



## Charles 'Chuck' A. Vedder

February 14, 1957 - December 31, 2022

Chuck was born on February 14, 1957, the only son of Arthur and Ruth (nee Mitkos) Vedder and stepmother June (Danbury). He passed on December 31, 2022, from a short but courageous battle with ALS.

He is survived by seven sisters:

Ellen (Dennis) Diel

Beverly (John) Nystedt

Nancy (Sam) Sommer

Kathy (John) Brenner

Sue (Kevin) Cornejo

Mary (Robert) Operschall

Theresa (Harry) Stevens

Chuck's family includes 18 nieces and nephews and 30 and counting great nieces and nephews!

Chuck was our Renaissance Man: he loved life to the fullest, surrounded always by family and friends. Being there for all of us was a priority for Chuck. He touched so many lives in so many ways: he was our cheerleader, urging each of us to be the best that we could be. We loved that about him. He will always be remembered as the heart of our family. He will be sadly missed.

Memorial contributions may be left to the ALS Association.

A Celebration of Life will be held on March 18, 2023, from 1-4 pm at Lake Forest Country Club in Lake St Louis.

# Cemetery Details

## Valhalla Cemetery

7600 St Charles Rock Road  
St Louis, MO 63133

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 18. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Lake Forest Country Club  
300 Yard Drive  
Lake St Louis, MO 63367

# Tribute Wall

DM

“ I worked with Chuck at Kelloggs . Such a hard worker and good friend. He will be missed by many

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**Dan Muesenfechter** - January 23, 2023 at 08:46 PM

BT

“ I met Chuck when we were young and both worked at Anshel 37 years ago. We had fun outside of work, and we always kept in touch over the years. Funny, fact when we worked together, he would open up a pack of MM's Count them when he left the office. So, of course, I would take a few when he was gone just to get a rise out of him. He would get so mad. When my husband passed away in 2021 we reconnected on a more personal level just before he received his diagnosis of ALS. I'm thankful we had that time although short to reconnect and catch up. As we would all have wanted more time with him, luckily he was able to stay independent and didn't have to experience being immobile. He will be greatly missed as a good friend. Our last communication was on Christmas Day I sent him a picture of our son all grown up and I'm glad he got see it.



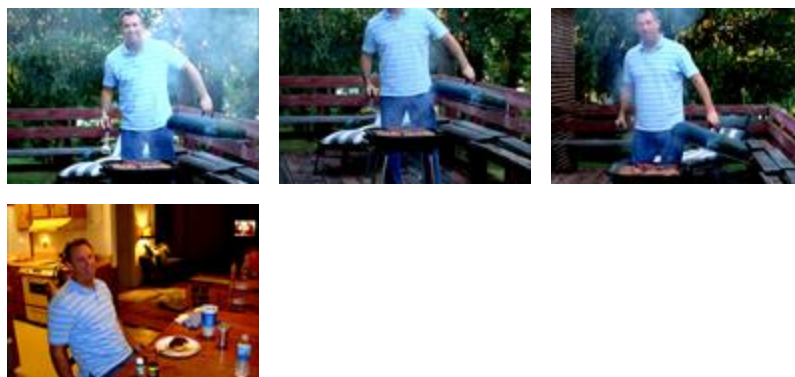
*Becky Thrasher (née Courtois)*  
*Friend*

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**Becky Thrasher** - January 13, 2023 at 09:00 AM

TD

“ From Tony Destro: I met Chuck when I was stationed at Scott AFB, and we had been friends for almost 30 years. I used to roller blade in Forest Park, and that is where we met. We traveled to Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, & Chicago. Chuck was one of my best friends, and he will be greatly missed!



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**Tony Destro** - January 11, 2023 at 12:20 PM

PS

“ Chuck was the heart and soul of our family, always remembering special events. He loved his sisters above all. Till we meet in heaven.



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**Peggy (Mitkos) Smith** - January 07, 2023 at 06:49 PM

GH

“ Chuck was incredibly creative, second only to his kindness and sense of humor. He was always thinking of others putting himself second. His creativity showed in everything he did. Chuck was always in motion, having endless energy no matter if it was work or play. He was always the first to lend a hand and stayed through clean up. Chuck will be missed by everyone who had the good fortune to make his acquaintance. I thank god for our friendship, he was truly one of a kind.

Gregg Hoerchler - January 06, 2023 at 08:20 PM

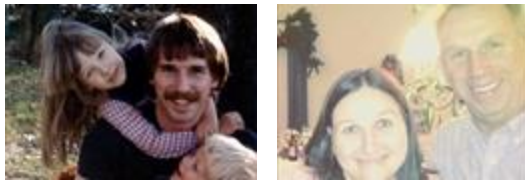
KC

I was lucky enough to reconnect with Chuck a few years ago at Costco. What a great guy. He's been in my thoughts and prayers since his diagnosis. May his family be comforted knowing what a bright light he was to all who knew him. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Karen (Johnson) Coyle - January 06, 2023 at 11:25 PM

AS

“ Uncle Chuck I have so many memories I miss you so much you were always there for me and my brother growing up one of the many things I loved about you was your ability to make everyone smile Love you



Amy Scott - January 06, 2023 at 07:42 PM

MD

Amy, I know how important you were to Chuck he spoke of you often. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Please give your mom a big hug for me.

Melinda (Thompson) Donaldson - January 07, 2023 at 10:27 AM

MD

“ Chuck had a self-deprecating humor that provided constant amusement to those around him. He was a “glass half full” kind of guy, always seeing the best in others and giving his best in return. Chuck was sweet and kind, always thinking of others and so generous to those he loved. My lifelong friendship with Chuck has been such a blessing to me. He has been by my side for all the highlights, celebrating with a sense of joy to match my own and during the lows, always supportive, making my burdens easier to bare.

Anyone close to him knew Chuck loved his family with his whole heart and was so proud of each and every one. He had a rare gift that made those in his life feel so special. I loved Chuck and his passing has left a hole in my life that can never be filled but so grateful to have had a lifetime of memories to comfort me. Chuck was truly one in a million and I will deeply miss this wonderful man.

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**Melinda (Thompson) Donaldson** - January 06, 2023 at 06:35 PM

MH

“ I had the privilege of knowing Chuck for literally, my entire life from boyhood to college and into adulthood. Chuck really was the guy whom everyone liked. Always amusing, unique and original, Chuck had a subtle flair that would make others break out in a smile and laugh at every gathering he attended. As those who knew him would tell you, he was a tremendously funny guy who had a heart of gold and never had a bad word to say about anyone. What made Chuck special was that he saw the best in all people and gave the same of himself. His kindness, empathy and generosity towards others will be deeply missed. So long, dear friend. You'll be forever in my heart.

*Mike Hopfinger*

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**Mike Hopfinger** - January 06, 2023 at 09:49 AM



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**Valhalla Funeral Chapel, Crematory and Cemetery** - January 05, 2023 at 09:32 AM