



## Charles Albert "Chuck" Kraus

January 15, 1932 - January 13, 2020

Charles Albert Kraus (Chuck), 87, of Bloomington Indiana passed away on January 13, 2020 at IU Bloomington Health Hospital. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio on January 15, 1932.

Chuck was a graduate of Kent State University and received his Bachelor of Arts degree 1957. He also attended Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, IN and received his Bachelor of Divinity degree 1959 as well as his Master of Divinity degree 1972.

Chuck was a Pastor of Centennial Christian Church in Martinsville IN, Clarksville Christian Church in Noblesville IN, and First Christian Church in Adrian MI. He retired from State Farm Insurance in 1993

Chuck met the love of his life, Jane Fager on the campus of Christian Theological Seminary in 1955 . They married August 10th 1957 and had two children , Jeff (1962 ) and Cheryl ( 1965 ) .

Chuck enjoyed camping , boating , motorcycles ,ham radio, and was a member of the Gideons , Northside Exchange Club , TRIRI , SPEBSQSA , and volunteered at Bloomington Hospital .

Chuck is survived by his wife, Jane; son, Jeff; daughter, Cheryl; 4

grandchildren; and 1 Great granddaughter.

Chuck was Preceded in death by his Father, Charles; his Mother, Alberta (Schumacher); and Brother, Robert.

Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday January 25th 2020 11 a.m. at Emmanuel Baptist Church 1503 W. That Rd. Bloomington IN 47403.

Online condolences, photos, and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ I attended Emmanuel while I was in College and I will always remember Chuck's larger than life smile. I know that he is celebrating with His Savior! He will be missed.

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**Adrian Selmon** - January 25, 2020 at 04:00 PM

TK

“ I met Chuck, N9ESO, when I first attended meetings of the Bloomington Amateur Radio Club (BARC) as a new ham in 2006. He was always so warm and welcoming! When I began serving with the Hilly Hundred Weekend Bicycle Tour Communications Team, I was delighted to learn that Chuck was one of the Net Control operators. In addition to his duties with the Net Control Station, he also acted as the Hilly Hundred Chaplain to as many as 5,000 cyclists during the weekend and hosted Protestant services on Sunday mornings. When I became the Communications Coordinator of the event, Chuck continued to serve in those positions for several more years, before his health prompted him to leave the Team.

He inspired several of us in BARC to explore Slow-Scan TV. He regularly participated in a weekly Slow-Scan TV net in the Bloomington area. Chuck also checked in on most Monday evenings during the Monroe County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) Net.

*Chuck will be greatly missed by his fellow hams!*

Tom Myers

K9TEM

Monroe County ARES Emergency Coordinator

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**Tom Myers, K9TEM** - January 24, 2020 at 07:01 PM

FC

“ From Tom Myers, K9TEM, Hilly 100 Comms Coordinator purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Charles Albert "Chuck" Kraus.



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**From Tom Myers, K9TEM, Hilly 100 Comms Coordinator -**  
January 24, 2020 at 06:34 PM

MN

“ I was so sorry to hear of Chucks passing. He was a true gentleman, and an inspiration to all of us as a man who lived his life well, in faith and in service to others. I will miss his beautiful voice, hearty laugh, and hearing him sign N9ESO on the nets. May the Lord bless and keep him and his family. Well done, OM.

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**Maynard Raggio N9PTG -** January 24, 2020 at 09:41 AM

MF

“ Chuck & my Dad sang in a group @ one time. Dad, Franklin Richardson was also a Gideon. I met Chuck through my Dad & Mom. Chuck sang with 3 other men that came around the hospital singing to people on floors or in the hallway. Dad was not a part of this one. One day I happened to be out in the hallway in front of registration when I met Chuck & his group. We chatted for a spell & then they serenaded me with a special song. That was the highlight of my day. Of course everyone in registration wanted to know why I was so special to get a song from them. Anytime we met Chuck anywhere he would always stop & chat. I want you all to know that I am praying for you for peace & comfort during this difficult time. Chuck was one of a kind. He will be missed. I am so sorry for your loss.

*Mary Frazo*

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**Mary Frazo -** January 23, 2020 at 10:46 AM

TW

“ On Valentines Days, Chuck would come to Crane with his Barbershop Quartet and serenade folks having lunch at Club Lakeview. Whenever he saw me and my group, he'd come over and they'd sing something like "Let Me Call You Sweetheart". Cracked everyone up.

*Tom Busch*

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**Tom Busch WB8WOR** - January 22, 2020 at 08:57 PM

VM

“ I'm so sorry about Chuck I got to know him thru Ham Radio. There's sadness in my heart and I will pray for the family! Vicki McGlocklin KC9KMV

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**Vicki McGlocklin** - January 22, 2020 at 04:23 PM

JH

“ Chuck brought incredible joy to our community. I first met Chuck as a ham radio support driver for the TRIRI bike rides in Indiana. He seemed to experience amazing incredible fun in this role--and offered the cyclists a lot of security on roads we didn't know well. He was a joy to see at the YMCA for years--always with a huge smile and a positive word for everyone. And then as a singer his barbershop quartet. He sang beautifully and with incredible skill, love, and joy. Chuck will be missed by many many people in our town. Hugs for all of his family!!

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**Jeanette Lynne Heidewald** - January 21, 2020 at 09:19 PM

PA

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Chuck was a great neighbor and friend.  
*Phil and Teena Albright*

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**phil and teena albright** - January 21, 2020 at 02:24 PM

SC

“ Oh, so many memories of Chuck! His deep laugh, quiet voice, big hugs, he will be missed. My heart and prayers go out to you Jane, Jeff and Cheryl!

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**Sandy Barger Chamberlain** - January 21, 2020 at 12:52 PM

MH

“ Jane, Jeff and Cheryl,  
So sorry to read about Chuck's passing. I will miss waving to him and little chats. He was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. Sending prayers and love to you as you pay tribute to his life.

*With loving thoughts,  
The Hosey Family*

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**Mary Sue Hosey** - January 21, 2020 at 12:39 PM

JA

“ Jane, it's been a long long time since I last ran into either you or Chuck. But I have never forgotten the both of you and our good friendship. Please accept my condolences and you are in my thoughts. Jeff Ames

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**Jeff Ames** - January 21, 2020 at 10:00 AM

CH

“ It was a pleasure to have Chuck as a volunteer at Bloomington Hospital - his smile, encouragement, humor and singing always brought joy to others. I served as Director and we were blessed to have him on our team! He made a difference!

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**Connie Hill** - January 21, 2020 at 06:10 AM

RO

“ *I will miss his voice on the radio.*  
*Rob Hamros*  
*Kb9rnb*

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**Rob** - January 20, 2020 at 11:25 AM

RO

“ *I'll miss chuck's voice on the air.*  
*Rob Hamros*  
*Kb9rnb*

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**Rob** - January 20, 2020 at 10:05 AM