



Charles William Townley

October 27, 1934 - July 22, 2022

Charles William Townley, 87, resident of Willow Brook at Delaware Run in Delaware, OH, died July 22, 2022. He was born in East Liverpool, OH on Oct. 27, 1934, to Arthur Charles and Bernice Mae (Hurd) Townley. He was married to his lovely wife Nancy (Bailey) Townley for 63 years before she passed away on Aug. 20, 2020. He is survived by a son Paul (Karen) Townley, a daughter Diane (John) Sharpe, granddaughters Amy (Jason) Scragg and Julie (Brian) Torski, great grandsons Matthew and Ryan Scragg and Benjamin Torski, great granddaughter Abigail Torski, a brother Donald (Patricia) Townley, and brother-in-law James (Judith) Bailey. A half-sister Linda Daniels Allison and a half-brother John Corak are deceased. After graduating from Wellsville (Ohio) High School he attended the Ohio State University from which he received a B.Sc. degree in chemistry and a PhD in nuclear chemistry. As a student at OSU he was a member of NROTC, Sigma Pi Fraternity, the Council of Fraternity Presidents, Ohio Staters, Inc., Phi Beta Kappa, Sphinx, and Bucket and Dipper. During a 32-year career at Battelle Memorial Institute he held the positions of Manager of Chemical Physics, Manager of Structural Physics, Manager of Materials Science, Manager of Information and Communication Systems, and Manager of Toxic Substances Programs. He was also Director of the William F. Clapp Laboratory, Inc., Battelle's marine research facility in Duxbury, MA. As an active member of North Community Lutheran Church in Columbus for over 40 years, he served three times on the church council, twice as president of the congregation. In Delaware he has been a member of

Zion United Church of Christ, serving on the church council and as treasurer. Since his retirement from Battelle in 1991, Chuck and his wife spent many summers at Lakeside, OH, where they owned a cottage from 1972 to 2008. He has also enjoyed reading, golf, oil painting, and genealogy research. Funeral Services will take place on Saturday July 30th, 2022, at 10 AM at the Rutherford Corbin Funeral Home 515 High Street Worthington, Ohio 43085 with Pastor Beth Gedert officiating. Interment will follow at Union Cemetery. Family and friends may visit an hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Willow Brook Christian Communities, 100 Delaware Crossing West, Delaware, OH 43015 or Zion United Church of Christ, 51 West Central Ave., Delaware, OH 43015

Cemetery Details

Union Cemetery

3349 Olentangy River Road
Columbus, OH 43202
(614) 267-5471

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 30. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Rutherford Corbin Funeral Home
515 High Street
Worthington, OH 43085

Funeral Service

JUL 30. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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515 High Street
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Tribute Wall



“ *Charles William Townley*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *We offer our deepest sympathy to Chuck's family. Chuck was fun to be with and his smile was infectious. This picture of Chuck and Nancy [taken at an Xmas dinner] speaks loudly of the fun we always had together.*

*Sincerely,
Jim and Linda Schrock*



Jim Schrock - July 28, 2022 at 02:45 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles William Townley.*



July 28, 2022 at 09:45 AM

JS

“ All three of us sisters (Ginny, Susan and Joan have fond memories of Chuck while visiting with families especially for the summer picnics with all the many relatives. Chuck had a good sense of humor and had many interesting stories to tell us all. We thank both Nancy and Chuck for organizing these many get togethers. And I also remember the time that we came to visit them at the lake. My son “ remembers “ when his sister hit him on the side of his head with a pan while he was in a playpen at Lakeside. At this time he was 1 and she was 2. Big joke for our family. We will miss Chuck and Nancy very much.

Joan, Ginny and Susan. - July 27, 2022 at 05:45 PM

MR

“ So glad he is at peace and reunited with your mother.
Prayers to you and the family for the difficult loss. Marianne and Jim

Marianne Rennie - July 27, 2022 at 02:52 PM

JB

“ Within two years, I have lost my only sister Nancy and her husband, Chuck. My wife Judy and I will miss them both. There's now a hole in the family circle. We will miss visiting them at Willow Brook, our conversations and meals together, and the larger family gatherings with Diane and Paul and their families. We will also miss our regular Sunday afternoon phone conversations with Chuck after Nancy's death.

Over the years, I learned much from Chuck in our discussions about religion and science. His scientific awareness evident in his "worldview," appended to his memoirs, challenged my thinking. When Chuck gave us a copy of his "Memoirs," Judy and I spent several months reading aloud what he had taken time to write. We discovered that his earliest years clearly presented challenges for him, but that he also recognized how family members and teachers provided the needed encouragement and helped him to realize his great potential academically and vocationally, all of which his obituary highlights.

In the conclusion to his memoirs, Chuck again made clear how important and precious his 64-year marriage to my sister was. They were a good team and had many wonderful adventures together, including the birth and rearing of their two children. The end of life was not easy for either of them, but they completed their earthly journeys in peace and with hope.

Jim (& Judy) Bailey - July 27, 2022 at 10:59 AM

AB

“ I will always remember how Uncle Chuck called me scooter even years after I stopped crawling:) I always dragged one foot when I crawled hence the Nick name he gave me. Even though I visited him less than yearly as his brother in law's granddaughter, he made a huge impact on my heart and our visits with him and Nancy were always filled with laughter. He will forever be remembered. Love,
Alaina Bailey

Alaina Bailey - July 27, 2022 at 08:24 AM

JH

“ We are praying for you Diane! We love you all and know Jesus will be with you.
Love, Greg and Janet Helma

Janet Helma - July 26, 2022 at 09:27 AM

DJ

“ Denise, Michael, Emily & Abby Juhola purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Charles William Townley.



Denise, Michael, Emily & Abby Juhola - July 26, 2022 at 08:24 AM

MJ

“ In the Summer of 1997 Chuck and Nancy invited us to lunch at their Lakeside cottage, and thereafter gave us a tour of of its grounds and facilities. They were right: it is the ideal place for a family with young children to spend their summer vacation. And we did so for the next 20-years. But Chuck and Nancy's influence on us goes well beyond Lakeside. They were warm and caring Christian friends who are greatly missed. May God grant Paul, Diane and the rest of their family the comfort and joy in knowing that Chuck and Nancy are now reunited in Heaven.

Michael D. Juhola - July 26, 2022 at 08:17 AM



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



July 25, 2022 at 09:41 PM



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July 25, 2022 at 03:32 PM