

CHARLES THOMAS HORNER



Charles Thomas Horner, known affectionately as "Chuck" to friends and family, passed away peacefully on his 78th birthday, July 13, 2024, in his hometown of Pittsburgh, PA. Born in Pittsburgh on July 13, 1946, to loving parents Charles and Hattie Horner, Chuck's life was a testament to the strength and character of the city he so dearly loved.

Chuck graduated from Chartiers Valley High School, Bridgeville, PA, in 1964, where he was known for his quick wit and friendly demeanor. His path led him to a distinguished career with Pittsburgh Iron Workers Local Union #3, where he dedicated 45 years of his life. As a skilled ironworker, Chuck's hands and heart were instrumental in the shaping of Pittsburgh's skyline, contributing to the construction and maintenance of the city's iconic bridges and skyscrapers. His expertise in the field was unparalleled, earning him the endearing title of "the guy" for bridge engineering. Chuck's legacy is etched into the steel framework that crisscrosses the rivers of Pittsburgh, and his stories and photographs of his work will remain an enduring tribute to his contributions.

Chuck's life was enriched by his beloved family. He was the cherished husband of his late wife, Nancy Horner, and a loving brother to his late brother, David Horner. He was the proud father of Gary Horner and his wife Catherine, and loving grandfather to Joseph Horner, and daughter Christine Horner Brant, son-in-law Michael, and loving grandfather to Kira Brant, and loving stepfather to Suzanne Cronheim and her husband Rich. Chuck's circle included longtime friend Paula Danilo Wilson, who reconnected and enjoyed time together in his last years.

Retirement brought new adventures for Chuck. His passion for restoring classic cars filled his garage with memories and accomplishments. His creative spirit shone through each meticulous restoration, a mirror of the care he put into every aspect of his life. Chuck then spent time in St. Petersburg, Florida, where he and Nancy forged lasting friendships and basked in the coastal sun. His humor, friendly smile, and the twinkle in his eyes never failed to light up any room he entered.

Chuck will be remembered for his comical personality, the joy he brought to those around him, and his unwavering dedication to his work and family. His stories, laughter, and the indelible mark he left on Pittsburgh's infrastructure will ensure that his memory lives on in the hearts of all who knew him.

As we bid farewell to Charles Thomas Horner, we reflect on a life lived to the fullest, surrounded by friends and family, and marked by the achievements of a true craftsman. His presence will be deeply missed, but the foundations he built—in both steel and love—will endure for generations to come. Chuck's journey through life was much like the bridges he worked on: strong, supportive, and connecting people together. In every rivet and beam, in every restored car, and in every story shared, his spirit continues to resonate.

Friends and family may attend a Celebration of Life service at 2:00 pm prompt on Saturday, August 31, 2024 at Jefferson Memorial Park in the Mausoleum Chapel, 401 Curry Hollow Road, Pittsburgh Pennsylvania 15236.

Ironworkers Local Union #3 brothers are welcome to celebrate Chuck and his life and career following the Union meeting on August 20, 2024 at Rollins Grill, Strip District, Pittsburgh, PA.

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