

Charles Louis Brouillard, 84, of Crookston, MN, passed away Sunday morning, July 21, 2024, in the Benedictine Living Community Crookston, where he had been a resident since this past May 29th.

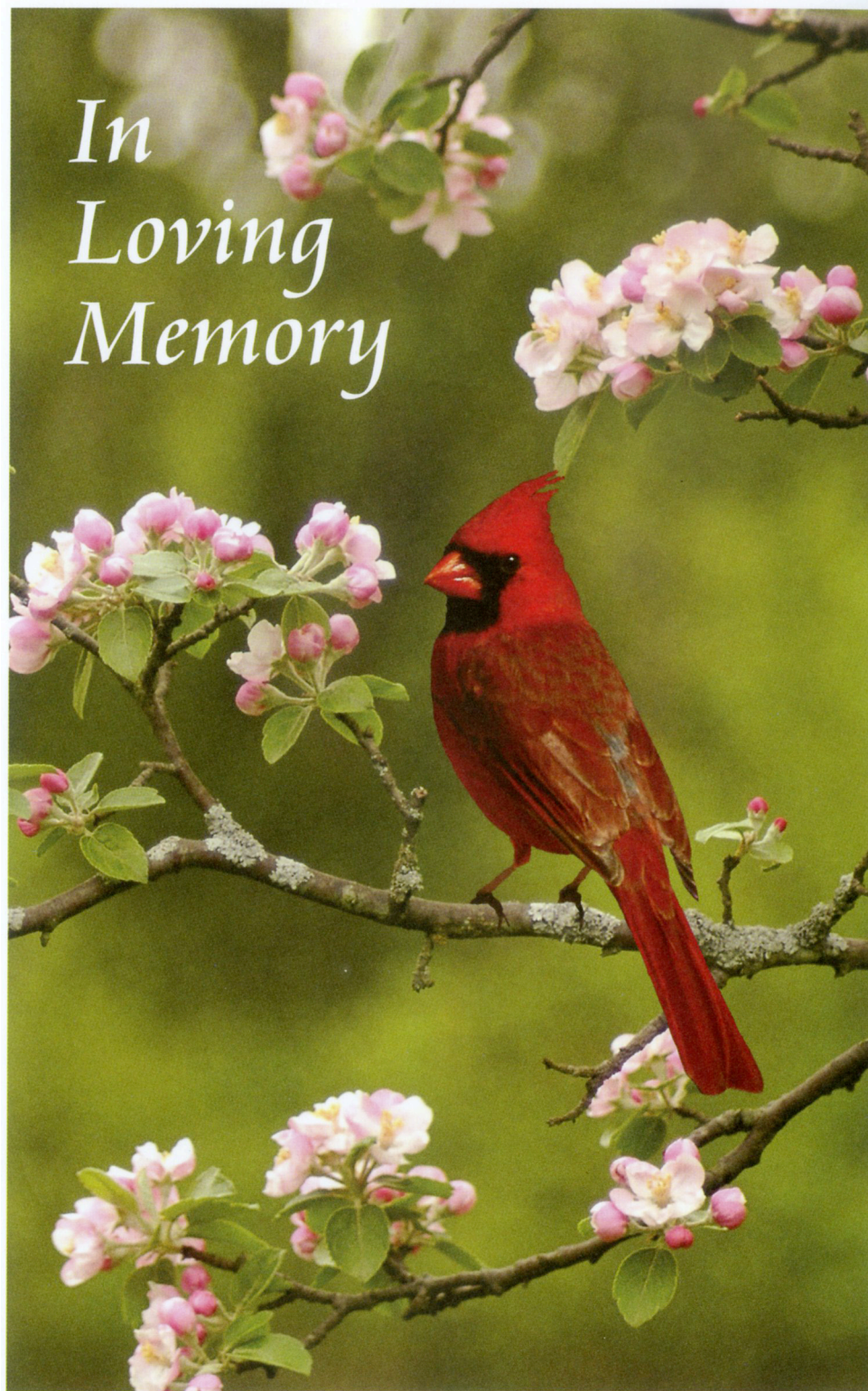
Charles was born in Crookston on February 7, 1940, the 5th of 13 children of the union of Vital J. and Florence (St. Marie) Brouillard. While growing up in Crookston he was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic faith, educated at St. Joseph's Academy Elementary School, and graduated with the Class of 1958 from Cathedral High School. Just 2 weeks later he enlisted in the US Navy on June 17, 1958 and reported to the Great Lakes Naval Station in Chicago, IL for basic training. He then transferred to the Treasure Island Naval Station, near San Francisco, where he received advanced schooling in Electricity and Electronics. The remainder of his tour of duty was spent in the Pacific aboard the USS Dixie and USS Baker as he saw ports of call in the Philippines and Hong Kong. Following his honorable discharge on June 15, 1962 Charles returned to Crookston. Due to his considerable experience as an electrician for the Navy he was soon employed by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and spent the rest of his 50-year career working on Union projects in North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Maine. He then returned home to Crookston to be near his brothers, sisters, nieces, and extended family. In April of 2023 he became a resident of the Summit in Crookston.

