



Charles VanBenschoten

May 22, 1945 - August 8, 2018

Charles VanBenschoten, 73 of Sanford, Florida passed away at home August 8, 2018. Mr. VanBenschoten was born May 22, 1945, in Scranton, Pennsylvania to Harry VanBenschoten and Janet Pfahler.

Mr. VanBenschoten is survived by a wife, Nancy, one son: Chris VanBenschoten.

Charles is a veteran of the Vietnam War. He proudly served eight years as a crew chief at various locations overseas and serving his last year in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged in 1971.

Charles then went on to have a career in the aerospace industry. He worked for Fairchild Republic in Hagerstown, MD where he worked on the A-10 Thunderbolt II. Charles then went to work for Lockheed Martin in New Orleans, LA on the space shuttle program working on the external tanks. Charles then transferred to Lockheed Martin in Orlando, FL and worked on the Patriot missile program. He retired from Lockheed Martin in 2000.

Charles was an avid golfer, hunter and loved fishing. He loved woodworking and was an all-around handyman and craftsman. He loved animals especially his cats.

A Visitation will be held August 18, 2018, from 2 PM to 4 PM at DeGusipe Funeral Home in their Sanford Chapel with a Eulogy and Prayer service at 3 PM.

Arrangements are entrusted to DeGusipe Funeral Home and Crematory, 905 Laurel Avenue, Sanford, Florida 32771, 407-695-CARE(2273).

Charles ashes will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 18. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Sanford Chapel
905 Laurel Ave
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AUG 18. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AP

“ I worked with Van at Lockheed. I was the resident Raytheon Manager on Patriot. My association with Van was a pleasure. Van was a good friend during my time in Orlando and for many years later. We traveled to Troy together frequently. Always a soft spoken gentlemen and again, a good friend. We had many great times together during and after work. My condolences Nancy and Chris...Van was the best, I will miss him as many others will. My love....Andy Piazza

andy Piazza - November 05, 2018 at 08:39 AM

BA

“ I worked with Van at LM on the Patriot Program. He was an asset to LM in all of his different jobs. Because of his military background, he could see the Customer's needs as well as the company's. He was able to talk to the Customer and avert problems. He was respected by everyone and friends with all of us. He had a great big smile and laugh and could be a big teddy bear, but he had a strong and firm side, when necessary. He will be missed. I am so sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in knowing so many friends care and his memories will be with you. I extend my prayers and deepest sympathy to Nancy, Chris, and family.



Becky Alves

Becky Alves - August 19, 2018 at 01:05 PM

BA

“ *Becky Alves lit a candle in memory of Charles VanBenschoten*



Becky Alves - August 19, 2018 at 12:37 PM

WL

“ *With Deepest Sympathy, Damita Loy purchased the Spirit - Memorial Globe Candle Holder for the family of Charles VanBenschoten.*



With Deepest Sympathy, Damita Loy - August 19, 2018 at 08:34 AM



“ *I will forever miss his 'Hey Kiddo' and phone conversations. Love to you Chris and Aunt Nancy*



Lisa VanBenschoten - August 18, 2018 at 11:56 PM

SV

“ *I love van like a big brother. He had a big heart and I truly enjoyed working with him and for him at Lockheed Martin. I will miss his smiling face. God bless his wife Nancy and their son Chris in this different time*

Susan Vandenberg - August 18, 2018 at 09:19 PM

DL

“ My deepest sympathy to Nancy and Chris during this time. May you find comfort in the memories of your time together.

Damita Loy - August 18, 2018 at 09:58 AM

MD

“ Michele and Brandon Davis purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Charles VanBenschoten.



Michele and Brandon Davis - August 17, 2018 at 09:57 PM

LB

“ Chris, thoughts and prayers with you and your family during this time. I am so glad you had an opportunity to be with your dad during his last days. The pictures show a very well-lived (and loved) life.

Lynda Bowman - August 17, 2018 at 08:59 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles VanBenschoten.



August 16, 2018 at 08:51 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Charles VanBenschoten.



August 16, 2018 at 09:18 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Charles VanBenschoten.



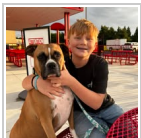
August 15, 2018 at 08:38 AM



“ *Eric Day* lit a candle in memory of Charles VanBenschoten



Eric Day - August 14, 2018 at 05:54 PM



“ *Chris and family,*
Sorry to read of the passing of your Father. My sincere sympathy to you.
Melanie (Shetter) Meyers

Melanie Meyers - August 14, 2018 at 11:05 AM

AM

“ *I'm so very sorry for your loss. Prayers of healing and light to you and your family.* ”



Amanda Miller - August 14, 2018 at 04:22 AM

NV

“ *Nancy VanBenschoten lit a candle in memory of Charles VanBenschoten* ”



Nancy VanBenschoten - August 13, 2018 at 06:58 PM

TT

“ *The SunTrust Team purchased the Stately Lilies for the family of Charles VanBenschoten.* ”



The SunTrust Team - August 13, 2018 at 11:38 AM

CV

“ 66 files added to the album *Van's Life*



Chris VanBenschoten - August 12, 2018 at 03:44 PM

CD

Chris, thank you for sharing such beautiful memories of Uncle Chuck, Aunt Nancy and you! 💙

Cheryl Day - August 13, 2018 at 08:53 PM

CL

“ Cynthia & Lisa lit a candle in memory of Charles VanBenschoten



Cynthia & Lisa - August 11, 2018 at 07:58 PM

CL

“ Love, prayers, and fond memories during this difficult time - Lisa and I most heartfelt condolences - please let us know if there's anything we can do.

Cynthia & Lisa - August 11, 2018 at 07:44 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles VanBenschoten.*



August 10, 2018 at 02:58 PM