



Charles Thomas Ember

May 8, 1949 - October 17, 2017

NEW PALESTINE - Charles Thomas Ember, 68, of New Palestine, IN went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on October 17, 2017. Charles was born in Ft. Wayne, IN on May 8, 1949, Mother's Day.

He will be greatly missed by his loving wife of 20 years, Debra Ember and his five children, Joshua Ember, Anna (Jeff) Reilly, Jonathan (Nicole) Ember, Alise (Dan) Etzel, and Jeremy along with seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Selma (Beshara) Ember and his brother, Clifford.

Charles grew up in Ft Wayne, IN where he graduated from Bishop Dwenger High School in 1967. He received his Bachelor in Electrical Engineering from Purdue University in 1974 and attended graduate school at USC for Electro-Physics. He worked for General Dynamics before moving back to the Midwest where he worked at Naval Avionics and Raytheon from 1976 to 2005. He liked inventing new ideas and had many patents.

Charles lived a life dedicated to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The mission work took him all over the country and even overseas to China. He reached many youth in inner cities getting them to give up their flasks in exchange for remote controlled airplanes and other techy toys. He also led many Bible studies and was part of several prison ministries.

Charles enjoyed spending time with his family more than anything and was so proud of each of his children. He always looked forward to his annual tomato deli pita sandwiches and the annual 4th of July cook outs. He loved to share his Lebanese heritage through recipes passed on to him by his mother especially at Thanksgiving. He enjoyed cooking and creating new dishes including his famous chili that has won several cook offs. One of his favorite hobbies was tending to his garden and orchard in his own backyard and loved having family and friends over to pick their favorite fruits and veggies.

Charles never knew a stranger and would feed and give the shirt off his back to anyone. He was truly one of a kind and a Great Man that will be dearly missed.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. at New Palestine Bible Church, 27 W. Main Street, New Palestine, IN 46163. Friends and family may visit from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Burial will take place on Monday, October 23, 2017, at 12:30 p.m. at Catholic Cemetery at 3500 Lake Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Friends may share a memory or a condolence at www.erleweinmortuary.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory in Greenfield.

Cemetery

Catholic Cemetery

3500 Lake Ave

Fort Wayne, IN, 46805

Events

OCT **Visitation** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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New Palestine Bible Church

27 W. Main Street, New Palestine, IN, US, 46163

OCT **Memorial Service** 04:00PM

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Comments



“ Just found out today about the passing of my dear friend Chuck. Filtered through my tears are memories of one the greatest, most compassionate, intelligent, honorable human beings I've had the privilege of knowing.

Orlando Jones - April 11, 2018 at 05:50 PM



“ Wanda And Steve Reilly lit a candle in memory of Charles Thomas Ember



Wanda and Steve Reilly - October 26, 2017 at 08:11 AM



“ To all the family , so sorry for your loss. May God give you comfort and peace.

Wanda and Steve Reilly - October 26, 2017 at 08:14 AM



“ My deep sympathy to all the family and friends of Chuck Ember. He was a friend and Christian brother, especially close to my late husband, Don Kress. May you be comforted by the Lord in your loss.

Kathy Kress - October 22, 2017 at 10:20 AM



“ Chuck Ember was a friend of mine and my fathers. I at first only knew him through Faith Congregation, but later he went on a Bible smuggling trip to China with my father. And then when we moved back to Indy when my father became quite ill, Chuck suggested I get a job at NAC. I did and we worked together for the next 20 years. Chuck was extremely innovative and could be a tough negotiator, but he was a tender hearted, lovable, sensitive man of God.

Bruce Hodgson - October 21, 2017 at 09:49 PM



“ Our deepest condolences to Debra, the kids, and all who, like us, had the pleasure of knowing Chuck. Chuck was a man of great passion. You could always feel his friendship, warmth, commitment, and generosity. If you had a concern, he had a concern - and time. You always knew he would share his heart, always tempered with kindness, thoughtfulness, wisdom, and a passion to help . His passion for Christ and the lost was deep and wide. In most of our conversations, that was a big issue, discussing some activity or ministry he was involved in and concerned about. He also deeply loved his family, I always enjoyed getting enthusiastic reports about their latest accomplishments. In many ways he was a high-bar role model that I will thankfully carry with me the rest of my life.
We will miss you Chuck and remain deeply indebted to you for all you have given us.
Bill & Michelle Beasley

Bill Beasley - October 20, 2017 at 11:58 AM



“ My heart goes out to you, Debra and Jeremy, as you grieve the loss of your husband and father. I can't imagine the myriad of emotions you are both experiencing at the suddenness of your deep loss. My prayers are continually being said for both of you and your family. Our hope is not in vain but it is solidly placed on the promises of Christ and His Word. You will be together again in Heaven and that is a comfort that only Christ can give.

Diane Meyer - October 21, 2017 at 01:24 PM



“ Sandra Pandoli lit a candle in memory of Charles Thomas Ember



Sandra Pandoli - October 19, 2017 at 07:55 PM