



Charles M. Chapman

September 29, 1935 - January 29, 2013

Charles M. Chapman passed away peacefully at home in Benton on January 29, 2013 having lived with cancer for over a year. He was born in Dawson, NM, on September 29, 1935.

Chuck moved to Benton in 1977, pursuing a career as a Professor of Management at Bloomsburg University. Chuck loved working with students and often spoke of how they kept him young. Highlights of his thirty years at the university include numerous Outstanding Professor awards, leadership of the Delta Mu Delta International Honor Society in Business, and Chairmanship of the Department of Marketing and Management. He worked to increase international awareness in the College of Business and was co-founder of the Institute for Comparative International Management Studies. He retired in 1997, awarded the honor of Professor Emeritus.

Chuck is survived by his wife and constant companion of 40 years, Kay. He is also survived by four children: Tom (wife Scotty, son Patrick), Bethesda, MD; Connie, Woodbridge, VA; Susan, Berthoud, CO; and Ed (wife Melissa, daughter Noelle), Brandywine, MD. His surviving brother, Allen, resides at Bonham Nursing Center in Stillwater. His family also includes numerous nieces and nephews, and he enjoyed especially close relationships with several of them.

Chuck lived in the Denver, CO, area during most of the first half of his life. As a part-time student, he completed his Bachelor's degree in 1968 at the University of Northern Colorado while holding various management jobs. In 1970 he moved to New York teaching at the C. W. Post campus of Long Island University while completing his Masters degree and doctoral studies at New York University.

In all aspects of his life, he endeavored to follow his father's admonition to "give back to your community" and "leave the world a little better than you found it." Among his many activities, he was most proud of his role in the creation of the Northern Columbia Community and Cultural Center. He served on the Benton Town Council for several terms including two terms as its president. He was active with the Columbia County Conservation District and served on its board. He raised registered Angus cattle, and was a past president of the Pennsylvania Angus Association, was dedicated to innovation and improvement of the Angus breed, and was a 4-H leader for 15 years. He was co-founder of the Fishing Creek Watershed Association and served as its president during its active early years. He assisted in recruiting efforts for the United States Naval Academy. He also raised and trained Labrador Retrievers and was an avid woodturner. In recent years he became a fan of bluegrass music and served on the Board of Directors of the O. A. T. S. festival.

He was fortunate to have been able to travel extensively. In 2010, he and Kay enjoyed a "bucket list" trip to Alaska. During the lengthy drive to and from Alaska, Chuck added several states to the list of those he had previously visited, completing a proud accomplishment of visiting all 50 states during his lifetime. He also traveled and taught in Taiwan and China and traveled in Canada, Thailand, Bangladesh, India, and England where he especially enjoyed exploring Cornwall and Chapman family ancestral sites.

A Memorial Service celebrating his life is planned for Saturday February 23rd

at 3:30 P. M. in his home church, Benton United Presbyterian Church, with his minister and friend, the Reverend Allen Lumpkin, officiating. The service will be followed by a reception at the Northern Columbia Community and Cultural Center. Family will provide flowers and suggest that any memorial gifts be directed to the American Cancer Society, Columbia County Unit, 1420 N. Susquehanna Trl., Selinsgrove, PA 17870 or to the Northern Columbia Community and Cultural Center, P. O. Box 305, Benton, PA 17814.

Previous Events

Service

FEB **23**. 3:30 PM (ET)

Benton United Presbyterian Church
Park and Market Streets
Benton, PA

Tribute Wall

AS

“ Kay and Ed,
My Condolances. *"Fair Winds and Following Seas"*

Aaron C. Shulski, NAVY '99

Aaron C. Shulski - March 02, 2013 at 03:04 PM

AS

“ Kay and Ed,
So, so sorry to hear about Chuck's passing. Al and I first met the Chapman family when our son, Aaron, was applying to the United States Naval Academy. Chuck and Kay provided guidance, support, and friendship during those 4 years when Aaron was at the Academy, and for that we will be forever grateful. Our friendship has continued over the years and for that, we are touched and honored. Chuck was a remarkable man of honor and dedication. We are better people for having known him.
Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.
Kay and Al Shulski

