



Charles "Chuck" Ralph Poppe

October 12, 1963 - April 29, 2020

Charles "Chuck" Ralph Poppe, 56, of Manassas, VA, passed away unexpectedly on April 29, 2020. Chuck was born in Morristown, NJ, to the late Ralph Vernon Poppe and Barbara Ann Poppe. He lived in a few places as a young boy, but his family settled in Manassas, when in 1979, he joined the Greater Manassas Volunteer Rescue Squad and served there until 2002. Although it was a volunteer job, he put his entire heart into serving the community, starting as a junior member, and serving many years as Chief. For the past 12 years, he was the owner of Yard By Yard Landscaping.

He leaves behind his wife of almost 34 years, Lindsey; son, Craig; daughter-in-law, Monica; and two grandchildren who meant the world to him, Carleigh and Camden; his son, Brandon Lunders. He also leaves behind five siblings and their surviving spouses: numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, his mother and 4 dogs. Since he was such an avid animal lover, in lieu of flowers, and if you're able, please send donations to either Gray Face Acres Senior Dog Rescue at www.grayfaceacres.org, or Paws for Seniors at www.pawsforseniors.org.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date due to the Corona Virus restrictions.

Condolences may be sent to: www.piercefh.com

Tribute Wall

MG

“ Chuck and I were good friends when we were kids till he moved away after our freshman year of HS. Never saw him again after that. I'm truly shocked by this. My condolences to all his family.

Mark Garrison - May 17, 2020 at 01:03 PM

MS

“ I went to grade school with Chuck. I have very fond memories of him. We are sorry sorry to hear of his passing.

Michael Soliani - May 17, 2020 at 11:12 AM



“ Chuck was a very very nice guy and dedicated volunteer rescue squadsman , my condolences to his family , he was truly a fine person.

Doug Snably - May 09, 2020 at 09:33 PM

NJ

“ Much thought and prayers for the loss of your loved one. The Jones family.

Norene Jones - May 09, 2020 at 09:24 AM

CG

“ I would like to send my condolences to Chuck family. I knew Poppe, through Virginia tractor he was one of my favorite customers. I always knew when he walked through them doors at Virginia Tractor that he was going to put a smile on our face at the store. He is sure going to be missed.

Cassandra Griffin - May 07, 2020 at 04:50 PM

MC

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Chuck's family. I knew him in high school as well as had the opportunity to run into him around town a few times over the years in Manassas. He was a great guy with a great heart and I know he will be missed.

Marjie (Mauck) Cooper



Marjie Cooper - May 06, 2020 at 02:01 PM

PG

“ My deepest sympathy to Lindsey and the Poppe family. You are in my prayers. *Paula Green*

Paula Green - May 05, 2020 at 11:50 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Charles "Chuck" Ralph Poppe.



May 05, 2020 at 09:53 AM

NF

“ So sorry for your loss Chuck was a good friend for 20 plus years he will greatly be missed. He was such a funny guy and always smiling. He will be missed.

Nancy and Catherine Fristoe

nancy fristoe - May 04, 2020 at 06:15 PM

GK

“ I dispatched for Manassas City during Chuck's last 15 years at Company One Rescue. Working mostly midnights meant that when I put out a rescue call, I was working primarily with the volunteers. My appreciation and admiration for all of them grew, as I viewed their devotion firsthand. They manned the station at night, on weekends and holidays, and spent many extra hours taking classes and training, sacrificing time they could have spent with family and friends, in order to help others.

Gary Gallahan was Company One's president, but Chuck was the glue that held the Squad together, accompanied by his faithful sidekick, Wayne Haight, aka "Rescue Chief 1-1." In all those years, Chuck was never really "off duty." There were numerous times when I would dispatch a call in the middle of the night, only to hear a familiar voice mark up on the radio, saying "Rescue Chief 1 is responding." Yes, Chuck would jump out of bed, hop into his special "Chief's" car, and race off to save yet another Manassas citizen. That's the type of person he was- committed, caring, kind, a good friend and a strong leader, one who lived to serve his community. Nobody did it better than Chuck.

