



Charles N. Fratianni

March 31, 1951 - December 29, 2020

Charles Nicholas Fratianni, a good man, a loving, loyal husband, a beloved father and grandfather, and a kind and caring friend sadly and unexpectedly died on December 29, 2020.

He was born in Amsterdam on March 31, 1951 a son of Charles and Amy Burt Fratianni and was a lifelong area resident.

Merely by chance, in October 1972 at the Cobleskill college music department, good fortune brought Chuck into Cindy's life. She thought he was smoking hot and as luck would have it, he was the bass guitarist/lead singer in a rock and roll band. It was "love at first sight" and on a beautiful summer day on July 14, 1973, Chuck and Cindy were married.

Neither had a job at that time, but they had each other and that was all they needed. For their first big adventure (one of many), they drove the scenic US1 coastal route to Florida, stopping at every state marker to document the trip. They boarded the Rehoboth Beach Ferry, drove through the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-tunnel, and when they finally arrived in Florida, Cindy stepped into the ocean for the first time. Their honeymoon lasted nearly two months as they traveled the entire state of Florida. When the money ran out, Chuck and Cindy returned home to Vail Mills. In 1987, they were fortunate and grateful to be able to purchase a home on the south end of the Great Sacandaga Lake in Mayfield, NY. Life doesn't get much better than being able to live each day looking at a beautiful sparkling lake surrounded by the Adirondack Mountains. In 1976, Chuck started his business, the Fratianni Auction Gallery, where he

was the auctioneer and Cindy was his “Vanna White.” Chuck loved the business and the people who came to the auctions, many who became lifelong, dear friends.

Chuck felt blessed and proud to be a father to three daughters. In June 1971, Ericka was born to Chuck and Diane Russo. Although, Ericka was thousands of miles away, they remained close, and Chuck looked forward to her visits each year. In January 1981, Chuck and Cindy joyfully welcomed Lynda Danielle in their lives. He could hardly sleep when she came home as he was so worried something might happen to her and he incessantly watched over her. Chuck taught Lynda to play softball, to bowl, to drive a car, boat, and jet ski. Most importantly, he demonstrated what a good father and husband should be. Lynda followed her Dad’s example when she married the love of her life, Erik Winchell. With the birth of Allison Amy in March 1986, the family was complete. Chuck was the same doting father to Allison, watching over and listening for her every breath. He taught Allison to swim and fish, to ride a bike and drive a jet ski, and to water ski. His witty sense of humor was passed to her and is one of her greatest attributes. Chuck’s love for “his” girls was immeasurable and he would do anything for them.

Chuck adored his six grandchildren; Aliyah “BoBee”, Noah “No-Shant”, Madalyn “Swiss Miss”, Carmine “Carmel Corn”, Carly “Carlsbad”, and Quincy “Spider-Man” and occasionally, “Nator”. As you can see, Chuck had nicknames for his grandchildren and they had a special one for him- so special that he became known to all as PIE. How fitting, since everyone loves “PIE”.

In addition to his immediate family, Chuck leaves many dear brother- and sister-in laws, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends and neighbors. His loss is immense and sad for all that the good fortune to know him. He was a good friend to all. If more people were like Chuck, the world would surely be a better place.

Chuck had a great appreciation and love for cars. He was the proud owner of a 65 Ford Mustang fastback, many Corvettes, GTO’s, MG’s, and a 69 Jaguar.

He loved and respected all living creatures, especially the family pets; cats- Lizard, Pink, Bob, and Stub, and dogs- Chlo-berry and Bella.

Chuck loved sports, especially baseball. He loved it so much that for Cindy's 24th birthday, he took her to Fenway Park for a Red Sox double header. Cindy sat in the stadium wondering when the first touchdown would be scored. Most of all, Chuck LOVED music, and his favorite band was the Beatles. In 2010, he was thrilled to see Paul McCartney in concert in Miami with Cindy and Aliyah, and again in 2011 at Yankee Stadium. In 2018, his Father's Day gift from Lynda was tickets to see Ringo Starr and his All-Star band. Chuck had Sirius radio so as to listen exclusively to Beatles music. One of his favorite songs was "Golden Slumbers", so when you hear it, or any Beatles song, turn it up loud and think of Chuck.

