



## Charles Edward Michaels

August 17, 1943 - June 9, 2016

Charles “Chuck” Edward Michaels, 72, of Williamsburg, passed away at the Grand Traverse Pavilions on Thursday, June 9, 2016. He was born on August 17, 1943 in Iron County, to the late Joseph and June (Couney) Michaels. Chuck loved being outdoors from an early age. In his childhood he developed a love for being in the woods and began fulfilling this love through hunting. After receiving a Forestry degree from Michigan State University, he enjoyed a career in Forestry by first becoming a smoke jumper in Washington and later managing woodlands for Native American reservations, paper companies as well as individuals. The love for the outdoors also permeated to what he did after work. Earlier in life, he enjoyed skiing and ski jumping in addition to hunting deer and partridge. Later he trapped beaver, muskrat, fox and other animals. The finally of his hunting career ended with several trips to Canada hunting Moose in remote locations. His love for the outdoors permeated almost everything he did and was one of his core passions in the way he lived his life. He would often be concerned about, “who was managing the woods.” He was always a significant member of the communities that he lived in. In Newberry, MI he ran a logging show for the annual 4th of July festivities. He also helped to start a logging Museum that still operates today. He loved his family, especially his grandkids, and tried to be involved with them as much as he could. Chuck is survived by his wife Linda (George) Michaels; 2 sons, Matt (Cori) Michaels and Travis (Dawn) Michaels; 1 daughter Mandy Michaels; and 4 grandchildren, Lauren, Jonathan, Brady and Olivia; and 1 sister Marie

(Larry) Lewis. Chuck was preceded in death by his parents. The family would like to thank the Grand Traverse Pavilions, the staff on Elm Wing were like family. Memorial contributions may be made in Chuck's honor to the Lewy Body Dementia Association, [www.LBDA.org/Donate](http://www.LBDA.org/Donate). A Memorial Service will take place at the Kalkaska Funeral Home on Saturday June 25, 2016 at 1pm, a final gathering will begin at 12pm. Arrangements entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

JUN **25**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home  
152 S Cedar St  
P.O. Box 1457  
Kalkaska, MI 49646

## Memorial Service

JUN **25**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

SD

“ Linda,  
We are so sorry to hear of Chucks passing. We had no idea until yesterday. I went up to the Pavillions for the first time in 9 months. I wish I could have been there for you the way you were there for us. We were so blessed to have the opportunity to get to know you. Of course given the circumstances of our meeting, things were not as any of us would have hoped. However, you amazed me with the strength and grace you always showed. It was obvious that you and Chuck shared a great love for one another. He was a sweet gental soul.  
With much love  
Sherri, Jeff & Caroline

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**sherri derushia** - September 07, 2016 at 09:07 PM

GA

“ Linda,  
Sorry to hear the sad news. Seems just a few years ago we were suite mates at MSU, and you had just met Chuck. He was a great guy from a great family!  
  
My sincere condolences to you and Marie.  
  
Gail Goriesky

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**gail** - July 09, 2016 at 08:48 PM

RS

“ I just learned of Chuck's passing and knew him as a fellow forester and my also being from Iron River and nearby Cadillac, MI. Chuck's family has my condolences and sincere sympathy. May he rest in peace.

~Ron Scott

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**Ron Scott** - June 29, 2016 at 11:08 AM

BW

“ My deepest sympathy to Chuck's family in this time of need! My thought's and prayers are with you! Thanks to Mandy for calling us to let us know, we did receive your message!  
From Bruce White & Jenah



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**Bruce White** - June 25, 2016 at 11:31 AM

BW

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From Bruce White & Jenah

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**Bruce White** - June 25, 2016 at 11:27 AM

