



Charles E "Chuck" Goranson

June 9, 1952 - April 12, 2024

Charles E. "Chuck" Goranson, age 71 of Kankakee passed away on Friday, April 12, 2024, at

his home. He was born June 9, 1952, in Kankakee, the son of Eldon and Clarice (Reneau)

Goranson. Charles married Patricia Goranson on October 16, 1971, in Kankakee. Charles was

a prebatcher at Valspar. Charles was a drummer for The Country Express for twenty-five years.

He went on to play drums for several local churches. Most of all, Charles loved playing with his

grandkids. Charles was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Kankakee.

Surviving is his

wife, Patricia of Kankakee; two sons, Chuck (Tracy) Goranson of Manteno, James (Nicole)

Goranson of Kankakee; one daughter, Kimberly (Michael) Merichko of Bourbonnais; two sisters,

Linda (Gary) St. John, Peggy (Brad) Yohnka; ten grandchildren, Jake, Kash, Klarke, Jens,

Josiah, Anna, Zoey, Asher, and Charlie. Charles is preceded in death by his grandparents;

Frank and Anna Reneau & parents; Eldon Goranson, Clarice Haram; and one grandson,

Brendan Goranson. Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the time of the 11 a.m. memorial service on Saturday, June 8, 2024 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kankakee.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUN 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
348 E. Merchant St.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Memorial Service

JUN 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

FS

“ *My Friend,*

Oh how I long to be in the presence of our Lord Jesus, and I have no doubt what-so-ever I will see you there with Kenny and Clarice to welcome me when my time comes. You've been a wonderful friend and you will be missed. Nobody has ever played the drums as good as Sir Chuck Goranson. My heart goes out to Pat and the kids and I'm here if they ever need me.

Flo

Flo Swinford - June 07, 2024 at 04:46 PM

JM

“ Papa,

It's so difficult to know that you're no longer around. As I'm writing this, this isn't the type of note that I wanted to write about, ever. I really feared having to write this to honor you once your time has come, and it did.

I've never met a compassionate, loving example of a man with such good heart and kindness, and dignity. You always adored your family, your wife (Nana) as a treasure to you, and that's what I love about you. Papa, I will always miss you so much, and things wouldn't be the same without you. I will ensure to protect and care for Nana, my mother, and the family that you once took care of. You've done your part of life and you're living in your reward with the Heavenly Father.

Until I see you again, I mourn and grieve. We are crushed, Papa. I will make you proud. Thank you for the memories and everything over these years. I love you, Papa!

Your grandson, Josiah. ❤️

Josiah Merichko - May 30, 2024 at 04:23 PM

MB

“ *I was very saddened to hear of Chuck's passing. My deepest sympathies to the entire Goranson family. May he rest in eternal peace.*

Michael Bashem, Galesburg, IL

Michael Bashem - May 15, 2024 at 01:20 PM

LJ

“ When I was little what I remember most about Chuck was his laugh. He was always fun to be around and his laughter would just make us too . He was the fun drummer with the red bandana To this day, I can't say Chuck without saying Pat and Chuck, they just went together always....Many prayers to his family, thankful for his faith in Jesus ❤️

Laurie Johnson - April 27, 2024 at 07:40 AM

KM

“ Even as I try to write this, I cannot believe you are gone. I've dreaded this my entire life. You gave me a sense of security. You always made me feel loved. Growing up you were my hero and that has never changed. You modeled what it meant to be a Christian. Religion was not something you practiced only on Sundays. Your strong faith was integrated in your daily life. You would do anything for your family. So many years you worked so hard to meet our needs.

Your love of music and talent-singing and playing the drums added so much joy to my life. My absolute favorite thing to do growing up was to listen to you and your band, The Country Express! When I was in high school you started playing drums in church.

You taught me what it means to love God and serve others. Your humility and compassion are probably my favorite things about you. I already miss your jokes and the animated way you told stories. I miss how you loved Mom and always put her needs before your own, even during your own times of sickness.

Our lives will never be the same without you. Even though I know I will see you again in heaven my heart aches at the prospect of missing you until then.

Thank you for being my Dad. I still thank God for you. I love you so much Dad! ❤️

Kim Merichko - April 25, 2024 at 11:47 PM

CG

“Dad...I can't begin to convey my true feelings in a short post but will try. When I was very young...I looked up to you in every way possible. You were the cool musician who taught me how to throw a baseball and instilled a determination in me. We didn't always see eye to when I was a teen...probably because we were so much alike...and because I had not experienced life in a way that would help me fully appreciate “us”. For the next several decades, I watched you shed vices, take care of an love your family, play music for Jesus (instead of the fans), and brighten the day of everyone you came in contact with. You spent each day of your life trying to “get it right” and, in the end, you did just that. I wouldn't be who I am without the ups and downs of life and when I reflect on our journey...I am so proud to call you dad. Keep playing that sweet music in heaven and I look forward hearing it again. Love you, dad!

Chuck Goranson - April 22, 2024 at 10:20 AM

TG

“My father-in-law, Chuck, is one of the kindest, funniest people I have ever had the privilege of knowing. I remember making a homemade cherry pie that tasted absolutely terrible, but Chuck told me it was the best pie he had ever had...he was just that kind of guy, always wanted to make others feel good! We definitely lost a great one, but I am extremely blessed to have someone so awesome watching over me and my family from above!

Tracy Goranson - April 22, 2024 at 10:20 AM

CM

“Kim & family. Sincere condolences on the loss of your father. May he rest in peace. Prayers for you & your family.

Cathie & Clarence Miedema



cathie miedema - April 21, 2024 at 11:32 PM

PG

“ *Memories. Where do I begin. My life with Chuck began April 10th, 1969. I remember our first date, our first kiss, the day we married, each child we had, each grandchild we had. We laughed and we cried together. I remember every house we lived in. It didn't matter how much or how little we had we always had fun. He loved God so much! He loved his family and friends and would do anything for them. He loved music and playing drums. So many memories but what I will keep in my heart forever is the love he had in his eyes as he drew his last breath!!!
I love you so much Chuck. We will be together again in heaven!!*

Pat Goranson - April 19, 2024 at 07:42 AM