



Charles Joseph Fritz

April 18, 1933 - November 30, 2025

Charles Joseph Fritz of Orlando passed away peacefully on November 30, 2025, at age 92. Chuck was born on April 18, 1933, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Throughout his life he loved long distance running, reading and travel. He ran several marathons, including the New York marathon. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh where he was a member of their track team. He held two master's degrees in business and finance. Chuck was a captain in the Army Reserves ROTC Program where he performed procurement duties. Most of his career was spent at Westinghouse Electric Company where he was the manager of employee training programs. He traveled all over the world training Westinghouse employees in a variety of subject matters. He became the business development manager at Northrop-Grumman when part of Westinghouse was purchased.

He married the love of his life Patricia Fritz in 1975, and they shared 50 years of happy marriage. Their life together began in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, then Bowie, Maryland, and finally spending 26 years of joyful retirement in Orlando, Florida. Chuck was a longtime resident and beloved member of the Orlando Lutheran Towers community. Known for his genuine kindness, steady presence, and sincere concern for others, Chuck built friendships that lasted and earned the deep respect of residents, staff, and neighbors alike. He believed that life in community is meant to be shared generously, and he modeled that belief every day through simple acts of care, encouragement,

and compassion. His dedication to the well-being of others extended into leadership as a valued member of the Orlando Lutheran Towers Board of Directors. Chuck worked tirelessly as an advocate for residents, championing improvements and initiatives that enriched lives and strengthened the vibrant spirit of OLT. He was appreciated not only for his wisdom and reasoned approach, but also for his gracious heart and ability to listen and respond with empathy. He leaves behind a legacy of service, friendship, and the quiet courage of someone who believed deeply in making life better for others.

Chuck is survived by his loving children Mary Beth Ayers, Charles "Chip" (Roni) Fritz, John "Jack" (Lisa) Fritz; Jeanne (Rich) Parenti, Mark (Boulong) Farrell, MaryBeth (Bob) Thompson, and Carolyn Doyle; grandchildren Jennifer (Daniel) Casella, Melissa Hankinson, Megan Homway, and Timothy Fritz; Pinyo (Zayda) Satiep, Jamie (Bob) Baumgart, Sarah (Ryan) Joseph, Jacqueline (Allen) Messenger, Thomas (Keri) Doyle, Sumintra (Micheal) Satiep, Sean Parenti, as well as 15 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister Mary Alice Cronin and numerous nieces and nephews.

Chuck was preceded in death by his beloved wife Patricia Fritz, his parents Zeno and Mary Fritz, and his brothers Thomas Fritz and Zeno "Woody" Fritz.

Friends and family can say their final goodbyes to Chuck at a Mass of Christian burial on Thursday, December 18, 2025, at 10:00 am at Saint James Cathedral, Orlando. Private family only, interment to follow.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to the Saint James Cathedral Saint Vincent de Paul Society (<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z6R4/campaign/C-12SBF>) or any charity of your choice in Chuck's name

Previous Events

A Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

St James Catholic Cathedral
215 North Orange Avenue
Orlando, FL 32801

Tribute Wall

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“ We remember Chuck as being a wonderful and friendly face. along with his lovely wife, Pat, each time we saw them at the Knights of Columbus Mass and dinners at Council 2112. Our friendship goes back many years. Chuck always had such a gift of "inclusion" - making people feel comfortable even when they were newcomers. When he and Pat moved to the Towers, we visited them (and Quentin and Mary). We thought sure we'd move there, too, and we'd all be neighbors. It never quite happened - and now they've all moved to their heavenly home. Our memories of Chuck bring a joy to our hearts. He will surely be missed by so many people. Bob and Carol Schonefeld



Bob and Carol Schonefeld - December 16, 2025 at 10:04 PM

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“ Bob and Carol Schonefeld lit a candle in memory of Charles Fritz



Bob and Carol Schonefeld - December 16, 2025 at 09:37 PM