CB

“ Linda and Family,

*So sad and so sorry to hear about Chucks passing. Time has flown by so quickly since our longtime chummy, dear friend and fellow forester retired after many dedicated years of service to the logging industry. He was always the hardest/fastest pace worker amongst all of us. I certainly hope there are many trees in heaven for him to take care of(larger the better). Just so many great times to share and remember. He was the man! The aspen NOW aspen contract. We had to always split up the quota between areas, but Chuck always had it covered and shipped more than his share plus ours in the first month of a 3 month order. Thank the Lord we had a great rapport with Tom Martilla the NOW wood-buyer. Chucko knew the drill well, the ole bugger!!! Wood was put up roadside all over the east end of the UP. We advanced loggers weasel skins(\$\$'s) when they put it up roadside for us, but could not ship the wood quick enough. C was always in the doghouse with the boss and accounting for having way too many dollars out in advances, think our boss was Jeff Nickels at that time. No one knew how many cords was roadside in the woods, not even Chuck, "quite a bit" was close enough and he never stopped cutting. The time Chuck called me to go to the Logging Congress in Minnesota: I lived in Ishpeming at the time, I said what time ya picking me up? He said you just be in Newberry at 6:00 am and we are going through Canada.....No bull! What a trip!!!!!!!!!! One of those nights at the Congress we got asked to leave a bar cause we reached over the bar and mixed up our own drinks cause we were not getting quick enough service. Now sure who's idea that was.....but we both agreed. Sharing the 3 company logging trucks was huge. He would always call me up begging to use them, since they pretty much were used primarily in the Norway District. Poor tuck drivers were wiped out when they returned to Norway and the darn trucks were all out of fuel.....Can't remember but I am sure sometimes they stayed a couple days and brought back home a load of aspen for NOW. Chuck was always so excited about any extra equipment he could get to produce more wood. I believe one truck ended up staying with Chuck at Newberry. KC Bomber(Butch Hayes) , another hard working young lad, like*

*two peas in a pod, stayed on with one of the company trucks to help the Newberry District. Then there was this one, we didn't share this one too much. After District meetings in Norway we many times went to Escanaba to unwind at the bars, then went back to Norway to catch last call at Bomber's (Norway was on slow time and Esky on fast time) I was driving that late evening and when leaving I missed a turn and went straight through a farmers fence of sort right into a corn field, I remember C saying, put this sucker in 4 wheel drive and let's get the hell out of here.....no harm done..... I truly can say you were my best chum and partner in crime and I will always remember your calls checking in with me and us discussing change and stress. A very caring person was he with a heart of gold! Speaking of Gold, Chuck, - I wonder who ended up with the traveling Golden Jackass of the Month Award. I know we shared it more than most, but hopefully it was finally passed on to a younger twig, maybe your forester and our chum, Timber-Jack , (Jack Thomas) got stuck with it. Jack told me many times about the things you taught him and how much your friendship meant to him. This award was actually a small solid, donkey made of "solid gold" that was awarded by the team monthly or quarterly to the twig who for whatever reason deserved it..... Going to miss you Chuck. I ain't going back to proof read these comments. Spelling and penmanship might be questionable but all are "true stories to share! See Ya Later Gator!!!! Corky Bartosz*

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**Corky Bartosz** - June 24, 2016 at 08:35 PM

RS

“ *Ruthie and George Smith purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Charles Edward Michaels.*



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**Ruthie and George Smith** - June 24, 2016 at 03:47 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Edward Michaels.*



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June 23, 2016 at 06:07 PM



“ *Linda I was so so sorry to hear about Chuck. Please accept my deepest sympathy. May your wonderful memories of him give your peace during this difficult time.*  
*Tammy Spigarelli*

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**tammy spigarelli** - June 23, 2016 at 08:28 AM



“ *Dear Linda,*  
  
*My heartfelt sympathy to you and your family, so sorry for your loss. Prayers for comfort and peace. Remembering you with fondness Linda. Denise Nault*

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**Denise Nault** - June 22, 2016 at 09:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles Edward Michaels.*



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June 21, 2016 at 03:11 PM

DR

“ Chuck was a great friend as we had many laughs together about situations that we shared as foresters and friends..He will be missed especially by many and this old forester myself. we could related to life's challenges and all that goes with it ..I want to express my sincere sympathy to Linda and family...Chuck was a great person to know..God Bless you all through this time..Denny Renken

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**Dennis Renken** - June 21, 2016 at 08:54 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Edward Michaels.



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June 20, 2016 at 08:40 PM



“ Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Edward Michaels.



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June 16, 2016 at 12:06 PM

CC

“ Dear Linda,

*My heartfelt condolences to you and your family. I so enjoyed working with Chuck during the good old Champion International days. I even had the pleasure having him work in the map room with me when he was working on the aerial photos before he retired.*

*Prayers are with you,  
Cheri Nelson Cook*

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**Cheri Nelson Cook** - June 13, 2016 at 02:40 PM