

Charles "Chuck" E. Edwards

September 19, 1938 – March 8, 2021



Charles "Chuck" E. Edwards peacefully entered the loving arms of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, March 8, 2021, resting in his wife's arms at their Show Low home. They married September 1987.

He was born September 19, 1938 in Red Oak, IA to parents Ervin Edwards (1944) and Bernice Cornelison Edwards/Clymer (1992). The family patriarch and anchor was preceded in death by infant son, Anthony Charles Edwards, adopted son, Klinton Wayne Edwards and sister, Francis Edwards Carlson (John).

He proudly served CTSN Navy 1956-1959 with honors during the Korean Conflict. He returned to Red Oak to marry the mother of surviving daughters, Stephanie Sullivan (Jerald), Florence, AZ and Jennifer Aguayo, Chandler, AZ. Also surviving him are grandchildren, Karmalynn June Edwards, Show Low, AZ, Alex Aguayo and Erica Aguayo, Chandler, AZ and John Sullivan; great-grands, Bentley and Kory Sullivan, Florence, AZ; sister, Sandy (Jim) Black; nephews, Corey (Brenda) Black and Brian (Josephine) Black (sons Hayden and Tyler); nephews Melvin Carlson, Kevin Carlson and Dennis Carlson.

Chuck moved from IA to AZ 1964, then to Coolidge, AZ in 1967. A few jobs and a volunteer at the Fire Dept. led him to US West Communications and to receive his Associate Degree at Central Arizona College. He retired in 1993 from US West and moved to Show Low, AZ. He loved tennis, softball, golf, chorale, karaoke, dancing, his dune buggy, and desert campouts with the family.

He and Karen lived the American Dream due to integrity, hard work and the grace of God. In early retirement he drove a school bus in Show Low. Retirement included cruises to Alaska, Hawaii and the Caribbean, miles of RVing Arizona to Alaska and back, circling the USA twice, often off the beaten path.

A dedicated 40-year member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks serving as Exalted Ruler, Show Low #2090 (1996), coaching the Black Hat Gang to win AZ State Ritual (2008) escorting them to compete nationally in CA. Exalted Ruler Coolidge-Florence #2350 (1986), member of The Jolly Chords performing locally and AEA conventions. He proudly performed at Barry Goldwater's Rep Convention and was active in many church activities.

He was loved dearly and is missed by those whom he influenced the most. Placing God, country and family first, he stood resolute in disciplined humility. "Stand for what you believe in, even if you stand alone". Donate in his memory to the Elks National Foundation, Show Low #2090, 928-537-4901 or Coolidge-Florence #2350, 520-723-3832 or www.elks.org.

Owens Livingston Mortuary of Show Low handled the arrangements. To send condolences please visit www.owenslivingstonmortuary.com.