



Charles (Atlas) Albert Heintz

April 8, 1956 - July 4, 2021

Charles (Atlas) Albert Heintz, 65, lost his battle with brain cancer on July 4, 2021. He was born to Victor and Lillian (Audrey) Heintz in Alton on April 8, 1956.

He graduated from Marquette High School in 1974. His education continued at Lewis and Clark Community College, which was briefly interrupted to treat a brain tumor that by all rights should have already taken his life. Instead, he went on to finish his schooling and live the gift of life 47 more years.

He retired from the United States Postal Service after thirty years of loyal service, working from the Alton branch on Belle Street. Shortly after retiring he snagged his dream job, working part time at Rolling Hills Golf Club for the next eight years. This allowed him to spend each day where his only real passion lay, either in a working capacity, or playing. In that time, he managed to score three aces, to which he often said, that just proved anybody could get a hole in one.

Your wit will be missed.

He married the former Elizabeth (Beth) Gaddis on April 2, 1982. She survives, along with their three sons, Gregory and Andrew of Alton and Bradley of Godfrey. Also surviving are his sisters, Barbara (Don) Crowson of Peoria, IL, Marilyn (James) Davis of Godfrey, IL, Frances (Paul) Ventimiglia of Middletown, OH, and Theresa (Jimmy) Cranmer of Godfrey, IL. Brothers, Victor (Barbara, MD) of Rochester, NY, and William, DMD (Ellen) of Alton. Brothers-in-law Richard (Judy) Whalen of Murfreesboro, TN and Theodore (Lucette) Gaddis of Springfield, IL and sister-in-law, Moreland Gaddis of Godfrey. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Audrey Whalen and nephew Aaron Whalen.

Per his wishes there will be no funeral or burial service. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Junior Division, Rolling Hills Golf Club.

His family would like to express their gratitude for all the visits, phone calls, offers of help, meals, cards, gifts, and most of all for the prayers that truly cannot be numbered. What all these added to his days cannot be measured. Thank you all so very much for this love and support.

Thank you to Vitas Healthcare for their wonderful care during Charlie's last months. Special thanks to Diane and Debbie. You ladies made life much easier, and you will not be forgotten. Gent Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Additional information and online guest book may be found at <http://www.gentfuneralhome.com>

Comments



“ Marsha Revis Osborne lit a candle in memory of Charles (Atlas) Albert Heintz



Marsha Revis Osborne - July 10 at 09:20 AM



“ Dear Beth + family, was shocked to hear of Chucks passing. Since I moved to Fairview hgts about 7 yrs ago, I check back frequently on friends and coworkers. Sending blessings your way. 618 578 8561. Marsha

Marsha Revis Osborne - July 10 at 09:02 AM



“ To the loving family of Charlie. Our love and prayers are with you today and the days to follow. Loved the great time we shared with you Beth and your husband at KC. Had many a great time and many fond memories. He will be remembered in our hearts forever. Love to you and yours. You guys were a fantastic couple.
Dick and Kat Bazzell



Dick and Kat Bazzell - July 09 at 03:19 PM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss, the family, especially Beth and the children are in my prayers.

Jerrie Welling - July 09 at 09:16 AM



“ Our deepest condolences to the family. He was a great guy, I never laughed so much till Chuckie was in the room. I loved his wit, he will be sorely missed! Laura Chris Krawczak and family

Laura Krawczak - July 08 at 04:09 PM



“ Deepest Sympathies and prayers to Beth and family
from Steve Fredrick & Family

Steve Fredrick - July 08 at 01:18 PM



“ We are so very sorry and send our deepest sympathy to the family. Charlie was a wonderful neighbor for over 30 years.

Judith Colburn - July 07 at 09:14 PM



“ I am sorry for your loss. Praying God's perfect peace and comfort over all of you
Judy Kerr

Judy Rynders Kerr - July 07 at 05:37 PM



“ Blessings and prayers to the entire family.



Carla Mackelden - July 07 at 05:21 PM



“ Cheryl and I are sorry for your loss.

Dwight Werts - July 07 at 04:56 PM



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Carla Mackelden - July 07 at 04:46 PM



“ Cindy (Hauhe) Purcell lit a candle in memory of Charles (Atlas) Albert Heintz



Cindy (Hauhe) Purcell - July 07 at 03:22 PM



“ Sending love during this very difficult time.
John & Shannon Sholar

shannon Sholar - July 07 at 01:34 PM



“ Heartfelt sympathy.....Prayers for the family...

Rick and Jill Trudell



Rick and Jill Trudell - July 07 at 09:50 AM



“ I'm so very sorry Vic and family. My memory of Charlie (other than your stories) are from your wedding and I greatly enjoyed him then. I will retain those memories with happiness. His loss is a great one, to all who knew him.

Brenda Yanni - July 08 at 11:44 PM