



Charles N. Wenner

May 30, 1930 - May 8, 2022

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 13, 2022, at St. John's Abbey/University Church in Collegeville, MN for Charles N. Wenner, age 91, who died Sunday at the St. Cloud Hospital surrounded by his family. Burial will be in the St. Boniface Parish Cemetery, Cold Spring, MN. The service will be live streamed on the Wenner Funeral Home website. The funeral will be livestreamed at <https://youtu.be/wHW7-nqbUml> or <https://saintjohnsabbey.org/live>.

Visitation will be Thursday, May 12, at the Wenner Funeral Home, Cold Spring from 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Charley was born on May 30, 1930, in St. Cloud, MN to Carl and Louise (Broker) Wenner. Charley graduated from St. Boniface High School in 1948 and earned a bachelor's degree in Health Sciences from St. John's University in 1952. Following two years of Medical School at the University of MN he changed focus to a Mortuary Science Degree. After completing his Boards, he entered the Marine Corps shipping out to Officer's Candidate School the same day. He served during the Korean War as a Military Police Officer (MP) and was honorably discharged as a First Lieutenant. During his time in the service, he travelled extensively throughout the far east, including Korea, Japan, Hong Kong and Singapore. He married Nancy L. Burns on July 21, 1956, at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Pearl Lake, MN.

Charley and his brother, John owned and operated Wenner Hardware, Funeral Home, Gas Company and Ambulance Service in Cold Spring, MN. The call to serve others came naturally to him and was always delivered in a way that made you feel it was both his honor and a pleasure. Charley was the City Clerk for Cold Spring for several years and served on the Boards of Trustees for the State Bank of Cold Spring and Assumption Nursing Home. He served on the St. Boniface Parish Council and Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of the American Legion Post 455, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Korean Last Man's Club, Cold Spring Lions, and Knights of Columbus (4th Degree). Charley joined the Cold Spring Fire Department at the age of 14 during WWII when all abled bodied men were conscripted into service. He served as Fire Chief for a number of years and remained an active member of the Department until December 1984.

Charley enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, making maple syrup, and all things outdoors. He was passionate about traveling, cooking, and eating. Above all he loved people. He was uniquely wonderful, outgoing, caring, and compassionate – he had an innate ability to make friends of strangers; of making friends feel like family and family feel like friends. “Where are you going? Sit down. I have another question.”

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Nancy; children, Carl “Skosh” (Karen), Mathew (Rosario), Jerome (Sharon), Jo Ann Wenner, Patrick (Kelly), Paul, Mary Kay (George) Morris, James (Sandy); siblings, Mary Reichert, John (Joan), Margaret “Marne” Tiplady, Thomas (Sandy), Robert (Judi); 28 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents and grandchildren: Baby Wenner, Marc Wenner, Baby Teresa Wenner, Baby Morris, Gregory Warren, and James Wenner II.

To all those who knew him, "Clickey- Clickey".

Cemetery Details

St. Boniface Parish Cemetery

Cold Spring, MN 56320

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 12. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wenner Funeral Home - Cold Spring
600 Red River Ave. So.
Cold Spring, MN 56320

Service

MAY 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. John's Abbey / University Church
2900 Abbey Plaza
Collegiville, MN 56321

Tribute Wall



“ *Charles N. Wenner*

January 29, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ *Charlie a Gem. We(the Kelley family) spent our summers on Big Fish Lake and he was one of the most delightful guys in Cold Spring. I loved his big heart humor hugs and welcoming spirit. I will always remember Charlie Wenner with fondness. Blessings to all of you - thanks for sharing him with us :)*
Peggy Kelley

Peggy - May 31, 2022 at 11:39 PM



“ *Over the years Charlie helped us with many funerals with compassion and support. He was also a friend, and we will miss his smile, wisdom, and humor. Rest in peace Charlie, you have served well. Vince and Audrey Schaefer*



Audrey Schaefer - May 14, 2022 at 11:15 AM



“ *Nancy, sorry to read the notice from Oblates that your husband passed away. Reading his remarkable obituary called up memories of my sister Barb and your Margaret. May he rest in peace. Mary Pluth Palmquist*

Mary Palmquist - May 13, 2022 at 12:07 PM

JW

“ Dear Nancy and family,
We have numerous memories . We especially remember the trip to Acapulco . I know it was the first time I lost 5 lbs instead of gaining 5 on vacation. 🙄. We remember all the fish fry's , birthday and anniversary celebrations and any other reason Charley and Nancy may have had us to come, sit, visit, eat and enjoy a cocktail and few hours with them. We were welcomed and treated as family and he will always be remembered and missed.
May he Rest In Peace
Judy and Art

Judy and Art Winter - May 13, 2022 at 08:25 AM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Charles N. Wenner.



