



Charles J. Hora

December 18, 1943 - March 29, 2021

Charles J. Hora passed away peacefully at Wake Med Cary Hospital on March 29, 2021 after a protracted illness.

Chuck graduated as Valedictorian from Bedford High School in Bedford, Ohio. He was a finalist in the Westinghouse Science Talent Search in 1961. He received a scholarship to Princeton University, attaining a Bachelor of Science degree. He spent the summer before his junior year in Cologne, Germany working as a translator for Lufthansa Airlines. He won a National Science Foundation Grant to attend University of Massachusetts, attaining his PhD. in Inorganic Chemistry in 1970.

Chuck began his professional career at Diamond Shamrock in Cleveland, Ohio. He became an executive and worked in chemical and medical research until joining Lord Corporation in Erie, PA. He became President, and during his tenure he helped the company relocate it's headquarters to Cary, NC where he oversaw operations and expansion.

After his retirement, Chuck was sought after by many companies which led to his third career as a consultant, which he enjoyed for the rest of his life. Chuck was an avid sportsman. He enjoyed participating in tennis, baseball, basketball, swimming, cycling and golf. He was a dedicated Cleveland Browns and Cleveland Indians fan. He enjoyed restoring classic cars with his friends

and bringing them back to their original condition. He was a master model airplane designer and builder, flying them and winning many competitions. He loved movies and was a font of information about the stars, production techniques, and the history of motion pictures.

Chuck was interred at Wake Memorial Park in Cary, NC in a private ceremony, due to the COVID Pandemic. Donations in remembrance of Charles J. Hora may be sent to St. Jude Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Chuck is survived by his wife, Ruth-Ellen, his brother Richard P. Hora from CA, his wife Kathryn, and their two daughters Elizabeth and Maureen; his friends Gary Slurkanich, Stephen Uhalley III, and Joy Freda. He will be sorely missed.

Tribute Wall

AH

“ I Send my heartfelt condolences!!! Due to pandemic I was not informed of this!!

*My Great memories as long time friend of Charles are Video Theaters at his home on Coleridge Drive in Ohio!! He was an avid tech whiz & loved sharing his thoughts on film!
Was So Nice to see him & talk with him following those lovely times at his former home!! He always had something interesting to say & was encouraging!*

*Best wishes for All of his family!! Bless his soul!
~Anne H !*

Anne Homitz - May 02, 2025 at 10:42 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Charles J. Hora.



September 15, 2021 at 07:52 PM

HG

“ Chuck worked with my dad at Diamond Shamrock. I grew up with him and Ruth Ellen attending all of our family celebrations. I especially remember riding the roller coasters at Cedar Point with him. Since our grandparents lived far away, "Uncle" Chuck and "Aunt" Ruth Ellen would fill in for them at events at our school. I hope he and my dad are playing golf in the afterlife now. - Heather

Heather Kathleen Gilligan - September 15, 2021 at 07:46 PM

DF

“ I was the Payroll Manager in Erie while Chuck was President of Lord Corp. ONLY when Chuck spoke at the Employee Quarterly Update meetings was it ALWAYS a standing room only crowd in the room. What marvelous charisma and personality he had! Chuck had impressive people skills as well.. we once crossed paths in the airport by chance and he remembered my husband's name too! That brought us joy!
It was my pleasure to have known and worked for a leader like Chuck who displayed an inclusive attitude to all employees and genuine interest in the good of all. So rare! THANK YOU for sharing him with all of us and
may God's peace be with you. He was special!

Denise Falvo - May 03, 2021 at 02:04 PM

WC

“ Chuck, Rest In Peace my friend and may GOD hold you close to his Heart as he carries you HOME to where there is only happiness, competitive sports and cars to work on, as you prepare a place for those you left on earth.

Chuck, in my 39 years in the LORD Chemical Division, 1967-2006, I will always remember you, not only for your intelligence and people skills, but also as one of only two members of top management at LORD CORP., (James Freeman) that demonstrated and excelled in both Leadership and Managerial skills.

Walter C. Wilhelm
Erie

Walter C. Wilhelm - April 26, 2021 at 04:42 PM

FM

“ Chuck was a wealth of knowledge on so many levels that it was easy to find a shared interest. No one could tell a funny story like Chuck or provide a replay of almost any movie or tv show with his enthusiasm. I truly enjoyed working with him at LORD Corporation.

Faye McGuire - April 25, 2021 at 05:58 PM

AP

“ I am very sorry for loss Ruth-Ellen and Dick. Chuck was a good friend of mine at Bedford High School and the Horas lived on the corner of High St., my street as well and across from the tennis courts.

Chuck even let me beat him at tennis once in a while.

Al Prohaska - April 23, 2021 at 03:07 PM

TP

I was Mr. H and RuthEllens housekeeper for 20 yrs. I loved them like family. He's going to be very missed. Teri

Teri Patrick - April 23, 2021 at 05:16 PM