It was at least a dozen years since I had last seen Chuck, when I ran into him at Frank's Exxon several years ago. Same old Chuck, big smile, big hug, easy conversation. I'm glad that my last memory of him is such a good one. Rest in peace, my friend, although your time with us was all too short, you touched more lives than you ever knew.

Gretchen Kirsch

Gretchen Kirsch - May 01, 2020 at 11:07 PM

TP

During my 25 years of service with the Manassas City Police I had the pleasure of working with Chuck many times. He was one of the best people I have ever met. Always happy, very efficient, a great leader and working friend. Gone too soon. My condolences and prayers sent to his family.

Tom Poindexter - May 08, 2020 at 12:42 PM

LC

“ Chuck was such a GREAT guy! He will be so missed! Our sincere condolences to Lindsey and the family.

Linda Cass - May 01, 2020 at 04:58 PM

CT

“ Chuck Poppe was such a professional, kind, and caring person. I only met him once at my home, but his spirit was written all over his face and he was lucky to have Lindsay in his life. I too, feel fortunate that however briefly, he touched my life. Thanks, Chuck for all you have done for us and may you rest in peace.

Claire Tinsley

Claire Tinsley - May 01, 2020 at 04:55 PM

JT

“ My heart breaks for the loss of a friend but also rejoices in the thought that Chuck helped so many. He saved lives, he mentored others that saved lives, his smile always made it ok. I cherish the times we talked about "stuff". Not saving the world "stuff". Just stuff. Always ended with a laugh. There is no doubt, Chuck Poppe, that you are among the angels watching over us. May God bless your family and keep them safe.

John Theimer

John Theimer - May 01, 2020 at 02:46 PM

DS

“ I was really shocked by the news of Chucks passing. I met him many years ago when he started pushing snow for us at VDOT. Always had a smile on his face and loved to joke. He will be missed by all of us. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Dee Sanford - May 01, 2020 at 01:27 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles "Chuck" Ralph Poppe.



May 01, 2020 at 01:10 PM

RW

“ I would like to express my sincere sympathy to Barbie and the entire family. May God give you the strength to accept your loss, but knowing you have wonderful memories to sustain you during the days ahead.

Rosa Williams, Long & Foster Realtors

Rosa H. Williams - May 01, 2020 at 12:36 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Charles "Chuck" Ralph Poppe.



May 01, 2020 at 09:59 AM

DJ

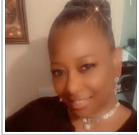
“ Craig,
I'm so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I remember him fondly from my high school and college days. And, of course when I taught you at R.C. Haydon. I know how awful and surreal it is to lose a father and I wouldn't wish it on anyone. I'm wishing you, your mom and the rest of your family everything your hearts need for comfort during this sad and difficult time.

Dale (Potts) Jepson - May 01, 2020 at 09:14 AM

PB

“ Chuck was one of the "good guys"! It was a privilege to have known him! May God's grace comfort Lindsey and his family.

Pamela Byers - May 01, 2020 at 08:11 AM



“ I remember this awesome Man was a part of the rescue team that saved my life. I remember that smile he had whenever I would see him. You were an amazing part of the Community!! Thank you Sir. God Rest because you're in Heaven with his Best!!

God bless the family. 🙏

Debra Beale

Debra Lynn - May 01, 2020 at 06:33 AM

KB

“ I was 14, the youngest junior member, when Chuck joined the Squad. He and Wayne were my "squad brothers" always picking on me. Looking back and remembering this also made me think about how much I learned from them. Chuck was very special to my parents, Jim and Sandy Clarke. He will always have a special spot in my heart. Lindsey just know how many lives Chuck touched. Prayers to you and your entire family.

Kari Brown - May 01, 2020 at 12:47 AM

KB

Actually I was 12 when he joined and 2 years later I became the youngest junior member.

Kari Brown - May 01, 2020 at 01:18 AM

JB

“ Wow, sorry for the loss. Chuck was the Chief when I ran with GMVRS from 89-94. Had some great times, hard times, and bad times; Chuck was always steadfast. Chuck always put everybody else's needs before his own. Truly selfless service.

