



Charles E. Vidovich

January 30, 1937 - September 6, 2023

Charles E. Vidovich, age 86, a long-time Lorain resident, passed away at Western Reserve Hospital in Cuyahoga Falls on the afternoon of Wednesday September 6, 2023 following a period of declining health. Chuck was born in Lorain on January 30, 1937 and was a graduate of Lorain High School. He had been residing in Cuyahoga Falls since June of 2021.

Following a brief period of employment at U.S. Steel Corporation's Lorain-Cuyahoga Works, he joined the United States Postal Service in 1959 and embarked on a career that spanned thirty-three years with the agency. Beginning as a sorter, he transitioned to service as a clerk and quickly became the friendly ambassador behind the window at 9th and Broadway until the time of his retirement in 1992.

He joined the National Guard in 1961 and fulfilled duty assignments as a Sergeant attached to Company B of the 145th Infantry based in Lorain. He was awarded a Sharpshooter's Badge for his skill with the M-1 rifle.

Chuck was a parishioner of St. Vitus Croatian Catholic Church and was appointed to serve on the Diocesan Reorganization Advisory Committee there. He later became active at St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish where he volunteered as an altar server and also sat on the parish council.

During earlier years, he was active, along with his son, in Indian Guides where he was known as Roaming Brave; Chuck's involvement with the organization led him to be acknowledged nationally as the Chief of Nation in 1976.

Proud of his Croatian heritage, Chuck was a long-time member and trustee of the Lorain Croatian Club.

Earlier in life, he played the accordion and was an occasional member of the Jolly Boys Band. In his leisure time, Chuck enjoyed camping; he was highly skilled in the craft of counted cross-stitch and was proud to have had a number of his projects receive awards at both the county and state levels of competition. In addition, he loved to cook and was well known for his epic chicken paprikas. Chuck loved Christmas and would begin playing Christmas carols on Thanksgiving morning and subsequently embarking on the mission of decorating his house extensively for the December 25th celebration.

He is survived by his son David and daughter-in-law Robin (nee Nunn), granddaughters Madison Vidovich, ND / DC (fiancé Benjamin Lagard, D.C.) and Courtney Vidovich-Dohring, M.D. (Christian Dohring, M.D.), and sister Fran Kurjan.

Chuck was preceded in death by his wife Dorothy R. Vidovich (nee Nemeth) in 2019.

Friends may call on Friday September 15th from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. in the Gluvna-Shimo-Hromada Funeral Chapel – 3224 Broadway Avenue, Lorain. Funeral services will be Saturday September 16th beginning with closing prayers offered in the funeral chapel at 9:30. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 10:00 a.m. in St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish with Reverend Neil G. Walters, Pastor officiating. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

Chucks family encourages contributions in his memory to The Ohio Valley Forestry Fellowship – 3434 Darwin Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45211.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

555 N Ridge Rd
Lorain, OH 44053
<https://clecem.org/Cemeteries/CalvaryLorain.aspx>

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **15**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Glugna-Shimo-Hromada Funeral Chapel
3224 Broadway
Lorain, OH 44055
(440) 246-2118
gluvnashimohromada@gmail.com
<http://www.gluvnashimohromada.com>

Funeral Mass

SEP **16**. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

St Frances Cabrini Catholic Church
2143 Homewood Dr
Lorain, OH 44055
<https://saintfrancesxcabrini.org/>

Interment

SEP **16**. 11:10 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ My deepest condolences to Chuck's family. I had the pleasure of learning how to cook chicken paprikas for 1,000 people for the Lorain International Festival one summer at the Club. It is one of my fondest memories. He will definitely be missed. Sending you all tons of love from NY State.

Arlene Stillwell - September 13, 2023 at 10:49 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Charles E. Vidovich.



September 12, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Charles E. Vidovich.



September 12, 2023 at 09:19 AM

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“ Melanie Clouser sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles E. Vidovich



Melanie Clouser - September 10, 2023 at 08:37 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Charles E. Vidovich.* ”



September 08, 2023 at 04:08 PM