



Charles Henry Bienkowski

April 21, 1940 - June 13, 2020

Charles Henry Bienkowski (80) of Leesburg, FL passed away in his home on June 13, 2020, surrounded by his loving family. He was born April 21, 1940 in Torrington, CT.

Charles is survived by Teresa, the love of his life and dear wife of 56 years; his children: Thomas H. Bienkowski of Hebron, CT, Keith C. Bienkowski and his wife Annette of Stonnington, CT, Kris B. Szabo and her husband Dan of Southbury, CT, and Karen L. Frost and her husband Roy of Billerica, MA. He was blessed with six grandchildren: Ryan and Alexa Bienkowski, Logan and Avery Frost, and Jack and Ila Szabo. He is also survived by his sister Carolyn Pacella and her husband Richard of Pawleys Island, SC. Charles was preceded in death by his parents Henry and Wanda and his brother Thomas Bienkowski of Torrington, CT.

Charlie served his country as a Sailor, Boilerman 2nd Class, in the United States Navy from 1959 to 1963. Following his Navy tenure, Charles moved forward by applying his skills towards a career working with the Local 777 Steamfitter's Union. Charles attended New England Technical School and obtained a degree in Heating and Air Conditioning. Later in his career, he established and ran a successful business specializing in Heating and Air Conditioning with an associate. He was a member of the Elks, a dedicated father, and husband. Retirement brought Charles and Teresa to Florida in

2006 where Charles enjoyed playing softball, golf and discovered a hidden passion for acting and the theater. He was very active in the Legacy Theater Group and Legacy Radio Show. He was bigger than life and could always get a reaction from the crowd. However, his greatest love was his wife Teresa, who he truly cherished and was often heard saying "she is on a pedestal." Charles loved her beauty, her cooking, and grace.

Charles lived life to the fullest and loved with all his heart; his passion for life was obvious from the moment you met him. His positive energy and good-natured spirit drew people to him near and far, often leaving you with a lasting and memorable experience to take away with you on your journey: a simple parting gift for you to have and hold on to that it might bring a smile and a joyful tear someday. This was strongly demonstrated after the announcement of his death by an outpouring of memorable photos and sharing of beautiful life experiences with Charles by those who met him, culminating into what the Bienkowski family has described as an international around-the-world toast raised for Charles by the many who loved him and were blessed to have his friendship. The Bienkowski Family is truly thankful.

There will be a memorial Mass of Christian Burial at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Leesburg, FL on Monday, June 22 at 8:30 AM. Following the mass, Charles will be laid to rest at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL.

Masks are required to be worn by all relatives and friends at St. Paul and at Florida National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, the American Kidney Fund, or the American Diabetes Association.

Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles Henry Bienkowski*



May 11, 2022 at 07:13 PM



“ *My heartfelt love and condolences to the family. Charlie left us all such wonderful memories. He made people happy. He raised and nurtured a beautiful family. He gave me a daughter in law whom i cherish. What a testament. God be with you all during this hard time.*

Corrine Frost - June 21, 2020 at 01:03 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. They way he attacked life with love and humor should never be lost by any of us.
Mr. Bienkowski is a role model for me. He taught me so much about how to be a father and about how to express myself. I was always in awe and amazed by the love the the entire family shared with each other. It started with Charlie and Theresa and continued through their children. I always felt very privileged to share in just a small piece of it and I will always have fond memories in my heart.*

My deepest sympathy for your loss. He will be missed.

-Dano

Dan McDonald - June 19, 2020 at 09:53 AM

DF

“ Donna and I would have loved to attend the service; however we will be in Torrington, CT on that day. Our thoughts and prayers go out to to all of the family. Donna and I were shocked when we heard of Charlies passing from Jack Wallace.

They don't come any better then Charlie. Just a great personality and a fun guy to be around.

Dave and Donna Ferrato - June 18, 2020 at 09:29 PM

BV

“ Our sincere sympathy to Theresa and the Bienkowski family.

Bill and Barbara Verderame - June 17, 2020 at 09:33 PM

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BF

“ The longer you live, the more people you meet. Some are "good guys"; some are not. Some you're happy to have met; some you're not. The best way to describe Charlie? "Charlie, you're a good guy...glad I met you."

Bob Fehrenback - June 17, 2020 at 01:38 PM

GC

“ Charlie, what can I say ?.....we had so much fun in high school and even when I would see you in our later years we always shared a laugh of two. You made our reunions more fun especially when you were with "your guys", Bobby, Rickey and even Renny. I see you dancing to Sweet Caroline in my many thoughts of you these past past few days,,,,,keep on dancing, Charlie, you will so be missed.

Gayle Adorno Campbell - June 16, 2020 at 03:39 PM

MS

“ Charlie embodies everything and everyone of the Class of 1959. He was the paragon of laughter
His presence will definitely be missed at reunions and other class affairs.

Personally,

I will always remember him as "Binky" He always bought a smile to my face. One of my favorite classmates. God bless you, Charlie, AKA Binky!

Marlene Piccolo Salvatore

Marlene piccolo Salvatore - June 16, 2020 at 02:58 PM

ED

“ How can I say what Charlie and his friendship meant to me. He was my partner in crime at Theater Legacy, Boolie to my Daisy, Maurice Chavalier to my Hermione Gingold and Andrew Makepeace Ladd III to my Melissa. Through it all, we had so much fun. He studied his lines and nailed every performance. He would take on anything, from heavy drama to really comic performances. I was privileged to have been his friend and fellow performer. I was also privileged to see what a devoted husband and father he was. His family was everything and he truly did put Teresa on a pedestal. The world has lost a unique person. He will be greatly missed

Elaine Dawson - June 16, 2020 at 02:20 PM