



Charles Adelard Laren

January 13, 2016

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1928 – 2016

Charlie worked hard all his life. He was the first generation in his family to graduate from high school. After a stint in the Navy, Charlie attended college on the GI Bill. There, he turned down a spot on the wrestling team to work on campus and support his young family while attending classes fulltime. After college, Charlie began his career as a “rocket scientist” – one of the heroes of the budding aerospace industry, a “gladiator in the new arena.” He worked on projects from rockets to the moon to the space shuttle, winning special recognition for his use of technology.

When politicians cut the space budget and lean times began, Charlie put family first, working numerous positions, even standing out for day labor. At one point, he was working as a substitute teacher in daytime and as a janitor at night. He also taught math for a time in inner-city schools. He continued as the provider for his wife and four children.

Through the good times and when times were tough, Charlie still managed to be a dad, taking his family hiking and backpacking, on trips to the theater and to visit museums and historic sites, one year traveling all across the country, almost hitting every state and Canada. Through the years, he always found the time to discuss current events, politics and religion; the time to explain and correct writing and schoolwork; even the time to teach a bit of photography. Also through it all, Charlie never lost his sense of humor, wearing his wild and crazy ties, popping off with an original funny jab or satirical commentary.

After his retirement from aerospace, Charlie would continue for years being called back as a consultant to help the new generation solve special engineering problems. He spent most of his time building and maintaining his Tehachapi ranchette. He was active with the Knights of Columbus and, as a volunteer, provided transportation to patients who needed treatment such as dialysis. He was the sole caretaker for Dorothy, his wife, as her health continued to decline.

A Rosary will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2016, at St. Malachy Catholic Church in Tehachapi, CA. The Funeral Mass will be held at St. Malachy Catholic Church at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 2, 2016. A graveside service with military honors will follow at 2:00 p.m. at Bakersfield National Cemetery in Arvin, CA.

Wood Family Funeral Service, Inc. was entrusted with his care.

Events

FEB **Rosary** 06:00PM

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St. Malachy Catholic Church
407 West E Street, Tehachapi, CA, US, 93561

FEB **Funeral Mass** 11:00AM

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St. Malachy Catholic Church
407 West E Street, Tehachapi, CA, US, 93561

FEB **Graveside Service** 02:00PM

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Bakersfield National Cemetery
30338 East Bear Mountain Boulevard, Arvin, CA, US, 93203

Comments



“ Maxwell Unified School District Staff purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Charles Adelard Laren.



Maxwell Unified School District Staff - January 26, 2016 at 12:49 PM



“ Our sincere condolences to your family. We will miss our neighbor Charlie Laren. He became an instant friend when he stopped over at our place one day to talk to my husband, and over the years, we helped one another when the wood was low, or when the wildfires hit our area. We appreciated that he shared his life with us, in a neighborly way and that he was such a good husband to Dottie and good to his pets. Charlie, you are faithful and kind and lived a good life. May God keep you forever with Him and Dottie.

Love, the Kemper family

Suzanne Kemper - January 24, 2016 at 09:33 PM