



Charles "Chuck" Eldon Fleming

January 20, 1958 - March 21, 2019

Charles Eldon Fleming, Jr., 61, of Bloomington, passed away on Thursday, March 21, 2019 at his residence. He was born on January 20, 1958 in Quantico, Virginia; the son of Charles Eldon Fleming, Sr. and Clyde Lucia (Blocker) Fleming.

Chuck joined the United States Army and was stationed in Germany where he was a Hawk Missile Crewmember for 15 years, followed by an Intel Assistant for six years. During his service, Chuck received numerous awards and medals for his service. He was honorably discharged as a Sergeant in November 1988. Chuck also worked for 27 years at Premier Tech Chronos before his retirement. His love of the outdoors, camping, and cooking was only outmatched by that of the love of his wife and children. Chuck loved blues music and played with his many friends in Griff Hamlin's Blues Guitar Unleashed. In addition, he had a deep appreciation for history.

Chuck is survived by his loving wife of thirty-seven years Gudrun "Gudi" Fleming and their three children, Stephanie (Joseph) Kern, Marcie (Joseph) Near, and son Robert (Stephanie) Fleming; grandchildren, Lena and Joseph Near, and one on the way; and step-mother, Cheryl Fleming. Chuck is also survived by his sister, Paula Fleming and sister-in-law, Hedwig Liebetanz-Theis.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sisters, Cindy Fleming and Shelley Fleming and brother-in-law, Harald Theis.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later date. Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington, have been entrusted with arrangements. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to Chuck's family at <http://www.allencares.com>

Comments



“ I would like send my heart-felt condolences to Chuck's wife and family. I was blessed to know Chuck and to be able to work with him at a lot of places around the world. I was working with him in Austria when the fist symptoms of the disease that took his life became apparent.

When I think of Chuck, I think of his wonderful sense of humor. I have had a whole lot of really good belly laughs during my associations with him. I remember one time many years ago down in Corpus Christi, Texas. We were sitting in a restaurant having breakfast and I was talking a lot about a certain airline and relating my dissatisfaction with them - I was really on my soap box. Chuck got up and went to the restroom and when he came back, he motioned for me to come away from the table and talk to him. He was nearly splitting a gut laughing because in the very next booth (behind me) were two pilots from that airline.

Another time, and this was classic Chuck, we were in a cafeteria style cafe in Mobile, Alabama. We had had lots of meals in restaurants together and Chuck was very familiar with my habit of offering a silent prayer on my food before I ate. Well, this time, I had forgotten to say prayer, and Chuck realized that I had forgot, and as I raised my fork filled with food up to my mouth and partially inserted it, Chuck, with a big grin on his face said "Uh - uh -uh!" I don't know if he realized how close he came to wearing that fork full of food because I busted up laughing. I still get a good laugh, just thinking about that.

I enjoyed working with Chuck. In addition to his sense of humor, he was very proficient at what he did and he had a way of cutting through to the crux of the problem and coming up with a solution.

I mourn with you in your loss. The world has lost a really good guy. I will miss him.

Jerry Aldridge

Jerry Aldridge - March 25, 2019 at 09:41 PM



“ Chuck serviced our plant in Muscatine, IA for many years. Through that time he became an integral part of our family. He always took such pride in his work and spoke so highly of his family. He was immensely talented at his craft. Chuck was loved by so many here, we are sorry for your loss, and are grieving alongside you in this difficult time. He is an amazing man! May God bring you peace and comfort in the days and weeks ahead.

Nick Martin

Nick Martin - March 25, 2019 at 04:54 PM



“ I speak for all the folks at GPC Washington in expressing our sadness at Chuck's passing. Chuck has taken care of us for 20 years at this location and he would often stop in to say hello while he was here helping us out. Chuck was one of those guys that don't seem to be very common anymore. He was dedicated, passionate, incredibly skilled, and just a heck of a nice guy. Even after he was diagnosed, he made sure that we were taken care of. Chuck was also a critical part of GPC's success during the work stoppage in 2008 in Muscatine. Chuck and the warehouse folks gelled into a great team. We will miss Chuck terribly.

John Dudenhoeffer
Plant Manager
Grain Processing Corporation. - Washington

john dudenhoeffer - March 25, 2019 at 01:54 PM



“ Charles was my section Sergeant in Germany in C-1/1. He came at a time when we needed a leader and he filled the role like a glove. He was a great mentor who led by example. I strived in my career to be a leader like him.

Robert Klingensmaier. U. S. Army retired

robert klingensmaier - March 24, 2019 at 12:51 PM



“ I am very sorry and saddened to here about Chuck. To Gudi and the entire family, you have my deepest sympathy.
My name is Dale Tortorich, I am the Opérations Director for Premier Tech Chronos, SLC. I worked with Chuck the past 27 years. Not only did we become coworkers but we became great friends. We traveled the world together for work and shared a lot of memories that I will not forget.

I like to share one moment we had together while we were in Australia. We had been working on a job site for close to three weeks and we decided to take a weekend off and go drive around and do some sightseeing. We ran into a petting zoo which had kangaroos in it. We entered the area where the kangaroos were. They actually had food in packets that you could take in and feed them. Chuck decided to keep food away from this big grey and keep it in his pocket. Will this upset the kangaroo that it set back on its tail and decided to raise its hind feet and started kicking the hell out of Chuck and the people had to come over and get the kangaroo away from him. He was not hurt from this and we both got a big laugh out of it. We always had a great time together.

Chuck always had a great personality and nothing got him down. He always told me he was going to keep fighting to the end, which he did! He will truly be missed, as a coworker and most importantly a true friend!

Dale Tortorich - March 24, 2019 at 10:34 AM



“ I feel honored to have known Chuck and, although we lost touch, I never stopped counting him as a friend. He was a great influence on so many people and he will be dearly missed.

Allen Mewes - March 23, 2019 at 08:23 PM



“ Tommy & Shannon Vincent lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chuck" Eldon Fleming



Tommy & Shannon Vincent - March 23, 2019 at 08:20 PM



“ Will miss our good friend Chuck dearly, no more good brisket, or getting "chucked". We love you from the HL breakfast club.

Tommy Vincent - March 23, 2019 at 08:18 PM



“ I always knew GPC Washington would be well taken care of especially during camping season at Boggs Creek. A pleasure to work with.

Tom Weisman - March 23, 2019 at 08:16 PM