



Charles Elgersma

October 27, 1951 - August 23, 2017

Charles P. Elgersma, 65, of Kankakee passed away at his home in Kankakee on August 23, 2017. He was born on October 27, 1951 in Chicago to Peter and Grace (Vander Ploeg) Elgersma.

Charles proudly served his country for 7 years in the Navy traveling around the world. He had been stationed in Charleston and also in Spain. He was a volunteer firefighter for Richton Park and also worked for over twenty years at Peddinghaus as a tool crib attendant.

He is survived by one son and daughter-in-law; Shawn (Jennifer) Woelfel of Valparaiso, IN, two daughters and sons-in-law; Cara (Derek) Dodge of Danforth and Alexandra (Ubertino) Villafuerte of Kankakee, one brother; Jacob Elgersma of Lawton, OK and one brother-in-law; Jim Kurtz of Arlington Heights, and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister; Ruth Kurtz.

Cremations rites will be accorded. Burial will be at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery with military honors on Tuesday, August 29, 2017 at 2:00 pm.

Memorials may be made to the Manteno Veterans Home. The Schreffler Funeral Home, Kankakee Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Please sign his guestbook at www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421
(815) 423-9958
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/abrahamlincoln.asp>

Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Elgersma*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Chuck and I were good friends years ago on AOL. He would talk about his daughters and had a grandson at the time. We use to have some really great chats about his health and life. He made me laugh so hard many times with his comedic personality. I wish I would have met him in person. May he rest in peace.*

Jean C - September 27, 2017 at 12:55 PM



“ *Going to miss my calls from Chuck! We spoke every now and then. I would yell at him like a brother. Like a brother, he would never listen to me. Rest in pease my friend. Your memories will live on. Xxoo*

Diane Furlong - August 28, 2017 at 11:42 AM



Even with delirium he wanted to call Diane. He called the operator at the hospital to try to get ahold of you unfortunately for him it didn't work.

Cara Heather - August 28, 2017 at 08:34 PM

AA

“ Ricky & aart ate 1/2 can peaches for breakfast there after school ate other 1/2 for dinner we were very poor I was in first grade and Ricky was a baby at home, Lorraine is our birth mother. Charles his adopted name is my first brother. We looked alike as children. I watched him as he was in his crib and mother Lorraine locked us in apartment while she went out. Later I was adopted by my father aart veldhuizen I lived better and I heard Ricky was also adopted to some one grandma veldhuizen was married to a different aart veldhuizen her first NE was Florance if I remember it right. Ricky and I played tow trucks together it was fun, we had grandmother's pill boxes for cargo we had lord fun playing this. Then my middle name Ronald was my first name know I am Aart Ronald veldhuizen, Smile our brother is in heaven with grandma and grandpa veldhuizen mom Lorraine and rest of our total family LOVE AND PEASE TO YOU BROTHER CHARLES/RICKY !!!

Aart - August 28, 2017 at 10:45 AM



Thank you for sharing this memory

Alexandra Villafuerte - August 28, 2017 at 10:07 PM

JL

“ *Chuck was always a person who spoke truth from his heart. Glad to have known him.*

James Loftin - August 27, 2017 at 08:40 PM

GT

“ Chuck and I had a lot of good memories about his dealings with me at Peddinghaus. Always looked forward to seeing him when i was picking up or dropping off tools. My condolences to his family.

Gene Tinney

Gene Tinney - August 25, 2017 at 03:58 PM

JA

“ There is no doubt that Chuck was one of a kind. He was always one who could make you laugh. I always looked forward to hearing from him. He will definitely be missed.

Jim Aubertin

Jim Aubertin - August 25, 2017 at 07:08 AM

SE

“ Susan E Woelfel Elgersma lit a candle in memory of Charles Elgersma



Susan E Woelfel Elgersma - August 24, 2017 at 10:06 PM

 Cara
Heather

“ In the Navy as a young man



Cara Heather - August 24, 2017 at 08:30 PM

Cara
Heather

“ *Dad with his sister Ruth and his brother Jacob*



Cara Heather - August 24, 2017 at 08:20 PM