



Charles William Coatney

January 27, 1952 - August 20, 2015

CHARLES WILLIAM COATNEY January 27, 1952 ~ August 20, 2015 A man of strong faith, Charles W. Coatney, 63, passed unexpectedly Aug. 20, 2015 into the gate of heaven. Chuck was born in Seattle, WA and moved to Vancouver, WA when he was 6. He graduated from Hudson's Bay High School in 1970 and attended Clark College. Chuck obtained his degree in Education from Central Washington State University, his Master's in Education from the University of Portland. Chuck is survived by his sons, Charles Matthew and Michael "Mike"; sister, Cathy Coatney and brother, Larry Coatney, both of Vancouver; and brother David (Sheri) Coatney of Allegany, NY; nephew, Ben Coatney and niece, Hope Coatney, both of Vancouver; niece, Kiersten Coatney of Atlanta, GA; and niece, Erin Coatney of DeBary, FL. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles J. and Dorothy Coatney. He survived many health challenges and continually said "Any day you can walk is a good day to be alive.". Chuck taught in Battle Ground School District for many years until his retirement. He was a gifted teacher who enjoyed figuring out ways to reach children with learning disabilities. Chuck loved reading history and English literature (particularly Victorian English literature). It seemed you could never find a bit of history of which he did not have some knowledge. He enjoyed studying language, and devised a language, complete with grammar rules, while he was at Clark College. He particularly enjoyed studying Middle English. Chuck's knowledge of 50's and 60's music, particularly the Northwest Rock Scene, was encyclopedic. He

enjoyed old cars, coin collecting and fishing. He studied baseball and could quote stats but especially enjoyed watching his Cubs. Chuck was a gifted writer. But most of all, he loved his family, especially his sons, and had a love for his Lord and Savior above all things. We will miss him but look forward to seeing him in heaven. A memorial service will be held at Grace Lutheran Church on Fri., Sept. 4th at 3:00 p.m. Chuck was a charter member of Grace and served on several boards. Memorial donations may be given to Grace Lutheran Church, 9900 SE Mill Plain Blvd., Vancouver, WA 98664; or to Leukemia & Lymphoma Society , Oregon, SW Washington, Idaho, Montana Chapter, 9320 SW Barbur Blvd., Suite 350, Portland, OR 97219 in honor of his niece, Hope, who is a leukemia survivor. Please sign his guest book at: www.columbian.com/obits.

Tribute Wall

BG

“ Chuck and I worked for many years together to count, both at Lewisville and at MGM. His knowledge base and ability to come up with the smallest detail has always amazed me. He was always the first to arrive at work, make the coffee, and greet you with a smile. Chuck, may your road rise up to meet you and daylight always guide your way.

Beth goble - February 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I personally hope that Chuck will receive the celebration of his life that he richly deserves! I was fascinated by both his stories and his depth of knowledge about so many subjects! If Chuck liked you, he would take a very sincere interest in you - we used to talk baseball, and one day out of the blue, he brought in a San Francisco Seals baseball cap that he wanted me to have. I also very much miss him holding court in the mornings in the breakroom! Godspeed, Chuck!

Doug Shannon - August 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ I had coffee every morning at school with Chuck. I stopped making it at home and came in early because we would talk, argue, laugh and read the paper. I especially adored his ability to answer any grammar question I could throw at him! I think that is when I knew how awesome he was!!! Chuck, I miss you. You were a great teacher in and out of the classroom. Deepest Sympathy to his family.

Jennifer Lindbo - August 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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Jennifer Lindbo - August 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Chuck, mornings have never been the same since you left MGM. I have missed our Breakfast Club, conversations about baseball, football, and whatever else managed to come up. How many schools had their own daily countdown to summer break. I still miss those. As for my favorite, thank you for your countdown post Feb. 24, 2002; my very own tribute to my granddaughter. For you Chuck, Go Cubbys.

Barbara Watts - August 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ My thoughts and prayers are sent to Chuck's family. He is now in the loving arms of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Dan Kaiser - August 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Chuck was always interested in his friends and their families and kept in contact with phone calls and a rare visit. He was the first one at school each morning, and had the coffee ready, the newspaper read, and was waiting for friends to come in and join him for good, challenging conversation. He was a man of faith, and I'll miss those challenging questions. God Speed. Thelma

thelma mcauliff - August 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Oh my friend, I have so many great memories of stories told and humor shared over the years we taught together. Condolences to your family. You will be greatly missed by many people.

Jeffrey Hereford - August 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ Chuck was my good friend. We taught 5th grade together for many years and had great respect for each other. We had a pleasant conversation just last week. I will miss you, Chuck.

Terri Davern - August 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Chuck was an amazing, brilliant man. As a teacher....any other teacher could observe his class and experience genius. I was one of the lucky few who worked with him for many years. He touched many souls. I will miss you!!! Love, Meda

Meda Logan - August 26, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ My heart aches for your loss. Chuck and I spent many hours on the phone and shared a deep respect for each other. I will miss my friend deeply. RIP my friend, until we meet again, "Love ya".

Barbara Hoffman - August 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ My condolences to the Coatney family. May God give you peace and hope in this difficult time.

Joy Pruitt - August 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM