



Charles "Charlie" Chase

July 7, 1933 - March 6, 2025

The memorial service celebrating the life of Charles "Charlie" Chase will be held at 11:00a.m. on Saturday, April 26, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wadena with Pastor Nate Loer presiding. Family and friends may gather at the church on Saturday from 9:30a.m. until the time of the service. Burial will be at 2:00p.m. in Oak Grove Cemetery, Detroit Lakes, MN.

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You are invited to watch the service via live-stream by going to: [www.youtube.com/@ILCWadena](http://www.youtube.com/@ILCWadena) or <https://www.facebook.com/immanuelwadena>

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At the age of 91, Charlie passed away with family at his side on March 6, 2025, with care provided by Vivie Hospice in his home in Wadena, MN.

Charles Richard Chase was born at Wesley Hospital in Wadena, MN, to Louis and Gertrude (Palmer) Chase on July 7, 1933. He grew up in Detroit Lakes where he was on the first varsity golf team and graduated in 1951. He worked caddying, setting bowling pins, and began working with the MN Highway Department. Charlie attended Moorhead State University for a year and a half then worked full-time as a surveyor for the highway department.

On February 10, 1954, Charles was united in marriage to Marcella Marsh in Detroit Lakes. They owned the Sandwich Hut in the early 1970s. In 1978, he retired from the MN Highway Department. They then moved to Rawlins, WY,

where they purchased a Country Kitchen. After it was sold, Charlie did what he always wanted to do, surveying. His work took them to Texas, California and Nebraska. After retiring a second time they moved to Wadena, MN, where Charlie was an avid golfer. They enjoyed Minnesota winters by going to Texas!

Due to an auto accident, Marcella died in October of 2003. Charles later met Gladys Mae (Johnson) Hansen, and they were united in marriage on December 11, 2004, in Wadena. They also spent winters in Texas and traveled many places. A favorite trip was with his daughters for the wedding of his grandson, Joe Holweger, in South Korea.

Preceding Charles in death were his parents; wife Marcella; children C. Richard, Robert, Angela; brother Roger; stepdaughter Lynnette Schafer; Marcella's siblings; and sister-in-law Beulah "Be" Gunelson.

Surviving Charles are his wife Gladys; daughters Monica (Ron) Ostermann of Moorhead, Carol (Gary) Holweger of Rockport, TX; sisters-in-law Margaret Chase of Wittenberg, WI and Norma Bailie of Galesburg IL; brother-in-law Phillip Johnson of Indianapolis, IN; stepchildren Cynthia (Scott) Sammons of New Hope and Chris Hansen of Zimmerman; step son-in-law James Schafer of Austin; five grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren and his many great-grandchildren; along with a host of friends.

Cemetery Details

Oak Grove Cemetery - DL

515 US-59.
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

Previous Events

Gathering of Family & Friends

APR 26. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Wadena
403 2nd St. SE
Wadena, MN 56482

Memorial Service

APR 26. 11:00 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Wadena
403 2nd St. SE
Wadena, MN 56482

Burial

APR 26. 2:00 PM (CT)

Oak Grove Cemetery - DL
515 US-59.
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

Tribute Wall



“ Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles "Charlie" Chase



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - April 21, 2025 at 05:20 PM

JS

As I mentioned on facebook... I loved that he always took the time to take me snowmobiling as a kid when we would be in Detroit Lakes back in the early 70's. Thanks for the memories Charlie!!! :)

Jayson Sundvall - May 09, 2025 at 01:42 PM

BH

“ I told Uncle Chuck one day as a young man, that I considered him to be my “rich uncle”. He looked at me funny, like, “what the heck are you talking about!”.

Bryan Hauschild - April 25, 2025 at 09:11 PM

KD

“ Kristin D. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Charles "Charlie" Chase.



Kristin D. - April 24, 2025 at 03:05 PM

JK

“ JoAnne and Richard - Gordons kids purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Charles "Charlie" Chase.



JoAnne and Richard - Gordons kids - April 23, 2025 at 02:25 PM

TC

“ The Gunelson Clan purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Charles "Charlie" Chase.



