

Charles H. "Chuck" Blackburn, 66, Detroit Lakes, MN passed away on Monday, January 15, 2024 at the VA Medical Center in Fargo, surrounded by family and loved ones.

He was born in Park Rapids, MN on February 17, 1957, a son of the late Samuel Mack and Beverly Blackburn. He attended local schools, and was a 1975 graduate of Park Rapids High School. Growing up, Chuck worked at his family's restaurant, the Dixie Drive-In in Park Rapids. He remembered his time there in detail, and often shared stories about those days with friends and family.

Following his graduation, Chuck enrolled in the US Army, serving for 3 years in Frankfurt, Germany before being honorably discharged. He later married Marcy (Anderson), and together they raised 3 children. Chuck obtained a degree in communications from Northwest Technical College, and built a career first around stereo sales, and later he started his own cellular communications business of 22+ years of success. Chuck also spent seven years working for SJE Rhombus building circuit boards before retiring.

Chuck was a tinkerer; he always enjoyed working on his two collector vehicles. He loved music, stereos and records and worked at a record store in earlier years. He loved watching his kids play sports and took great pride in their success. Chuck was a jokester, and his children remember him as a deeply funny man. Although he was very social, he also enjoyed the quiet of looking out over the lake and taking in nature's beauty, often with his Golden Retrievers by his side. He loved his family, and will be sadly missed.

Chuck is survived by his wife, Marcy, of 41 years; his children: Derek (Cayla) Blackburn, Justin (Brie) Blackburn and Jamie (Tyler) Leidman; his grandchildren: Maxwell, Zoey and Noah and his sister, Sherry (Joe) Safratowich.

Chuck was preceded in death by his parents, his step-father, Rex Blackburn and his grandparents, Alice and Harold Rutherford.

The family wishes to thank the staff of the VA Medical Center-Fargo, as well as Emma with the VA TeleHealth program.

REMEMBERING & CELEBRATING

Chuck



He never looked for praises
He was never one to boast
He just went on quietly working
For the ones he loved the most.

His dreams were seldom spoken
His wants were very few
And most of the time his worries
Went unspoken too.

He was there....A firm foundation
Through all our storms of life
A sturdy hand to hold on to
In times of stress and strife.

A true friend we could turn to
When times were good or bad
One of our greatest blessings
The man that we called *Dad*.

Charles Henry Blackburn

February 17, 1957-Park Rapids, Minnesota
January 15, 2024-Fargo, North Dakota

Memorial Service

Saturday, January 27, 2024 ~ 1:00 p.m.
West-Kjos Funeral Home
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

Officiated by
Pastor Tim Cook

Memories by
Jamie Leidman

Music by
Tyler Leidman

Military Honors by
Lakes Area Veterans Color Guard

Interment-Spring 2024
Richwood-Lakeside Cemetery
Richwood, Minnesota

Arrangements by
West-Kjos Funeral Home
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota