



Charles Joseph Palmeri

April 23, 1926 - March 24, 2024

Charles “Chuck” Joseph Palmeri (97) passed away peacefully surrounded by family on March 24, 2024. He was born on April 23, 1926 in Buffalo, NY, to Joseph C. Palmeri and Giovanna “Jennie” (Cavaretta) M. Palmeri.

He was predeceased by his wife Norma (Cosentino) in 1991.

Chuck is survived by his wife Carol (Rodak), his three daughters Karin (Frederick) Best, Hamburg, NY, Karla Palmeri, Salinas, CA, Janine Palmeri, Sarasota, FL; and step-daughter Cheryl (Dale) Edwards, Bradenton, FL. Survived by seven grandchildren, Jessica Getty, Sarah (Shea) Mercado, Frederick “Benjamin” (Jackie) Best, Cassandra (Andrew) Godios, Hunter Palmeri, Brett Edwards, and Cameron Edwards. Also survived by fourteen great-grandchildren, Samuel, Sophia, Sienna, Alayna, Michael, Elliana, Jason, Parker, Olivia, Crew, Presley, Mason, Aubrey and Benjamin. He is also survived by his sisters Theresa Palmeri, North Chili, NY, and Mary Holland, Hamburg, NY; and his brother Joseph Palmeri, Buffalo, NY. He was predeceased by his brother Vincent Palmeri. Survived by many nieces and nephews.

Chuck graduated from Little Seminary in Buffalo, NY, before entering the U.S. Army in 1944, as a member of the 42nd Infantry “Rainbow” Division. For his service in France, Germany, and Austria, he was awarded the Combat

Infantry Badge, the Bronze Star, and the Silver Star. In the waning days of the war, he witnessed the horror of the Dachau Concentration Camp shortly after its liberation. During the Army of Occupation, Chuck was the commander of the Marcus W. Orr internment camp for pro-Nazi civilians of Allied countries.

Following his Army discharge in June 1946, he graduated from Canisius College in Buffalo, NY, earning his BBA in 1950. After college, Chuck managed Lincoln Car Rental (later Avis, National), and was sales manager of Whitmer Jackson Inc., a large millwork distributor. He began his successful real estate career building a new “town” called Ransom Oaks in Amherst, NY, as an executive vice president of Caldwell Development. He went on to found his own company, developing Craneridge, an innovative round lot community, in Colden, NY, and then, Stonehenge, in Orchard Park, NY, where he raised his family. He was a member of Wanakah Country Club.

After a stint in Atlanta managing GE Morgan, a division of Combustion Engineering, in 1982 Chuck moved to Sarasota, FL. In 1986, he purchased a motel on Casey Key and developed it into a vacation condo association, Gulfside Beach

Club. After 40 years as a successful real estate broker, in 2018 Charles started another chapter of his life when he wrote *Boy Soldier: Recollections of World War II*. Though *Boy Soldier* was initially written so that his family would know about his wartime experiences, Chuck was invited to speak to many local schools, churches, synagogues, libraries, and organizations, sharing his stories, particularly about the liberation of the Dachau Concentration Camp.

A longtime member of The Oaks Club, Chuck enjoyed playing tennis and golf there, and was especially proud to have made two holes-in-one on the club course. He was a devout Catholic, an active member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Osprey, FL, and a proud Fourth Degree member of

the Knights of Columbus Council 15821.

Chuck was beloved by everyone who knew him and will be greatly missed.

A memorial mass will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at 10:00AM at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 425 S. Tamiami Trail, Osprey, FL 34229.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to honor his memory may donate to your favorite charity or Tidewell Hospice, 3550 S Tamiami Trail FL 1, Sarasota, FL 34239-9939.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

APR **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
425 S. Tamiami Trail
Osprey, FL 34229

Tribute Wall

NW

“ Dear Carol & family ,
It's with a broken heart that I send you
prayers and hugs ! I will always remember the
times we had together especially doing your
wedding to Chuck ! It's was such a beautiful
day ! I am so glad I had the chance to know your family over so
many years ! So many memories to cherish we you all ! Chuck was
a wonderful guy and touched so many hearts ! God speed home
Chuck with the angels to guide you ! Love Nancy Wittman



nancy wittman - April 02, 2024 at 12:12 PM

BD

“ I had the pleasure of knowing and working with Chuck for many
years. I have an autographed book that I will treasure and pass on to
my grandchildren. Chuck was a kind and gentle soul. I love the
shoes he wore, always a fashion magnet. Carol, I know you are sad.
Your wonderful memories will help you through this time. I know he
is with our Lord in heaven!
Bill Dooley

Bill Dooley - March 30, 2024 at 09:45 AM

AC

“ Chuck was my beloved brother in law! My husband and I were part of the family for 60 years and knew him as a loving and compassionate person!He gave us much guidance as we made our move to Florida! We also have special Memories of great times spent with he and Carol- Bill's football, Super Bowl games and so much more! He will be dearly missed and happy memories remain Much love Chuck ! Rest in peace in God's arms

Ann Cosentino - March 28, 2024 at 06:28 PM

CP

“ 2 files added to the album Chzrles Palmeri



Carol Palmeri - March 28, 2024 at 10:19 AM

FC

“ His was a life well lived in an exemplary fashion. We were all fortunate to have known him as his commitments to God, family and country were set at the highest standards. Condolences to Carol and entire family.

Frank/ Pat Cammarata - March 28, 2024 at 10:13 AM

MW

“ Chuck, this comes from Manfred Welfonder: Many thanks for our relationship. You will be very missed.

Manfred Welfonder - March 28, 2024 at 09:13 AM