Al and Kay Shulski - February 23, 2013 at 12:52 PM

JW

“ *Kay and Ed,
Chuck was truly a great man and will be missed. He taught me that the hardest things in life are also the things most cherished and the things most worth doing, and that education was important but that I could do anything even without it. I seldom go through a day without a thought of him or something he said or did. He was my mentor and my teacher and the world weeps for having lost him. There are to few men such as him.*

I am profoundly sorry for your loss

*John Weaver
Stafford Virginia*

John Weaver - February 17, 2013 at 01:37 PM

BT

“ *Dear Kay and Ed,
Favorite Chinese Fortune Cookie quote sums up Chuck's memory for me....."Commitment is the stuff character is made of ; the power to change the face of things."
Chuck will always be just a thought away! What love then and now in happy memories.
Whenever I see a map of England my eyes always seek out Cornwall !!!! You and Chuck visited an area where his ancestors lived; he really enjoyed that. Your travel stories to China and other places are enlightening! xoxox Cousin Bitsy*

Bitsy Travis - February 11, 2013 at 11:20 AM

RS

“ *Kay and Ed, we were so sorry and shocked to hear about Chuck. Although I didn't know him very long, I vividly remember his humor and love for you. I also have fond memories of us enjoying a martini together before dinner. Please know that you both and his extended family are in our prayers. Much love, Rebecca and Bill*

Rebecca Swetzer - February 08, 2013 at 01:13 PM

EM

“ *kay and ed*

i was saddened to hear of the passing of chuck .im glad i got to know him he taught me alot from a young age my thoughts and prayers go out to you

ed miller

ed miller - February 07, 2013 at 07:09 PM

MH

“ *Mariann Houseweart lit a candle in memory of Charles M. Chapman*



Mariann Houseweart - February 05, 2013 at 11:05 AM

MH

He fought the good fight with illness.

Mariann Houseweart - February 05, 2013 at 11:06 AM

SS

“ Kay,

It was such a pleasure to get to know you and Chuck during the Alaska trip. We had a great day fishing for salmon "aka snagging their faces". I will cherish those memories always.

Sincerely,

Steve Smith

Steve Smith - February 05, 2013 at 07:35 AM

JJ

“ Mrs. Chapman,

I am sorry to hear of Chuck's passing. I am so happy that I was able to meet and work with Chuck through Red Rock, even if it was for a short time. For many years, Chuck was an advocate and supporter of Job Corps and our students. I thank him and I thank you for all that you've done to make life better for our youth. Sincerely, Jackie Johnson, RRJCC

Jackie Johnson - February 04, 2013 at 09:31 AM



“ *Garland Kreamer lit a candle in memory of Charles M. Chapman*



garland kreamer - February 03, 2013 at 07:24 PM

CK

“ *My prayers and thoughts go to Mrs. Chapman and the family. Mr. Chapman will be missed.*

Cheryl (Cheri) Kass - February 03, 2013 at 12:47 PM

TF

“ *Tracy Fritz lit a candle in memory of Charles M. Chapman*



Tracy Fritz - February 02, 2013 at 09:21 PM

TF

Kay & Family, I was so saddened to hear about Chuck's passing. He was such a pleasure to know. He will never be forgotten.

Tracy Fritz - February 02, 2013 at 09:26 PM

JB

*Hi Kay,
My family wishes to send you our deepest condolences on the loss of Chuck. He was a friendly face, a familiar smile, and fellow Angus friend. He will be deeply missed.*

*Sincerely,
Just Enuff Angus Familiy
Jamie & Gerald Brozman
Ned & Linda Hower*

Jamie Brozman - February 04, 2013 at 11:52 AM