



Charles Marks

July 8, 1958 - January 4, 2019

Charles Allen Marks, age 60, of Wautoma, formerly of Berlin, was taken far too soon on Friday, January 4, 2019, at Ripon Medical Center.

Charlie was born on July 8, 1958 in Waukesha WI, the son of Donald and Phyllis (Boyce) Marks.

He graduated from Waukesha South High School in 1977 and this is where he met the love of his life, Cathy Wichser.

In 1981, Charlie graduated from Marquette University as cum laude of his class and married Cathy on July 17, 1982 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Waukesha.

He was employed by the Wisconsin Electric Power Company directly out of college and was a valued employee for 15 years when he accepted a job as Administrator of the Green Lake Sanitary District. This new employment caused the family to relocate in Berlin and later settling into their dream home on Little Hills Lake in Wautoma. Charlie thoroughly enjoyed his position in Green Lake, he had a passion for his job and a love of Green Lake. He became an accomplished grant writer for the district. His grant writing skills benefited not only the people of the district but helped in the conservancy of properties, fish rearing and contributed to the purchase of Camp Grow. In 2007 he was awarded the prestigious Caestecker Award for his dedication and contributions. This honor is given only to individuals who have exerted an exceptional influence on affairs benefitting the Big Green Lake community. He truly loved his work and never looked at it like a job. He loved the connections and relationships he was able to form throughout the years.

Charlie was very athletic and enjoyed many sports. He played many years on the top softball team in the Waukesha area and later enjoyed coaching his son's sports teams. He always enjoyed golfing with his three sons; called it his "perfect 4some".

He was a man of strong conviction and faith. Charlie and Cathy took a walk every morning and would pray and say the rosary together. He always reminded his family to put God first and the rest would fall into place. Nearly, if not daily, he would say, "Our goal is to be in heaven together one day." This passion made him a great example for his family as he wanted to pave the way for them into heaven.

Charlie and Cathy loved to entertain and welcome ALL to their lake home. Many, many wonderful memories were made there and will be cherished forever. His laughter and

positive energy was truly contagious, he had a special way of getting everyone around him in stitches and in a good mood... there was never a dull moment when Charlie was around.

Charlie is survived by his loving wife, Cathy; his cherished children, Stuart Marks, Paulina (Paul) Wise, Andy Marks, Pete Marks; pride and joy grandchildren, Lazar, Mila, and Leo; brother, Tom (Lisa) Marks; sisters, Sue (Jim) Cerroni and Donna (Paul) Manley.

By being part of Cathy's family for over 42 years, Charlie will also be extremely missed by his other brothers too: Mike (Mary) Wichser, Lee (Renée) Wichser, Dan (Kathy) Wichser, Joe Wichser, Mark (Alyce) Wichser and so many nieces and nephews and many friends who he loved and enjoyed spending time with."

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He truly felt blessed to have spent so much time with his beautiful family and was so proud of his children and how they have grown that it often brought him to tears.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, January 18, 2019. The family will receive guests starting at 8am until the time of mass at 11am at St. James Catholic Parish of Neshkoro.

In place of flowers, the family requests that memorials may be directed to Summit Educational Association or Avastrong Charity for Children

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 18. 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church
315 N. Main Street
Neshkoro, WI

Funeral Service

JAN 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church
315 N. Main Street
Neshkoro, WI

Tribute Wall



“ *Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles Marks*



Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home - January 15, 2019 at 04:30 PM

TL

Beautiful ... Gods gift .. what a loved life he lived ... prayers to you all during this time

Tanya Lauritzen - January 16, 2019 at 07:02 AM

TJ

“ *Charlie's passion, enthusiasm and drive for his occupation/calling and life were relentless, unwavering and strong. His absence is keenly felt. He left big shoes to fill, but his enthusiastic attitude inspires us to carry on and keep up the fight.*

Tom Jonker - January 17, 2019 at 03:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles Marks.*



