



Charles Francis Buhler

April 2, 1928 - December 26, 2016

Charles Francis Buhler, 88, Topeka, Kansas, died December 26, 2016, from acute myeloid leukemia.

Charlie was born April 2, 1928, in Maryville, MO, the oldest child of Paul and Helen Tobin Buhler. Charlie graduated from Conception Abbey and St. Benedict's College. He served in the U.S. Army in Korea. He returned and soon was employed by Sheridan Clayton Paper Company, in St. Joseph, where he met Patricia O'Connell.

Charlie married Pat June 16, 1956, at St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral Catholic Church. Charlie and Pat moved from St. Joseph to Topeka in January 1967, and lived in the same house since moving there.

Charlie was a paper salesman for 40 years, mostly for Nationwide Papers in Topeka, retiring in 1993. He was a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus, Council No. 8059.

Volunteering and giving back was a big part of their lives. While their sons attended Hayden High School, Pat and Charlie became a key part of the alumni and fundraising efforts at Hayden. For over 30 years, "Bingo Charlie" and Pat worked Hayden PACE auctions, bingo and concession stands. A scholarship was created in their honor at Hayden in 2007. They also led pre-

marriage classes, assisted with the St. Lawrence Center in Lawrence, KS and he and Pat were mentors and confidants to dozens of their neighborhood kids and sons' friends.

Charlie's mantra when dropping off his five boys to grade school as well as to his grandkids today has always been "Do Some Good!". Charlie set an outstanding example of doing "good" in his lifetime!

Charlie was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years Pat in 2010, his parents, and a sister Joan Buhler. He is survived by sons, Paul (Sherry) Shawnee, KS; Brian (Laurie) Topeka, KS; John, Dallas, TX; David (Gwin) Topeka, KS; and Mark (Becky) Greeley, CO; and grandchildren: Shannon; Mandi and Skylor; Chelsea (Drew), Emily (Brandon) and Brad; Ben, Chris (Nina) and Daniel; 2 great-grandsons, Luke and Eli; a brother, Bob Buhler, Northglenn, CO and a sister, Pat Derrickson, Bel Air, MD; many nieces and nephews; plus a large extended family.

Visitation will be at Mater Dei Holy Name Catholic Church in Topeka Thursday, December 29, from 4-6:30 PM followed by a rosary at 6:30.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Mater Dei Holy Name Catholic Church Friday, December 30, at 10 AM. Interment will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Buhler Family Scholarship Fund, Hayden Catholic High School, 401 SW Gage Blvd, Topeka, KS 66606

Cemetery Details

Mount Calvary Cemetery

801 SW Westchester Rd
Topeka, KS 66606

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **29**. 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Mater Dei Holy Name Church
1114 SW 10th Street
Topeka, KS 66604

Rosary

DEC **29**. 6:30 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

DEC **30**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles Francis Buhler



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - December 29, 2016 at 12:27 PM



“ Charles Francis Buhler

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ My mother, Odelia "Dee" Mick, now 103, always appreciated Charlie and his sons help in setting up the Christmas creche and decorations for Holy Name Church throughout the years that she was sacristan. Charlie will be sorely missed by many. May he rest in the arms of His Savior.

Marylee Hamilton - December 30, 2016 at 06:59 AM



“ Charlie was a perfect role model for all salesman I learned a lot from him before i went on the road customer service was his by- word. He lived his life as a true Christian gentleman I didnt have a better friend and co-worker. I hope Im half as good a person and will meet Pat him in the beyond GOD willing Bud Deghand

Bud Deghand - December 29, 2016 at 08:40 PM

DE

“ David,
Charlie was the back bone of Topeka Nationwide Papers.
He had love me respect from his co-workers and customers.
I last talked to Charlie at your mother's funeral. He was dedicated to
give her the farewell of love and melroes.
I am thinking of you, Gwen and family.
God bless you.
Donna Eberly

Donna Eberly - December 29, 2016 at 04:47 PM

JT

“ Jana, Kieran, Marli, Susan, Mark & Paul Tobin
purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of
Charles Francis Buhler.



Jana, Kieran, Marli, Susan, Mark & Paul Tobin - December 29,
2016 at 03:38 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Charles Francis Buhler.