RIP Chief

Respectfully, Jamie Beere

Jamie Beere - April 30, 2020 at 09:04 PM

BC

“ Please accept our most sincere condolences. Bill and I thought the world of Chuck and are so grateful that we were able to spend some time with him last week. We wish you God’s peace. With love for your family,
Bill and Judi Charboneau

Bill Charboneau - April 30, 2020 at 09:00 PM



“ Share A memory? Not possible. I have thousands of memories of Chuck that I hope I will never forget. I knew him for 35 years, some of those years weren't so good. The greatest gift he gave me was to meet me a few years ago & spill it all out on the table. We talked for a couple hours, he hugged me, told me he loved me, & said I better contact him next time I was in town. From that moment on it was like we didn't miss a beat. He was my mentor, my chief, my older brother I never had, my pain-in-the-butt-will-you-leave-me-alone!, best friend I could ever ask for!!! Life sure is going to be boring without him! Lindsey...if there is ever anything I can do for you, ever...please let me know. I will be there in a hurry! I love you Putz....keep Jim, John, & Butch straight until we get there!!!

DeeDee Seidel - April 30, 2020 at 08:47 PM

DR

“ Please except condolences from Jimmy Robinson & Family. I know my Grandfather would be saddened by his loss. His service was greatly appreciated!

Deborah Robinson - April 30, 2020 at 08:29 PM

NC

I knew Chuck through high school. He usually had a smile on his face. He was someone who always lended an ear if you needed someone to listen. He will be greatly missed by all of those who knew him and loved him.

Nancy Collins - April 30, 2020 at 08:40 PM

TW

“ I was in total shock when I heard of Chucks passing. I knew him for many years when I worked at Bobcat of N Virginia. He was always smiling and happy. He will be missed and never forgotten. My deepest sympathy to his wife and family.

Tracy Warner - April 30, 2020 at 08:28 PM

MG

“ I was so sorry to hear about the untimely passing of Chuck Poppe. I had the pleasure of working very closely with Chuck when he was the President of MVRs and I was on the Manassas City Council. He was so dedicated to the City of Manassas and the MVRs. My deepest sympathy to the Poppe family.

Maury Gerson - April 30, 2020 at 07:47 PM

TF

*“ To the entire Poppe family please accept our deepest condolences for your loss. Chuck was an amazing very hard working man. I had the honor of meeting him when he was on Rescue. He worked so hard to save my wife’s father Fred Compton when he had his heart attack. God truly called an angel home when he called Chuck. I also want you to know how much we appreciate everything that he did with our son Keith. We would like to attend the Celebration of Life, please let us know when and we will be there.
Jim, Debbie, and Keith Coffinberger.*

The Coffinberger Family - April 30, 2020 at 07:40 PM

CM

“ My condolences to all of you on the loss of Chuck. May you find comfort in the fond memories I know he must have left you. Rest In Peace Chuck. Lindsey, May peace be with you.

Caroline Morgan



caroline morgan - April 30, 2020 at 07:25 PM

MW

“ Chuck adored his grandchildren, Carleigh and Camden. It was fun to watch him play with them. It breaks my heart that he will miss out on them growing up but the whole family will share their memories of their grandpa with them.

Lindsey, words cannot express my sympathy. He was truly a good man. My prayers are with you now and always.

maureen wood - April 30, 2020 at 07:18 PM

LV

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Chuck's passing. I knew him from when I volunteered at Buckhall VFD and ran many calls with him. He was also very involved and an advocate for training with us on their equipment that we may encounter in calls. He was so much fun to be around and always had great advice! He will be sorely missed. My condolences to the family.

Laura Faircloth Vandegrift

Laura Faircloth Vandegrift - April 30, 2020 at 06:29 PM

SZ

“ Tim and I send our condolences to Chuck's entire family. We met Chuck when we ran EMS from Buckhall VFD. There were many calls with Manassas that we ran with Chuck, some tragic, some routine and some funny. No matter, he was the consummate professional. He was always willing to help and to share his knowledge. He also gave our son his start as a full time EMT. He was a tremendous asset to Manassas and will be missed by many. May God bless and comfort his family.

Tim & Susie Zich

Susie. Zich - April 30, 2020 at 06:02 PM

MM

“ Chuck was my Chief when I started my EMS/Firefighting career at MVRS back in 83/84. Chuck loved his job and was a great mentor. My sincere condolences go out to his family.

