



## Charles "Chuck" Francis Nook

August 7, 1948 - March 3, 2015

Charles Francis (Chuck) Nook passed away suddenly March 3, 2015. Chuck was born August 7, 1948 in South Haven, Michigan to Lawrence and Lorraine Nook. He played football, basketball, and baseball at L.C. Mohr High School, graduating in 1966. Chuck attended Ferris State College on a football scholarship where he played on the only undefeated football team ('68). He graduated from Western Michigan University in 1971 with a degree in business and physical education. He married the love of his life, Deborah French, on May 27, 1972. Chuck taught school for 8 years in Colorado and then worked for Nalco Chemical for 5 years in Tulsa, OK. The majority of his professional career was as Finance Manager for Tynan's Nissan. After retirement, Chuck was an instructor and classroom teacher for Mtn. States Drivers Education. Above all else, Chuck cherished his family, always prioritizing his time and attention to his wife, children, and grandchildren. Affectionately called Pops by his four granddaughters, he was the apple of their eye. He was a steadfast and loving husband and father who lead by his solid values, his love of God, and his work ethic. Chuck was a consummate Notre Dame fan, attested to by his broad collection of Notre Dame memorabilia and his handy memory of facts and figures regarding the Irish football program. His annual fall trip to South Bend for a Notre Dame game was one of his greatest joys. Chuck will be greatly missed by his dear family and innumerable friends who will hold this big-hearted man close in many ways. Chuck is survived by his wife, Deborah; their three children, Meggan

(Darin) Babnick, Brendan (Vanessa) Nook, and Sean (Erin) Nook; and granddaughters, Emily and Claire Babnick and Ella and Ruby Nook. Also surviving are his brothers: Joseph (Sherry), Thomas (Sharon), James (Sally), John (Renee), Patrick (Kathy), and his sister, Nancy (Richard Stewart). Chuck also leaves his brother-in-law Barry (Kathy) French, sister-in-law, Carolyn (John) Marr and many beloved nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and his brother, Michael.

A Memorial Mass will be held Friday, March 6, 2015, 10 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. A reception will immediately follow in Seton Hall. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are gratefully encouraged to: Notre Dame Student Athletic Fund in memory of Chuck Nook c/o: Bohlender Funeral Chapel.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

MAR 6. 10:00 AM (MT)

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish  
5450 South Lemay Avenue Fort Collins, CO US 80525  
Fort Collins, CO 80525

# Tribute Wall

CZ

“ *Dear, dear Nook Family*

*It has been two weeks now since Chuck passed. You are strong and your love for your dad, father-in law, "Pops", and your beloved husband is so evident. Continue to take care of each other as I believe that was Chucks entire goal in his life. He was devoted to his friends and family. The legacy he laid shall stay in tack. Good ole' Chuck. The service was so nice. Sean and family, you said it all. Brian and I later discussed how we think Chuck was shining down on you as during the service, you presented him with such touching words and told of some wonderful, amazing memories. Plus those bag - pipes. Man, was he diggin' that!*

*It is so true that Chuck never knew a stranger. To make everyone around him, "Chuckle", And we did! Whenever Chuck saw you, here he would come with those big ole puckered up lips. Such a "goof." At game nights we would laugh so hard at him and how (kinda lovingly) mad your mom would get a him when he was just.... Chuck. The last game night we had - was Family Feud! He was AWESOME. He was having a blast and was dang proud that he knew some answers that weren't just about sports.*

*Ahhh, Chuck. Just thinking about you today, makes me smile. You are now our memory, and that memory, a treasure. xoxo to you all.*

*Brian and Carol Zick*

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**Carol and Brian Zick** - March 16, 2015 at 01:50 PM

MN

“ So many great memories growing up together. Holidays were always a blast. I want you to know how special all my cousins are to me and while life has taken us in different directions, there is a familiarity and comfort that will never diminish. I pray that, in time, memories of Chuck will bring smiles and laughter without the intense grief you feel now. He brought so many smiles in my life.

