoyed knowing him all the way. Hugs to you, we all share your pain hit have many great memories. Take care!*

Don Darnell - November 27, 2020 at 10:20 AM

CR

“ *Christine Rowley lit a candle in memory of Mark "Charlie" Van Houwelingen*



Christine Rowley - November 26, 2020 at 09:19 PM



“ *Kayla Davis lit a candle in memory of Mark "Charlie" Van Houwelingen*



Kayla Davis - November 24, 2020 at 11:09 AM

MA

“ I enjoyed working with Mark at Vermeer. He loved big yellow iron, the dealership personnel and customers. I believe he coined the phrase "triple nickel" for the T555. My sympathy to the entire family. Mark's good nature, humor and ready smile will be missed! Mary Andringa

Mary Andringa - November 24, 2020 at 10:38 AM

JC

“ Charlie was one of the good ones. Always supportive of all the local kids activities. We are going to miss him at the restaurant. My husband always talked about him from Weiler. He thought a lot of him also. Take care Nancy, we are thinking of you and your family.

Jeff and Linda Carter - November 24, 2020 at 07:26 AM

MR

“ Mr C's Restaurant lit a candle in memory of Mark "Charlie" Van Houwelingen



Mr C's Restaurant - November 24, 2020 at 07:24 AM

JE

“ Nancy, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family 🙏



Jim and Corlinda Evans - November 23, 2020 at 07:22 PM

BM

“ New Charlie from him working at Vermeer. He was a great person and we had fun times at Vermeer. RIP Charlie and to the family I'm sorry for your loss.



Bob and Sue Mallory - November 23, 2020 at 07:18 PM

SE

“ Scott And Jan Evans lit a candle in memory of Mark
"Charlie" Van Houwelingen



Scott and Jan Evans - November 23, 2020 at 06:58 PM

TS

“ Sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for all of you.



Troy & Lois Short - November 23, 2020 at 03:45 PM

NS

“ Nancy Shilling lit a candle in memory of Mark "Charlie" Van
Houwelingen



Nancy Shilling - November 23, 2020 at 02:52 PM

NS

Nancy & family, so very sorry for your loss. Much love to you.

Nancy Shilling - November 23, 2020 at 02:54 PM

DE

“ Nancy and Family you are all in our thoughts and prayers.
So sorry for all of you. He will be missed.



Diane Ellis - November 23, 2020 at 11:49 AM

JV

“ Jan VanWinkle lit a candle in memory of Mark "Charlie" Van Houwelingen



Jan VanWinkle - November 23, 2020 at 11:31 AM

SS

“ Nancy and family you are in my thoughts and prayers.
Charlie will be missed by many. Take care!
Love, Shari, Rich and girls Schneider



Shari Schneider - November 23, 2020 at 11:28 AM

RD

“ Rodney And Sharon Dykstra lit a candle in memory of Mark
"Charlie" Van Houwelingen



Rodney and Sharon Dykstra - November 23, 2020 at 11:22 AM

CB

“ Will miss our chats, such a great man and a great family!
Prayers!



Curt and Melissa Brooks - November 23, 2020 at 11:07 AM

RL

“ Rich And Connie Lambirth lit a candle in memory of Mark
"Charlie" Van Houwelingen



Rich and Connie Lambirth - November 23, 2020 at 08:49 AM

TS

“ Tom And Anna Smith lit a candle in memory of Mark "Charlie" Van Houwelingen



Tom and Anna Smith - November 23, 2020 at 12:10 AM

LD

“ Lori DeMoss lit a candle in memory of Mark "Charlie" Van Houwelingen



Lori DeMoss - November 22, 2020 at 10:03 PM

DG

“ We met Charlie several years ago through our mutual friend, Don Long. Enjoyed watching many sprint car races with him at Knoxville Raceway. He was a great guy - we will miss him tremendously. Our thoughts & prayers are with Nancy & his entire family

David Goodson - November 22, 2020 at 09:06 PM

MS

“ Charlie was a great man. I enjoyed doing end of the month meals with him at NCC. He will be missed.



Madysen Smith - November 22, 2020 at 08:54 PM

KG

“ You will be greatly missed. My last few weeks of physical therapy will not be them without visiting with you



Keri Garrison - November 22, 2020 at 08:42 PM

JR

“ *Mark was a very good friend & work buddy with Jim. He will be missed by us and many but we could all spend hours telling our stories about Mark & he would be laughing at us all ! Prayers for all his family members especially Nancy the twinkle in his eye. Love, Jim & Jeanette Rankin*



Jeanette Rankin - November 22, 2020 at 08:12 PM

LR

“ *Larry & RoseAnn Rowley lit a candle in memory of Mark "Charlie" Van Houwelingen*



Larry & RoseAnn Rowley - November 22, 2020 at 06:20 PM

LA

So sorry Nancy and your family for your loss! May God provide comfort and peace in your time of morning!

Larry - November 22, 2020 at 06:22 PM

RP

Mark was a wonderful man and great friend in the trenchless industry! He will be missed by many and greatly by me!

Randy Peterson - November 22, 2020 at 08:23 PM

DL

I was fortunate enough for many years to attend the National Sprint Car races with Charlie. What a good guy! Always enjoyed his wit and humor. We've lost one of the really good ones. He will be sorely missed. David Lowe

David Lowe - November 23, 2020 at 08:10 AM

CS

I think I first met Mark in 1988 on a Vermeer training event in Pella, one of the funniest guys I ever met with huge heart. He was a huge contributor in the early years of the Navigator. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Van Houwelingen family.

Chris Steinlage - November 23, 2020 at 09:25 AM

VA

Charlie had a kindness in his soul and a twinkle in his eye. He was a treasured friend. God got a special angel in Charlie.

Vickie Anderson - November 23, 2020 at 02:10 PM

CJ

AW Nanc ! I will miss Charlie. He was one of the Good Guys. He was a big guy. With a big heart, a big smile a big laugh and a great sense of humor. He will leave a hole in all of our hearts. God Bless you Nancy.

CD Johnson - November 23, 2020 at 03:38 PM

MP

My thoughts of Charlie go back to HighSchool where he became one of our gang. I agree with all of the above comments- Charlie had a big warm heart and a smile that was even bigger! I'm sorry he left this world so soon, my prayers are for you and your family.

Maggie Jean Galvin Pantoga - November 23, 2020 at 08:39 PM