May 12, 2022 at 11:28 AM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Charles N. Wenner.



May 12, 2022 at 10:23 AM

WF

“ Westling family purchased the Simply Lily for the family of Charles N. Wenner.



Westling family - May 12, 2022 at 10:15 AM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Charles N. Wenner.



May 12, 2022 at 09:28 AM

BS

“ Charlie was a wonderful guy always had a wonderful smile for me with a hand shake and a hug....all the times we saw each otherall the laughs we had and he told me some stories I will hold close to my heart rest in peace my friend

Becky Schmitz - May 11, 2022 at 11:41 PM

AT

“ I was truly blessed to help care for him and Nancy at Assumption Court. I will never forget him saying Hey really loud as I knocked on the door and being told to come sit and visit awhile. What a beautiful couple! Condolences to your family as you celebrate a life well lived.

Amy Forner Thomas - May 11, 2022 at 05:19 PM



“ *To the Wenner family: I am sorry for the loss of your husband/father/grandpa. He was always so positive and welcoming! Many of you have inherited his personality. (OK, I think Paul did anyway!) God Bless you all as you transition through this difficult time.
Hugs from Meggie (Mega Stone) Grygleski*



Meggie Grygleski - May 11, 2022 at 02:58 PM



“ *Memorial Trees was purchased for the family of Charles N. Wenner.*

May 11, 2022 at 11:19 AM



“ *Jamie Kiess lit a candle in memory of Charles N. Wenner*



Jamie Kiess - May 11, 2022 at 10:33 AM



“ *Fr. Tom Andert OSB lit a candle in memory of Charles N. Wenner*



Fr. Tom Andert OSB - May 11, 2022 at 09:40 AM

FO

To All the Wenner Family: sincere sympathies and condolences to you at the death of your husband and father. Charlie was a phenomenal figure of compassion, humor, generosity and caring. The Patriarch of Cold Spring will be sadly missed for all his wonderful influence and example. May he rest in peace! Fr. Tom

Fr. Tom Andert OSB - May 11, 2022 at 09:44 AM

PF

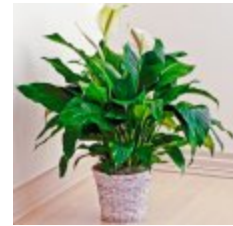
“ Dr. Paul
sorry to hear about Dad
you are up north on walleye opener
go fishing after funeral

Old Man French

Philip john French - May 11, 2022 at 09:35 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Charles N. Wenner.



May 11, 2022 at 08:56 AM



“ Cherished Memories - All White was purchased for the family of Charles N. Wenner.



May 10, 2022 at 09:20 PM

BS

“ *Bill & Renate Schaefer lit a candle in memory of Charles N. Wenner*



Bill & Renate Schaefer - May 10, 2022 at 08:57 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Charles N. Wenner.*



May 10, 2022 at 07:53 PM

PJ

“ *Paul, Shelley and Christian Jonas purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Charles N. Wenner.*



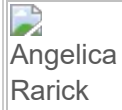
Paul, Shelley and Christian Jonas - May 10, 2022 at 06:03 PM

DK

“ *Charlie was a friend and a kind man. He was professional and honest. May Charlie have fair winds and following seas as he heads home. don krueger*



don krueger - May 10, 2022 at 03:30 PM



Angelica Rarick

“ Angelica Rarick purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Charles N. Wenner.



Angelica Rarick - May 10, 2022 at 09:28 AM



Angelica Rarick

“ Charlie, was good friend to David I. Rarick an family. To Family, So sorry for your Loss. The Rarick Family..

Angelica Rarick - May 10, 2022 at 09:11 AM



BB

“ Charlie was such a kind and gentle man, I'm so sorry for your loss
🙏

Bob Belmont - May 10, 2022 at 09:01 AM



PL

“ All of the Wenner family, my heart and prayers are with you. I have nothing but find memories of my uncle Charlie. A good man. Incredible work ethic, loving and generous. I was deeply touched by his presence (and everyone else's) when my dad passed. I love you all. I'm touched and grateful to have grown up around all of you.
Love, Pete Lytle

Pete Lytle - May 10, 2022 at 01:16 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Charles N. Wenner.*



May 09, 2022 at 08:59 PM



“ *I grew up in Cold Spring
I am so very sorry for your loss
Sending sympathy and prayers
Dianne Schwegel Ledbetter*



Dianne and Charlie Ledbetter - May 09, 2022 at 04:57 PM



“ *Jim and I have spent many great times with Charlie and Nancy and the family in the years we have known them. You will be sorely missed, Charlie. Our love, thoughts and prayers go out to all of Charlie's family and friends.*

Jim & Lela Culligan

Lela Culligan - May 09, 2022 at 03:34 PM