The Gunelson Clan - April 22, 2025 at 11:10 PM

TC

“ The Gunelson Clan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles "Charlie" Chase.

The Gunelson Clan - April 22, 2025 at 11:10 PM

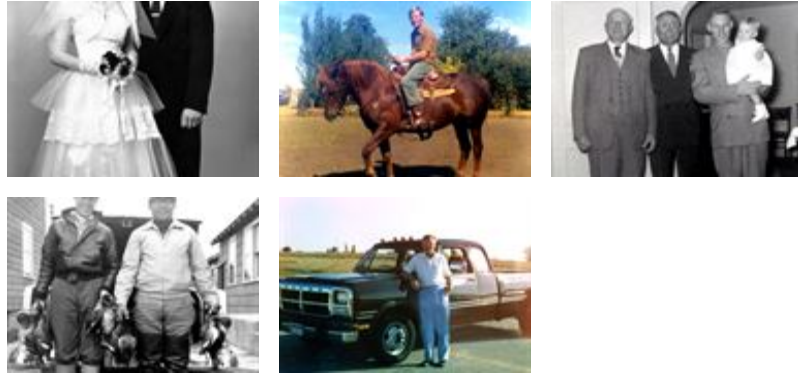
JL

“ Jessica L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles "Charlie" Chase.

Jessica L. - April 22, 2025 at 10:54 AM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - April 21, 2025 at 05:17 PM

GW

“ Glen Donna Wood lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Chase



Glen Donna Wood - March 16, 2025 at 12:52 PM



“ Rocky Reese lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Chase



Rocky Reese - March 15, 2025 at 10:29 PM

WL

“ Wadena Library lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Chase



Wadena Library - March 13, 2025 at 11:11 AM

MF

“ Mark & Renee Frethem lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Chase



Mark & Renee Frethem - March 13, 2025 at 11:11 AM

MS

“ Marvin & Kim Stokes lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Chase



Marvin & Kim Stokes - March 12, 2025 at 05:54 PM

DG

“ Donna Grendahl lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Chase



Donna Grendahl - March 12, 2025 at 12:23 AM

DM

“ Dixie Murray lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Chase



Dixie Murray - March 11, 2025 at 09:57 PM

SJ

“ Our deepest sympathy to Gladys, Family, and Friends of Charlie. We met him and Marcella when they moved into our neighborhood. How nice it was to see the two of them out doing yard work and visiting with them. They both liked to spoil my kids with candy. Charlie even came over and showed us where our property lines were. Gladys was a treasure to him and they fit so perfectly together. Again we are saddened by this loss.



Scott & Vicki Jahnke - March 11, 2025 at 11:33 AM

JL

“ Very sorry for your loss. The love you two had just glowed on Gladys. So thankful he was in your life. Hang in there friend.

Joanne C Lynk - March 10, 2025 at 11:43 AM

GL

“ Gladys, We are so sorry for your loss. God bless. Gail Levenson

Gail Levenson - March 10, 2025 at 10:18 AM

DH

“ So sorry that Charlie has passed away. My sympathies for everyone.



Darlene Hauschild - March 10, 2025 at 03:39 AM

JR

“ Gladys, You and Charlie were both so gracious and kind opening your home to me when I came back to town for a class reunion. As a friend of Lynette's I always felt close to her there and you made that possible with your ability to make everyone feel welcome. I'm so sorry Gladys and I will keep you in my prayers.

Jean Roberts - March 09, 2025 at 11:54 PM

CS

“ So sorry to hear of Charlie's passing away, Gladys and family. You're in my prayers 🙏 Cheryl Speed.



Cheryl Speed - March 09, 2025 at 12:51 PM

AR

“ Gladys,
Larry and I have so many fond memories of spending time with you and Charlie in Rockport. We had so much fun eating breakfast with you two on a Saturday morning and happy hour time in Lagoons. We will miss Charlie. Know our prayers are with you. Love, Larry and Averil 🙏❤❤

Averil Rodolph - March 09, 2025 at 11:56 AM

DC

“ My sincere condolences to Gladys and the family. I have many fond memories of spending time with Charlie and Gladys in Rockport during the winter months, playing cards, getting together with friends for cookouts, etc. I enjoyed my visit with them in their home in Wadena a few years ago. Fishing trips to Canada. Charlie will be missed by many. RIP Charlie.