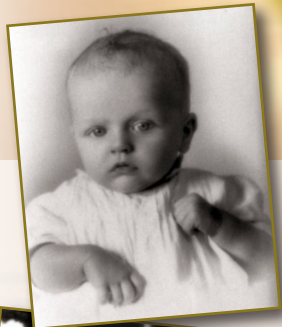
Charles was a lifelong fan of country music and while attending concerts over the years he had opportunity to have his photo taken with many country stars. He was a member of several of their fan clubs and had numerous occasions to see them again when he attended the annual Fan Fair in Nashville, TN and We Fest in Detroit Lake, MN. Charles was also a talented photographer and owned several very nice cameras. He was a member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception parish.

Charles is lovingly survived by 9 brothers and sisters including: Richard Brouillard of Crookston, MN, Robert (Billie) Brouillard of Fargo, ND, Sister Rose Marie Brouillard of Wichita, KS, Catherine Brouillard of Crookston, Lloyd (Carol) Brouillard of Spring Lake Park, MN, Mary Beth (Dave) McDonald of Bovey, MN, John Brouillard of West Fargo, ND, Madeline Parks of Grand Forks, ND, and Dan (Lori) Brouillard of Twin Valley, MN; 2 sisters-in-law, Pat Brouillard of Grand Forks, ND and Fran Brouillard of Fargo, ND; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents, Vital and Florence Brouillard; 3 brothers and a sister-in-law, Donald, Michael, and James (Karen) Brouillard; sister-in-law, Betty Conway Brouillard; and brother-in-law, Leo Parks.

May God Bless the Memory of Charles Louis Brouillard.





*God's finger touched him
and he slipped away
from earth's dark shadows
to a brighter day;
God saw the road was getting rough,
the hills were hard to climb;
He gently closed his weary eyes,
and whispered,
"Peace be thine."*

IN LOVING MEMORY

Charles Louis Brouillard

February 7, 1940 ~ July 21, 2024

The Memorial Mass Honoring Charles Life

Saturday, July 27, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Crookston, Minnesota
Msgr. David Baumgartner, presiding

Scripture

Job 19:1,23-27a
1 Corinthians 13:8-13
Matthew 6:25-34

Hymns

"Amazing Grace"
"Psalm 23"
Shepherd Me, O God"
"On Eagle's Wings"
"Keep in Mind"
"I Am the Bread of Life"
JoAnn Brunelle and Chris Bicani, cantors
Kim Kroll, accompanist

Urn Bearer

Dan Brouillard, Brother

Honorary Urn Bearers

Charles Brothers and Sisters

Graveside Service

Calvary Cemetery
Crookston, Minnesota

Military Honors

The US Navy Funeral Honors Team
The Crookston Veterans Council

*We would like to everyone for your very kind expressions of sympathy
and for your presence with us today, whether in time or spirit, as we
Celebrate the Life of our Special Brother and Uncle.*