GOLDEN SLUMBERS

"Once there was a way to get back homeward

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Sleep pretty darling, do not cry

And I will sing a lullaby

Golden slumbers fill your eyes

Smiles await you when you rise

Sleep pretty darling, do not cry

And I will sing a lullaby"

Written by Paul McCartney

The Fratianni family would like to sincerely thank the Mayfield Volunteer Fire Department, GAVAC, EMTs Zakk Yager and Michelle Ford, and the staff at Nathan Littauer ER. Everyone who cared for Chuck treated him like he was family.

There will be a celebration of Chuck's life at a later date.

Arrangements are by the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc., Johnstown.

Tribute Wall

MT

“*Mrs. Fratianni, I'm so sorry to hear of your husband's passing. Please know that others care. Many prayers for you and your family at this difficult time. Myra & Bryn Trumbull*

Myra & Bryn Trumbull - January 23, 2021 at 01:24 PM

LW

“*Cindy, Lynda, Ally and kids,
We are so sorry for the devastating loss of Mr. Chuck. It's always been such a pleasure to have him part of our family and looked forward to seeing his smiling face at family gatherings. I was always amazed at how fast he could talk while auctioneering LOL. We are all better people for having Chuck in our lives. Forever our PIE. Love you guys and may he forever rest in peace.*



Lisa & Stephen Westerling - January 17, 2021 at 07:16 PM

JG

“*Dear Cindy and Family
I was very saddened to learn of Chuck's passing. I will be praying for all of you.
Sincerely
Judi Gisondi*

Judith Gisondi - January 11, 2021 at 03:00 PM

BR

“*Cindy, my sincere condolences to you and your daughters and to my niece Ericka.*

Brenda Russo - January 11, 2021 at 11:31 AM

RS

“ I wish to send my condolences to Cindy and the family. I knew chuck for many years in the Antique business and he was one of the nicest guys you could ever meet had many dealings with chuck over the years and he will be missed. Ralph Smith and Penny Hough



Ralph smith - January 11, 2021 at 03:52 AM

SS

“ I got to know Chuck many years ago when the ymca would conduct an annual auction fund raiser and Chuck would volunteer to be the auctioneer. He was a great guy and really helped make this event a success. Rest In Peace Chuck, Steve Serge.

Steve Serge - January 10, 2021 at 09:14 PM

JG

“ Cindy and family,
I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved husband. Reading his obituary, one could clearly see the love he had for you and his daughters and grandchildren. May you draw on all the happiness that the two of you shared and find peace and comfort.

Jaynee Gonzales - January 10, 2021 at 09:07 PM

CR

“ I remember the New Years Day auction. Then everyone would be invited to our home for split pea soup and sandwiches. It was a wonderful time.
We loved Chuck and Cindy.
He will be dearly missed

Coral Roberts - January 10, 2021 at 08:27 PM

LW

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Lynda winchell - January 10, 2021 at 11:42 AM

HK

“ Heather Kadle lit a candle in memory of Charles N. Fratianni



Heather Kadle - January 09, 2021 at 10:13 PM

GA

“ Cindy (Frat) & family, I have such fond memories of Chuck. While you both were finishing your house in Vails Mill, you gave a kid a job staining all the 2x4's for the deck.

Chuck was a kind man with a way to tell a story. I remember he and I talking about our favorite Red Sox players at the time as well.

Cindy and family, I pray that the funny stories people will tell in the future, will bring you some relief from your pain.

RIP Chuck, job well done!

Glenn Van Avery - January 09, 2021 at 09:32 PM

ME

“ I remember when we were kids we would go to my Uncle Charlie's and build forts all over the house. We had great fun as kids. We were all part of a large Fratianni family. He will be in my memory and in my prayers.

Michael Eckelman

Michael Edelman - January 09, 2021 at 08:49 PM

MW

“ going to miss our talks about our time rock bands and guitar players, remember the time I brought my strat to his house and he played day tripper, by the beatles on it, and our mutual love for muscle cars, he corvetts me mopars muscle cars, going to miss you chuck,RIP

michael winchell - January 08, 2021 at 09:25 PM

SB

“ Stacy Brooks-Warner lit a candle in memory of Charles N. Fratianni



Stacy Brooks-Warner - January 08, 2021 at 08:44 PM

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Lynda winchell - January 08, 2021 at 07:46 PM

LW

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Lynda winchell - January 08, 2021 at 07:38 PM