Milly Myers-Phipps - April 30, 2020 at 05:27 PM

PL

“ Much respect to Chuck. One of the good guys.
Paul Littlejohn

Paul Littlejohn - April 30, 2020 at 04:56 PM

MW

“ I first met Chuck back in the 1980's when he was running at the Greater Manassas Volunteer Rescue Squad and I was a patrol officer with the Manassas City Police. Oh the good times, frightful times and just plain hysterically funny times he and I spent!

Chuck was nothing if not a classical practical joker so I used to try and match his pranks. I used to get great delight switching his "Rescue Chief's" license plate off his POV onto Wayne Hights POV to the great consternation of both...great hilarity ensued, many times - it never got old. But boy did they did get me back.

I can't begin to recount the number of rescue calls we were on together; Chuck as EMT, me as a cop. Some were very difficult, and some were just plain hysterical.

For many years, I also drove snow plows for Chuck and his "Yard-By-Yard" landscaping firm. He was such a generous and wonderful friend, even after I got stuck and needed pulling out, and after bending a blade - really bad, and burning out a transmission - Chuck never got angry, and he remained until the last, one of my closest, dearest friends.

My love goes out to Lindsey and their son Craig. I cannot imagine the loss they are going through.

Marc J Woolverton - April 30, 2020 at 04:10 PM

MM

A lot of good times for sure.

Milly Myers-Phipps - April 30, 2020 at 05:28 PM

KR

I met Chuck through his sister Barbie, I knew most of the Poppe family but when I volunteered at the GMRS Chuck took me under his wing and showed me the ropes. He was a huge practical joker but when it came time to answer the call he was one the you wanted by your side to help those in need. Whether is was a trauma, or MCA Chuck always the first one to lend a hand. I ran my first trauma call with him and sadly the call didn't turn out well. After the call Chuck pulled me aside and tried to assure me that it wasn't my fault that the patients didn't survive. He gave me a big hug and just let me cry on his shoulders to get it all out. I never forgot his kindness on that call and I will never forget him. GOD bless him and the entire Poppe family.

Karen Ramey - April 30, 2020 at 06:34 PM

SB

I am so sorry to hear about Chuck. I met him over 25 years ago when he was the Chief at Manassas Rescue. My son, who was around 10-years old, used to go over there and Chuck would let him help by cleaning up and washing the ambulances just so he could be at the rescue squad. My son drew a picture of one of the ambulances and wanted to show Chuck so we took it over to show him. Chuck kept the picture and said he was going to hang it in his office. In thanks, Chuck had one of the guys take him for a ride in that same truck. I have to say that was one of the highlights of my son's childhood and that led him to become a firefighter/EMT. Another thing Chuck did was when my son wanted a fire helmet for Christmas and I asked Chuck where I could buy one for him, Chuck gave me one that was in storage because they could no longer use them. That was the best gift that Christmas. Over the years I would see Chuck from time to time as I walked my dog and he always took a minute to ask how my son was doing. He had such a big impact on my son and I will be forever grateful. I send my deepest sympathy to chuck's family—he was one of the good guys!

Sharon Baacke - April 30, 2020 at 07:07 PM

RS

I am so sorry to hear about Chuck. He was in his own words a "good egg". I went to high school with him and kept in touch with him while he was at the rescue squad. We reconnected a couple of years ago when I saw him on a job site and he stopped by my office and we talked like no time had passed since we had seen each other. He was truly a person who put others before himself and was always genuine with everybody. He will be truly missed.

Rich Shira

Rich Shira - May 01, 2020 at 09:32 AM

PC

I just found out today that Chuck passed away. He has been doing my lawn for about ten years. I was so shock to hear of his passing. He was like a big brother to me. He was such an amazing human being. I have no doubt all the lawns in heaven will be beautiful. He will definitely be missed. My sincerest condolences go out to his family. Chuck may you rest in peace.

Pat Canfall - May 10, 2020 at 05:39 PM

RA

“ Chuck lived the life that the rest of us could only envy.

Ralph - April 30, 2020 at 04:03 PM