

With thanks & praise from a grateful nation, we pay homage to Charles for his service to our country as a sailor in the United States Navy during World War II. We honor Charles for his sacrifices made in affording us the freedoms we enjoy today.

In telling the story of Charles, the ultimate defining trait would certainly be highlighted by "sports." And to call him an avid sportsman would be an understatement. By way of occupation, his entrepreneurial spirit, and the simple joys of life, the essence of what Charles worked hard to share and enjoy was enveloped within the sporting realm. One of his greatest passions was bowling. For over 20 years, he was the President, and a Board Member, of the "Bowling Proprietor's Association of America." Another venue to add to his portfolio was producing and hosting the sport of bowling's, "Beat the Champ," a successful television staple on Channel 4 that he ran and emceed with fellow co-host, Don Kremer. He is also noted for starting the Detroit Free Press sponsored bowling tournament along with the help of George Puscas. He was Owner & Publisher of the "Modern Bowler," a local newspaper/magazine within the bowling industry. And many might remember Charles, (or moreso by his nickname "Buck") as the owner of Thunderbird Lanes Bowling Alley in Troy, Michigan. Following years of dedicated service, his support of bowling, and the success of the show, Charles received the high honor of being inducted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame for bowling and National Bowling Hall of Fame.

Another aspect of his sporting prowess was realized through his position as President of the program, "Motley Crew," a sporting discussion venue that included such notables as; Ray Lane, Bruce Martin, George Puscas, Paul Pentecost, Don Kremer, and a host of other various guests that shared their sports insights and knowledge.

On a more personal level, much of his love of sports came through his love of horses. Being the owner of several over the years, Charles was a true Equestrian. And his equestrian spirit was integral in the heartwarming aspects within downtown Detroit. Being a founding member of the Parade Company, Charles was the Director of the Equestrian Division for the Thanksgiving Day Parades. Also, for 8 years, he was honored to be appointed by Governor's Blanchard and Engler as the Director of Agriculture for the Michigan State Fair. Charles was also a member of the International Visitors Council.

Charles was the beloved husband of the late Alice. He was the loving father of Charles "Skip" Walby, David (Judy) Walby,

and Wendy (Rick) Sherman. Devoted grandfather of Christopher, Nicholas, J.J., Chase, Kelley, and Connor. Brother of Lorretta, Coletta, Bob, Ben, and Phil Walby. Brother-in-law of Charles (Helen) Roberts. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Visitation for Charles will be held on Thursday, June 17, 2010 from 6:00pm until the time of his Rosary Service at 7:30pm at the D.S. Temrowski & Sons Funeral Home, 30009 Hoover Road at Common (12 1/2 Mile Rd) in Warren.

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