



## Charles Zaback

October 31, 1939 - October 5, 2024

Charles Zaback, 84, passed away peacefully on October 5, 2024. Born on October 31, 1939, in Karlshrue, North Dakota, Chuck, one of eight children, was a beloved husband, father, brother, and friend, known for his warm spirit, unwavering kindness and love of golf.

A proud veteran of the U.S. Air Force, Chuck had the opportunity to travel the world serving his country. He talked fondly about his time in Turkey and Rome serving as a Chaplains assistant. After his time in the Air Force, Chuck met his wife Kay on a blind date set up by her brother who served alongside Chuck. A year later they married and were together 58 years. Chuck worked in construction equipment sales and management. He was valued by his church and community, serving with the Knights of Columbus and volunteering at Dial-A-Bus for fifteen years. He had a passion for golf, and a knack for putting a smile on everyone's face.

Chuck is survived by his loving wife, Kay Zaback; his four children, and six grandchildren; Mike (Ethan and Peter), Dave (Nick and Alexa), Bob and Toni (Matthew and Alyssa) and Joe who were the light of his life. He is remembered by his many friends and extended family, who will cherish memories of his warm laughter and kindness.

A memorial service will be held on October, 18 at 11:00 am at St. Mary's

Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Linn Benton Food Share, or Adult Congenital Heart Association, causes that were close to Chuck's heart.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT **18**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
501 NW 25th Street  
Corvallis, OR 97330

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“ Chuck was a volunteer driver for Dial-A-Bus for 17 years. I was the Executive Director of Dial-A-Bus for 10 of those years. Of course, I experienced Chuck as the kind, joyful, unselfish person as everyone who ever met him did. However, Chuck possessed one attribute that, in my entire life, I have only ever seen in 2-3 other people, all Dial-A-Bus volunteers.

*That attribute was that helping others, to Chuck, was not an act of virtue that was worthy of thanks or recognition. I know this wording will be a little unclear, but I will try to explain: Chuck's motivation (and I know this because I asked him) was more that NOT helping others was a completely foreign idea that would never even occur to him.*

*I first asked Chuck about his motives because I was planning on a push to recruit more volunteers and wanted his perspective. At the time, he was volunteering once a week but invariably filling in once or twice more each week when we were short. I asked him something like "In one or two sentences, why do you volunteer?"*

*When Chuck answered, it seemed as if he had never asked himself that question. His answer was something very close to "I don't really know. I guess it's just what I do."*

*It occurred to me at that moment that unselfishness, giving and service were simply coded in his DNA, just like his eye color and foot size.*

*Chuck long ago attained "legend" status at Dial-A-Bus and was Volunteer of the Year several times. But to him those words and awards didn't mean much because, it was "just what I do."*

*A truly special and rare man.*

*Steve Harder*

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**Steven Harder** - October 21, 2024 at 06:58 PM