Dorothy Cox - March 09, 2025 at 10:04 AM

GP

“ Gladys. Condolences to you and your family as you mourn the death of Charles. Sincerely,
Gail Pierson



Gail Pierson - March 09, 2025 at 09:23 AM

ML

“ Mary Lynk lit a candle in memory of Charles
"Charlie" Chase



Mary Lynk - March 09, 2025 at 12:36 AM

JK

“ Gladys, so very sorry to read of Charlie's passing! Remembering our fun times with you in Rockfort. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Jan & Bob Kuzniar

jan and Bob Kuzniar - March 08, 2025 at 11:22 PM

RR

“ Ruth Rauma lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Chase



Ruth Rauma - March 08, 2025 at 09:36 PM

CS

“ Sending prayers and thoughts to all Charlie's family. He and Coleman had a lot of fun coping with their eyesight problems. So glad our paths crossed for a little while.

Coleman and Donette Street - March 08, 2025 at 09:23 PM

JJ

“ Gladys and family, I am very sorry to hear about Charlie. My thoughts and prayers are with you. May God grant you peace and comfort during this difficult time. Jackie Johnson-Howell (daughter of Paul and Jane Johnson)



Jackie JohnsonHowell - March 08, 2025 at 09:16 PM

SB

“ Sharon Boline lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Chase



Sharon Boline - March 08, 2025 at 09:09 PM

BB

“ Gladys, You were Charlie's faithful caretaker.
We send our love and condolences to you
and the family. Blessings and peace to all.



Bruce and Joyce Boyne - March 08, 2025 at 11:35 AM

TH

“ Tammie K Hamlin lit a candle in memory of
Charles "Charlie" Chase



Tammie K Hamlin - March 08, 2025 at 11:23 AM



“ Anita Beringer lit a candle in memory of
Charles "Charlie" Chase



Anita Beringer - March 08, 2025 at 11:16 AM

JE

“ Jane Erckenbrack lit a candle in memory of
Charles "Charlie" Chase



Jane Erckenbrack - March 08, 2025 at 10:49 AM

KM

“ Gladys I'm sorry to hear of Charlie's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. Charlie was a fun guy to visit with.



Karen Munson - March 08, 2025 at 10:26 AM

LY

“ Linda Youngbauer lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Chase



Linda Youngbauer - March 08, 2025 at 08:45 AM

JT

“ Charlie will be greatly missed. He was always a good friend. My condolences To Gladys and his family.

Jim TeVogt

Jim TeVogt - March 07, 2025 at 10:49 PM

JT

“ Jim TeVogt lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Chase



Jim TeVogt - March 07, 2025 at 10:45 PM

BG

“ Gladys and Families, so sorry for your loss.



bonnie gustafson - March 07, 2025 at 09:51 PM

RK

“ Charlie became a very good friend of ours, playing cards, eating together & drinking many pots of coffee. I shuddered a little when he asked me if I would please cut his hair a few weeks ago. It maybe wasn't his most handsome moment of his life, but he seemed happy with the cut. Rich & I will surely miss Charlie & cherish all the times we spent with him and Gladys. Love, Rich & Mavis Kendall



Rich & Mavis Kendall - March 07, 2025 at 09:20 PM

GW

“ Glen Donna Wood lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Chase



Glen Donna Wood - March 07, 2025 at 09:17 PM

DH

“ *Darrell & Peggy Haman lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Chase*



Darrell & Peggy Haman - March 07, 2025 at 09:07 PM

GD

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Charlie's family*



George Julie Deiss - March 07, 2025 at 06:01 PM

JJ

“ *Jon Johnson lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Chase*



Jon Johnson - March 07, 2025 at 05:10 PM