



Charles "Chuck" Muvrin

March 3, 1964 - August 28, 2008
Paw Paw, MI

LIFE STORY / OBITUARY

Charles "Chuck" Muvrin always found the joy in life. A joy he built and nurtured, and, a joy he gave to all those around him. From farming to eating, from his friends and family to his true love, Amy, so many things brought out Chuck's broad smile and his unmistakable and contagious laugh. It was the laugh of a happy and contented man, who brought joy to all who knew him.

Chuck's story began on a blustery March day in 1964, in the quiet community of Paw Paw, Michigan. Those were such turbulent times in this country, as the Vietnam War raged overseas, and racial tensions mounted here at home. The Beatles climbed to the top of the U.S. charts for the first time, and the Rolling Stones released their debut album. On March 3, 1964, Charles and Eva Muvrin had a debut of their own, with the birth of a baby boy they named Charles, after his father. Chuck, as he was affectionately called, was surrounded by three older sisters - Pam, Kathy, and Lori - but being the first boy, was considered special right from the beginning. Chuck later became big brother to Joe.

Chuck grew up in a very traditional home. His dad was a farmer and had a deeply held love of the land. Eva was a homemaker who had her hands full with a large family and a hard working husband. Chuck loved growing up on the farm and felt farming was truly "in his blood". As soon as he was big enough, he began helping with chores, driving tractors when he could reach the pedals and operating the family cherry harvester at the age of fourteen.

With a farm to run and a family to raise, the Muvrin family didn't do a lot of traveling, but that was okay with them as home was where their hearts were and they had great times just being together.

Chuck graduated from Paw Paw High School in 1983 and went on to Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan. Chuck was made for college life and college life was made for Chuck. Chuck loved it all, the partying, the socializing - even the studying. He was a true "green" MSU fan through and through. He graduated in 1988 with a bachelor's degree in Horticulture and Food Systems Management.

With degree in hand, Chuck returned to the family farm and went to work doing what he loved best - farming. In 1995 he began dating a wonderful woman named Amy Ursprung. Although he and Amy never married, they were committed to a very strong relationship filled with love, admiration and respect. They both enjoyed cooking, Chuck especially enjoyed the eating part. They loved sunsets in South Haven, long walks on the farm and spending family time together. Amy has a daughter, Kristen, and Chuck loved her as his own daughter. Through the years they developed a special relationship.

For the last few years, Chuck was able to enjoy many MSU football and basketball games with his family and friends. It became a tradition to have dinner either before or after each game at the El Azteco Restaurant near the MSU campus. East Lansing, MSU, and spicy food always set the stage for college stories and Chuck told them like no one else. He liked nothing better than including his friends and family in his sports fun.

Besides his family and farming, perhaps the next biggest love of Chuck's life was eating - and the spicier the food, the better. He frequented Chinn Chinn Restaurant and quickly discovered the menu offered exceptionally spicy food. During his first visit there he ordered a spice level of 10 out of 10, and was amused as the restaurant staff gathered in amazement to watch him eat it without any sweat. He was well known and often greeted by one of the chefs with a special spicy treat. Even though there was somewhat of a language barrier, Chuck and the chef had no problem expressing their affection for one another, such as the basket of homegrown peaches Chuck had taken him just last week.

Sunday mornings for Chuck started with a cup of coffee at his sister Lori's house, in his favorite cup. It was a relaxing time spent talking, reading the Sunday paper and having breakfast. Chuck spent a lot of time at Lori's, habitually scanning the fridge for food as soon as he walked in the door. He knew he was part of the family, and received all the same privileges. He often watched football and basketball games with his extended family, scaring his many nieces and nephews as he leaped off the couch and yelled at the television.

As busy and full as Chuck's life was, there was always room for God. He was an avid listener of Joyce Meyer, a charismatic Christian author and speaker, and was guided by a deep and abiding faith. He had memorized many of his favorite Bible scriptures and could quote them at will.

He extended his great love to his nieces and nephews and always greeted them with a huge bear hug. It was his way of making them all feel unique. The many nieces and nephews include, Andrew, Megan, Nate and Marissa McCorry; Whitney, Samantha and Drew Pursley; Abby (Dan) Preston, Adam and Alexa Brown; and, Taylor, Olivia and Luke Muvrin. Each had a special place in his heart and he enjoyed different activities with each including, attending school events, throwing the "ball" around, talking sports and sitting and listening to his nephew play guitar.

Chuck's longtime friend, Dale, had also been very close to Chuck's father, Charlie. Chuck came to rely on Dale for many reasons, his contribution to farm operations, his sense of humor, his steady guidance, and his friendship. Chuck eagerly looked forward to Saturday mornings, when Dale would cook pancakes and sausage and great conversations were had. Chuck affectionately referred to Dale as his "homie".

Chuck's dear friend, Matt Cooper, once said that Chuck was "the best guy friend he could hope for". Because they had adjoining properties, Chuck spent many happy hours with Matt and his sons, hanging out on the farm and "The Serengeti" campsite.

Because Chuck was "a best friend" to so many people, it demonstrated the quality of his character and his enormous love for others. The loss of Chuck will be deeply mourned by so many, and his love of family and friends, along with his great love of life, will be remembered by all who knew him.

Charles "Chuck" Muvrin, age 44, of Paw Paw, died suddenly, August 28, 2008 in Plymouth, Michigan. . Learn more about Chuck, view his Life Story Film and visit with family and friends Friday from 4:00-8:00 PM at the Life Story Funeral Home, Betzler-60900 M-40, Paw Paw, 657-3870, where a Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday at 5:00 PM. A time of food and fellowship will be shared following the service at the Muvrin Family Farm, 43832 C.R. 374, Paw Paw. Private burial of cremains will be at Wildey Cemetery. Chuck was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by 4 siblings: Pam (Dave) McCorry of Mattawan, Kathy (Tom) Pursley, Lori (Bob) Brown all of Paw Paw, and Joe (Leanne) Muvrin of Plymouth; many nieces and nephews, Andrew, Megan, Nate and Marissa McCorry; Whitney, Samantha and Drew Pursley; Abby (Dan) Preston, Adam and Alexa Brown; and, Taylor, Olivia and Luke Muvrin and a significant other, Amy Ursprung and daughter Kristen of Kalamazoo. Please visit Chuck's personal web page at www.lifestorynet.com, where you can archive a memory or photo, sign his memory book online before coming to the funeral home or make a memorial contribution to a charity of choice.



VISITATION

Friday, September 5, 2008
4:00 PM to 8:00 PM EDT
Betzler Life Story Funeral Homes
Paw Paw Location
60900 Michigan 40
Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-3870
[Driving Directions](#)

SERVICE

Saturday, September 6, 2008
5:00 PM EDT
Betzler Life Story Funeral Homes
Paw Paw Location
60900 Michigan 40
Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-3870
[Driving Directions](#)

CONTRIBUTIONS

At the family's request memorial contributions are to be made to those listed below. Please forward payment directly to the memorial of your choice.

University Advancement-MSU School of Horticulture
300 Spartan Way
East Lansing, MI 48824-1
(517) 355-5191

Choose the "GIVE NOW ONLINE" link at the top left of the page
Use the ã