December 29, 2016 at 07:35 AM

HH

“ Pat and Charlie have been our neighbors since 1997. My wife, myself and our children considered both of them very good friends. In fact, both of them were such wonderful caring people that I find it difficult to put into words how much we enjoyed them as neighbors through the years. One thing I know without a doubt is that Charlie has finished his work here and he is with his Pat once again.

I can say that the 1400 block of Plass will miss Charlie and of course the whole Buhler family with Charlie's passing. I will miss Charlie very much he and I just had the most enjoyable conversations. I have the Buhler family in my prayers in the days ahead as they do what must be done.

I do rejoice in the knowledge that Charlie is beyond a doubt with the Lord. Anyone that knew anything about Charlie Buhler would agree with that fact. Honestly Charlie was one of the finest Christian gentlemen I ever met and I consider myself blessed beyond measure to have known he and Pat for the years that I did.

Herb Holmberg - December 28, 2016 at 11:58 PM

JW

“ Charlie and I worked together at Nationwide Papers in Topeka, Ks. in the late 1960's.

Charlie and Pat were wonderful people, always looking after others, always concerned that things were right.

They don't make many like them any more. I'm glad I had the opportunity to know them, especially Charlie.

RIP

JIM WICKE

JIM WICKE - December 28, 2016 at 08:52 AM

KE

“Our thoughts and prayers go out to the whole Buhler family. I have known Charlie for several years through Hayden Bingo and all the activities he was always at. Will miss seeing that friendly face and hearing his kind voice.

Keith and Lorraine Eggen

Keith and Lorraine Eggen - December 27, 2016 at 09:46 PM

DW

“My sincerest condolences to the Buhler family. The world has lost a great man but they have lost an incredible father and grandfather.

Dean Wurtz - December 27, 2016 at 08:35 PM



“Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Charles Francis Buhler.



December 27, 2016 at 08:02 PM

JS

“Dear Buhler family (and countless friends) - What we have lost with Charlie's passing, heaven has surely gained. My respect grew for him from my boyhood when I first met him through my entire life. Our prayers go out especially to the Buhler family for their loss is the greatest.

John & Lori Spain - December 27, 2016 at 02:48 PM

TL

“ Charlie was quite a man. Not too many men who are held in such high regard as he was, He provided a great example to all he came in contact with. He will not be forgotten.

Tom Larsen - December 27, 2016 at 11:39 AM

RV

“ So sorry to hear the news about Charlie. He was a great man, role model and friend to all who knew him. I'm sure there is a special place in heaven for Charlie who was a very devoted catholic. Charlie was a legend in the paper business who made his mark in the industry. He will be missed but remembered for being such a fine man. Rest In Peace Charlie.

Roy Vandeginste - December 27, 2016 at 11:22 AM

JG

“ Im so sorry for your loss, Buhler Family. He was such a good man. He touched my life when I was in one of the catechism classes he taught at Holy Name. I never wanted to miss his class. What a blessing he was to so many! Praying for peace over all whose lives he touched.

Janice Gill - December 27, 2016 at 11:14 AM

BM

“ I had the opportunity to meet and get to know Charlie as competitors, I covered Topeka for Butler Paper. Charlie was a great paper salesman and had the respect of his customers, suppliers and other paper sales representatives. He was professional, honest and hardworking. These characteristics made him successful.

It was a privilege to know Charlie. I know he will be missed.

Bruce McSpadden

Bruce McSpadden - December 27, 2016 at 10:32 AM

MB

“ Charlie was an icon at Holy Name, Hayden and in the whole Topeka Catholic community! My sympathy goes out to all his family.
Margaret Falley Bartell

Margaret Falley Bartell - December 27, 2016 at 10:03 AM

TW

“ I worked with Charlie at Nationwide Papers in Topeka for about 5 years. As he was towards the end of his career, I was just starting mine. Little did I know, that in that short window of time in our lives, he would have such a profound, positive impact on my career and life. "Grandpa Charlie" was a great example of how to treat customers and co-workers. Everyone loved Charlie! Even his competitors could find nothing bad to say about him. They all respected him and knew if it was "Charlie's business", they weren't going to have a shot at getting it. The genuine love Charlie and Pat showed for each other was also a great example of what a loving marriage should look like. Today, I am closer to the age he was then, than I would like to believe. However, I will have considered my life, and my career, a great success if I receive half of the love, respect and admiration that we all felt for Charlie.

Tim Wilson - December 27, 2016 at 08:23 AM