January 16, 2019 at 10:01 PM

SM

“ *We enjoyed the tribute video to Charlie so much! It brought back so many fond memories for our family. . Our prayers and thoughts are with Charlie and Cathy and their beautiful family! We wish we could be there with all of you. Charlie will always be remembered for the exceptional person he was and was always there for anyone who needed him. Sending our love to all of you, Steve, Catherine, Liz and Avena*

Steve Marks - January 16, 2019 at 08:47 PM

RM

“ Cathy, your family has touched ours in so many ways...starting at All Saints. Your aiding our kids, 8th grade buddies, friends, friends of friends. Charlie also touched our lives, and so many others, in so many ways. Our prayers and love are sent to your family. Strength and faith will guide you. We offer our love and support to you all.

Robyn McAllister - January 16, 2019 at 07:52 PM

FF

“ From the DeVillers, Hopkins and Orszag families purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Charles Marks.



From the DeVillers, Hopkins and Orszag families - January 16, 2019 at 01:30 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles Marks.



January 16, 2019 at 01:02 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Charles Marks.



January 16, 2019 at 12:02 PM



“ . purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Charles Marks.



. - January 16, 2019 at 09:02 AM



“ 220 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home - January 15, 2019 at 03:20 PM

SP

“ Stephen Prissel lit a candle in memory of Charles Marks



Stephen Prissel - January 14, 2019 at 03:47 PM

SK

“ Shawn and Carissa Karsten purchased the Simply Elegant Sp
athiphyllum for the family of Charles Marks.



Shawn and Carissa Karsten - January 14, 2019 at 09:55 AM

RC

“ Cathy and family. We are so saddened to learn this news. Our deepest
sympathies and heartfelt prayers go out to you. Scott and Robin Mc Cormick

Robin Mc Cormick - January 09, 2019 at 06:54 PM

EL

“ Erv Lesczynski lit a candle in memory of Charles Marks



Erv Lesczynski - January 09, 2019 at 11:50 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Charles Marks.*



January 08, 2019 at 12:44 PM

CB

“ *So sorry to hear of Charlie's passing. What a shock! He was a good guy who loved his family and friends very much. Hugs to all.*

Chris Beulen - January 07, 2019 at 12:21 AM

MG

“ *I was devastated to hear about Charlie's passing. My love and prayers are with you Kathy! Love & Hugs, Cousin Mary Jo*

Mary Jo Gertz - January 06, 2019 at 10:07 PM

TR

“ *To my friends The Marks family; I am so very sorry to hear of Charlie's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. God Bless you ! T. Rittershaus*

terry rittershaus - January 06, 2019 at 05:00 PM

SP

I felt so devastated and not wanting to believe that Charlie was actually gone. It breaks my heart to know him and i will no longer get to work together for Big Green Lake. I immediately felt for you that you had to be just in shock over his passing. You just don't find guys like Charlie who you feel so attached to even though you spend so little time with. I feel very sorry to lose him but i cannot imagine how you all must feel as a family at losing a part of you. Such a rock he must have been for all of you. May God help you in the days to come and God Bless you all.
steve Prissel

Stephen Prissel - January 14, 2019 at 06:06 PM

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*Kathy,
Not sure if you remember me (Wanda Diaz) maiden name. I met you and Charlie during the softball season at The Saratoga Complex in Waukesha when he played for Jack Daniels. Just wanted to offer my condolences to you and your family. God Bless!*

Wanda Roth (Diaz) - January 15, 2019 at 03:40 PM

JN

Charlie was an icon; a truly remarkable man. The Green Lake community is fortunate for the years he gave us, and will benefit from his legacy for generations. He was a good man who made the world better.

john nelson

john nelson - January 15, 2019 at 06:11 PM

BS

Kathy & Family,

Don't know if you remember me but I worked with Charlie at Wis. Electric right out of college. I was only there for about a year but got to know him rather well through work, playing softball and hanging out after work sometimes. He was a nice guy, great sense of humor and a good friend. We lost touch so I was saddened and shocked to hear of his passing. My deepest condolences to you and your family.

Bill Stock

Bill Stock - January 17, 2019 at 08:17 PM