



Charles "Chuck" O. Lawrence

October 13, 1940 - March 21, 2021

KOONTZ LAKE – Charles O. “Chuck” Lawrence passed away on Sunday March 21, 2021 at Trail Point Village, South Bend following an illness. He was born on October 13, 1940 in Chicago to the late Herbert and Crystal (Del Morse) Lawrence, and was 80 years-old at the time of his death.

Chuck lived in the area most of his life. On October 20, 1962 he married the love of his life, Gail Reid, in Walkerton. Together they spend 55 wonderful years together. Gail preceded his death on May 18, 2018, and this was a loss that Chuck never quite recovered from.

He retired from NIPSCO after over 30 + faithful years as an electrician. Chuck worked his way up from mechanic, to crane operator, then gas maintenance, and finally substation electrician. All of this while studying and getting certified for these positions. Chuck was a member of the Koontz Lake Fire Dept. where he served over 50 years and was the Chief for many years. He also served his community by working for Starke County EMS for many years. He was a member of the North Liberty Masonic Lodge #266, was an avid outdoorsman that loved to hunt and fish, and was the original MacGyver who could fix anything!

Chuck is survived by his four children Butch and Sharon Lawrence of Koontz Lake, Kelly Lawrence of Sequim, WA, Jodi Snedeker of Plymouth, and Jack

Lawrence of Nappanee; seven grandchildren; and three great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents and wife.

Funeral Services will be at 2:00 EDT Friday, April 2 at the Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel. Visiting hours will be from 5:00 to 8:00 EDT Thursday, April 1 and from 1:00 until the time of the Funeral, also at the Funeral Home. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Koontz Lake Fire Dept. Immediately following the service at the grave site, everyone is invited to go to Koontz Lake Missionary Church where a meal will be provided. To leave online condolences visit rannellsfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 1. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rannells Funeral Home - Koontz Lake Chapel
7984 N. State Road 23
Walkerton, IN 46574
(574) 586-2120
rannellsfh@mchsi.com
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Funeral Service

APR 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles "Chuck" O. Lawrence.*



March 31, 2021 at 07:42 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Charles "Chuck" O. Lawrence.*



March 31, 2021 at 04:07 PM



“ *So sorry to hear that Chuck has passed away. I worked with him for many years at NIPSCO. You couldn't ask for a better worker to work with. I always remember the old brown station wagon he drove for many years. We are sure he will be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time of loss.*

Jim & Sally Scobey - March 29, 2021 at 04:52 PM

MB

“ *Very sorry to hear about the loss of Charlie. I learned many mechanical skills from him during our years in the substation department. I was always happy to be work with him. He was a patient and understanding man. I can hear the coffee pouring from his thermos into his cup at this moment. A great man, he will be missed, but we will meet again someday.* ”

Mike Byelick - March 29, 2021 at 02:28 PM

SD

“ *There are so many stories and memories of Chuck that I dont know where to begin, starting when I was a small kid at our resort until the last time I saw him last fall.He and Gail were like my second parents. Chuck got me my job in Indiana with NIPSCO the old fashioned way, he took me to the LaPorte Line Superintendents home one Saturday and after drinking a few beers and Chuck and him BS-ing about the good old days the line super asked me when I could start. He will be missed by all and will always hold a special place in my heart.* ”

Scott DeVoe - March 28, 2021 at 06:18 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Charles "Chuck" O. Lawrence.* ”



March 27, 2021 at 07:45 PM

BA

“ So sorry for your loss of your Father and great man and of course
fire fighter

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BARBARA ABeI - March 27, 2021 at 10:56 AM

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*He is with God now. I do want to share how excited he was to tell me
about the Northern lights of Wisconsin. All my love to the family.*

Diane Schuster - March 27, 2021 at 03:37 PM