



Charles Leslie Sonner

March 12, 1931 - June 5, 2024

Charles Leslie Sonner, born on March 12, 1931, in Highland County, Ohio, peacefully passed away on June 5, 2024, in Westerville, Ohio, surrounded by his loving family. He was the beloved son of Ernest and Alice (Shoemaker) Sonner. Charles was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Ernest Sonner Jr.

Charles, known affectionately as Chuck, is survived by his devoted wife of 70 years, Nelle (Lemaster) Sonner, his loving daughter Brenda (Terry) Euton, his caring son David (Debbie) Sonner, and his cherished grandchildren Nicholas (Devon) Euton, Ashley (Steven) Petrovich, Taylor Euton, Jessica Sonner, and Melanie Sonner. He also leaves behind his great-grandchildren Lea Euton, Charlee Euton, and Rowan Petrovich, as well as many nieces and nephews who adored him.

Married to the love of his life on September 24, 1954, Charles and Nelle shared a bond that stood the test of time and embodied true partnership and love.

Charles served his country with honor and distinction as a Navy seaman, working as a helicopter mechanic on the USS Leyte CV-32 during the Korean Conflict. Following his military service, he pursued a successful career as an aviation mechanic, eventually retiring from Champion International after many

years of dedicated service.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Charles was known for his skill as a card shark, passion for aviation, golf, puzzles, and most of all, his unwavering love for his grandchildren. He found joy in spending time with his family and sharing his hobbies and interests with them.

A man of integrity and warmth, Charles touched the lives of all who knew him with his kindness and generosity. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all those who had the privilege of knowing him.

Visitation will be held on June 11, 2024, at 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM followed by the funeral service at 12:00 PM, at Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Homes & Crematories located at 515 High Street in Worthington, Ohio. Interment will be immediately after the service at Orange Township Cemetery.

As an alternative to flowers, donations can be made in his memory to the American Cancer Society.

May his memory live on in the hearts of those who loved him.

Cemetery Details

Africa Cemetery in Lewis Center

5175 S. Old State Rd. Lewis Center, OH
43035
Lewis Center, OH 43035

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 11. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Corbin Funeral Home
515 High Street
Worthington, OH 43085

Funeral Service

JUN 11. 12:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Corbin Funeral Home
515 High Street
Worthington, OH 43085

Tribute Wall

BH

“ Will forever cherish memories of Uncle Chuck as a classy, kind and gentle man, sharing many fun card games and hugs ❤️
<https://donate.cancer.org/>

Becky Hayslip - June 10, 2024 at 06:03 PM

VE

“ Vertiv purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Charles Leslie Sonner.



Vertiv - June 10, 2024 at 04:00 PM

TF

“ The entire Kalescky family purchased the Celestial Love for the family of Charles Leslie Sonner.



The entire Kalescky family - June 10, 2024 at 01:28 PM



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



June 10, 2024 at 10:44 AM

PR

“ *Pauline, Paula, Leatha, Frankie, Richard purchased the Pure Heart for the family of Charles Leslie Sonner.*



Pauline, Paula, Leatha, Frankie, Richard - June 09, 2024 at 07:52 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

May your memories of Charles Leslie Sooner, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.

*My thoughts
and prayers to the family of*

*US Navy Veteran, Charles Leslie Sonner, is “A True American Hero”
God Bless†*

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - June 09, 2024 at 04:22 AM

SP

“ Sean P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Leslie Sonner.

Sean P. - June 08, 2024 at 04:49 PM

PB

“ I was blessed to live, for several years, next-door to Chuck and Nell at VMC in Westerville. A kind, helpful, compassionate man, he embodied what it means to be a true gentleman. There were many times that he helped me with small problems over the years. He and his wife demonstrated a love for each other that is rare in our world today. My prayers are for Nell, their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Chuck's was a life well lived.

Peggie Bell - June 08, 2024 at 10:49 AM

LM

“ Love Jessica + Melanie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Leslie Sonner.

Love Jessica + Melanie - June 08, 2024 at 10:43 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles Leslie Sonner.



June 08, 2024 at 10:43 AM

MD

“ Mike and Teri Daley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Leslie Sonner.

Mike and Teri Daley - June 08, 2024 at 10:23 AM



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



June 08, 2024 at 10:23 AM

LT

“ Love Steven, Ashley, Nick, Devon, Taylor purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Charles Leslie Sonner.



Love Steven, Ashley, Nick, Devon, Taylor - June 08, 2024 at 07:51 AM

RL

“ We only recently met cousin Chuck Sonner after tracking him down through contacts in Hillsboro. We were fortunate to have the pleasure of visiting several times with Chuck and Nelle at their home. The only regret is that we didn't meet sooner. Our deepest condolences to Nelle and the Sonner extended family.

Rob Lewis - June 07, 2024 at 09:07 PM

TF

“ *The Frasher Family purchased the Serene Retre at for the family of Charles Leslie Sonner.*



The Frasher Family - June 07, 2024 at 01:55 PM

TF

“ *The Frasher Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Leslie Sonner.*

The Frasher Family - June 07, 2024 at 01:55 PM