



Charles William Davidson

November 23, 1930 - March 25, 2021

Obituary

To be in compliance with the Covid-19 restrictions, the family will open the viewing and graveside to the public. However, the funeral service will be private.

Charles William Davidson was born November 23, 1930 in Bache, Oklahoma. The fifth of eight children to Mary Riley and Charles Dow Davidson.

Growing up during the depression in rural eastern Oklahoma was not an easy life. Bill, as he was known then, helped with the family farm, plowing with horses, tending the crops, chickens and cows, mined for coal to heat the house, and picked blackberries every summer. By the time he was 12 he looked old enough to hire for construction jobs in the summer. By 16, he joined the peacetime Air Force, being discharged just 9 days before the start of the Korean conflict. Upon his return he took classes at Eastern Oklahoma State College in Wilburton, and plotted his future.

In 1951 he hit the road with his friend Jerry, to find his fortune, first trying Kansas City, then Los Angeles, and finally settling in San Jose California, the Valley of the Hearts Delight, as it was known back then.

Chuck fell in love with the valley and its perfect weather, and later was introduced to a local girl, Anita Wien. For a time he worked for the State Highway department building Highway 17. After that, Chuck was hired on as a civilian to go to the Bikini Atoll to work as a surveyor on the first hydrogen

bomb.

Upon returning, he continued his education at San Jose State, and worked in the railroad yards at night. Eventually, he accepted a job with the planning department for the city of San Jose. He married Anita and started a family, settling in the Willow Glen area. They had four children, Cheryl, Charles William Jr 'Bill', Sandra and Stephanie.

Always keeping an eye out for opportunity, Charles discovered the new post war housing boom. With his partner and mentor Don Kavanaugh, he embarked on his journey of being a major housing developer in the valley, specializing in low income, and starter homes for families.

Although he tried many hobbies such as golf and flying, he found he always preferred to be working in the office on his latest projects. He started multiple companies involving surveying, construction, development, and management in the real estate field, and thought of his office staff as his second family.

Charles was an avid traveler, going to the Soviet Union and Eastern block states in the 1970's. As China opened up in the 1980's, he made repeated trips there, and was able to watch it transition from a rural to modern country. Eventually, he visited all 50 states and 7 continents.

The one passion outside of business he never wavered on was San Jose State football. Other than missing the 1952 season to go to the South Pacific, he attended virtually every home game in 1951 and from 1953 until his health began to fail just a few years ago. He usually attended at least one road game a year as well, often traveling with the team.

Charles passed peacefully, at age 90, knowing he had lived more life and made more of an impact than he could have ever possibly imagined in his youth. He was preceded in death by his daughters, Cheryl and Sandra.

Charles is survived by his wife, Anita, children Bill and Stephanie and six wonderful grandkids, Lillian, Savannah, Gabriella, Gavin, Billy and Stella.

If you wish to make a donation in his memory, Chuck was a proud supporter of the McAlester, Oklahoma Women's Shelter. Donations can be made on-line to Shared Blessings at sharedblessings.tv or mailed to 1558 S. Main McAlester,

Ok 74501.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Charles William Davidson, please visit our floral store.

Tribute Wall

AD

“ A Memorial Tree was planted for Charles William Davidson
We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Sacred Space
Memorial
Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree

A Memorial Tree was planted for Charles William Davidson - May 31, 2022 at 10:31 AM

RG

“ Monet's garden basket was purchased for the family of Charles William Davidson by Rex & Sherese Glendenning. Send Flowers To Anita and the Davidson Family, Our thoughts & prayers are with you and your family. Chuck was a wonderful man and it was a privilege and honor to get to know him through the years. May God Bless Rex & Sherese Glendenning

Rex & Sherese Glendenning - May 31, 2022 at 10:31 AM

CB

“ A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Charles William Davidson by Chuck Butters. Plant a Tree In honor of the brightest man in the room and the most generous. A wonderful and loyal friend. I will miss our long and frequent discussions. Chuck and Ingela Butters Chuck Butters

Chuck Butters - May 31, 2022 at 10:31 AM



“ Basket garden was purchased for the family of Charles William Davidson by Mary A. Papazian, SJSU President. Send FlowersChuck will be sorely missed by San José State. Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.Mary A. Papazian, SJSU President

Mary A. Papazian, SJSU President - May 31, 2022 at 10:31 AM



“ Dish garden with fresh flowers was purchased for the family of Charles William Davidson by Kay, Gene and the Jackson Family. Send FlowersPlease accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. Chuck will always have a special place in our hearts.Kay, Gene and the Jackson Family

Kay, Gene and the Jackson Family - May 31, 2022 at 10:31 AM



“ Charles William Davidson

May 31, 2022 at 09:20 AM



“ A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Charles William Davidson. Plant a TreeDear Davidson Family,Please accept our deepest condolences and sympathy for your loss. SJB Child Development Centers Board of Directors and Leadership Team

May 31, 2022 at 09:20 AM

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“ Chuck was an exceptional human being who cared about people first and doing the right thing; a shining of example of how to live life with integrity and heart. I was so blessed to have known Chuck for over 30 years as a client, a mentor and friend. My deepest sympathies to all that knew Chuck. Norma Avery.

Norma Avery - April 12, 2021 at 07:56 PM

VH

“ Mr Davidson has been a great supporter of SJB child development centers and saved the agency from bankruptcy several years back. Needless to say, without his support our agency would not be here today. The founder of our agency Mr Bill Williams previously said "if there were more Mr Davidson's in the world, it would be a much better world" May God grant peace to Mr Davidson's family... we will miss him greatly

Victor Hassan - April 12, 2021 at 12:46 PM

SW

“ To the Family,
May your love and memories of Chuck sustain you during this difficult time.
As an employee of Chuck for 40 years, I am extremely grateful for his generosity and support.
Sue Hartley Williams

Sue Hartley Williams - April 12, 2021 at 11:43 AM

SE

“ The Davidson College of Engineering sends our sincere condolences to the family of Chuck Davidson. Chuck’s life story, working his way through SJSU to obtain his engineering degree and then going on to make such a positive impact in our community, is inspirational to our students in so many ways. He will be greatly missed. The Davidson College of Engineering sends our sincere condolences to the family of Chuck Davidson. Chuck’s life story, working his way through SJSU to obtain his engineering degree and then going on to make such a positive impact in our community, is inspirational to our students in so many ways. He will be greatly missed. -Sheryl Ehrman, SJSU

Sheryl Ehrman - April 12, 2021 at 11:35 AM

AM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time. Chuck was a great and kind man. I am going to miss our talks, which ranged from growing up in SE Oklahoma to science. Andrew Mattioda

Andy Mattioda - April 12, 2021 at 11:29 AM



“ Chuck was an exceptional human being. His, was a meaningful life, well lived! He will continue to inhabit a special place in our hearts and minds.
With sympathy, Lina

April 11, 2021 at 04:09 PM

TD

“ *The Tower Foundation Board of Directors sends our deepest condolences to the Davidson family. Chuck’s impact on the life of San Jose State University cannot be overstated and he will be sorely missed*

Tower Foundation Board of Directors

Tower Foundation Board of Directors - April 09, 2021 at 01:04 PM