*Magda Nelson(Overton) March 16, 2015*

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**Magda Nelson** - March 16, 2015 at 09:07 AM

JB

“ Share a memory of Charles "Chuck" Francis Nook or send condolences to the family.

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**Joan Starr Beattie** - March 13, 2015 at 10:53 AM

JB

*I will always remember Chuck as a fun and faithful friend in high school. My prayers and thoughts go out to your family at this difficult time.*

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**Joan Starr Beattie** - March 13, 2015 at 10:59 AM

RR

“ Now, 40 years later, Chuck and Dad can talk about Notre Dame in heaven!

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**Renee Berg Resch** - March 10, 2015 at 01:49 PM



“ Chuck was one of the most loving and fun persons I've ever met. I remember when Kathy French took my sister and I to Colorado as her exchange students and we stayed with Chuck and his beautiful family, he cooked for us delicious food, hosted us and made us laugh the whole time. Every time I think of him I smile, he will always be in my memory and in my heart- Andrea Tan.

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**Andrea Tan** - March 06, 2015 at 05:22 PM

ES

“ VERY SORRY TO HERE ABOUT THE LOSS OF A FAMILY MEMBER . STAY STRONG AS A FAMILY.

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**ERIK SAMPSON** - March 06, 2015 at 05:19 PM



“ When I think about Chuck, other than Notre Dame football, I always think back to a time I was in elementary school. One weekend, I was bored and really wanted to go see a movie. Unfortunately, my dad had to be at work and my mom was busy at Church so neither of them could take me. I took it upon myself to call Chuck and see if he would be willing to take me. Without hesitation, he said yes. It seemed like such a small thing at the time but I think it just goes to show how kind and caring of a person Chuck was. I always looked forward to hearing his takes on the college football and the March Madness brackets, and he was always one of my biggest supporters in baseball and basketball. He could always put a smile on my face and I am going to miss him greatly.

*Love you Chuck,*

*Adam*

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**Adam Tynan** - March 06, 2015 at 02:37 PM



“ *There will never be a 4th of July or Christmas Eve when I won't think of Uncle Chuck. He loved spending time with his family, friends, friends of his family, strangers in a restaurant- you name it. He was just so warm, friendly, and outgoing. Chuck could shoot the breeze for hours with someone he literally just met, but he always made them feel like an old friend.*

*Nook 4th of July (aka Sean's birthday) cookouts were the greatest- ribs and dogs on the grill, cold drinks in the garage fridge (and out back in his bevy of coolers), bocce ball in the greenbelt, fireworks in the cul de sac- he and Debbie thought of and took care of everything. Give him a cold Miller Genuine Draft (none of that micro junk!) and a big group of people to banter with, and Chuck was happy as a clam.*

*Growing up, I always looked forward to Christmas Eve with the Nooks. After church, our family would head over to Chuck and Debbie's for dinner, games, and presents. And even though I had to fight him for it, Chuck would always let me change the channel to the 'Christmas Story' marathon instead of whatever college football bowl game you knew he really wanted to watch (Go Irish!).*

*He was a gracious host, a caring friend, and most of all, a very loving, husband, father, and grandfather.*

*We love & miss you Chuck!*

*Reid*

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**Reid Tynan** - March 06, 2015 at 12:44 PM

TT

“ *Back in the day, growing up in South Haven and belonging to St. Basils meant there were Hamlins and Nooks in my life. What an enriching experience and tremendous privilege it was to feel like a part of that extended family in school, sports and social life. Chuck also played an important role in helping me secure a teaching and coaching position at the Abbey School in Canon City, CO. He was a great friend with a marvelous sense of humor and a fierce loyalty to family, friends and of course, Notre Dame. I am grateful to share many warm memories of Chuck and Debbie in Colorado and the occasional return visit to South Haven. I will never forget the ski trips we shared, the Joe Montana-led, come-from-behind victory at Air Force, and the way Chuck had of making others enjoy life to the max. My sincere condolences to the Nook family and to all whose lives were touched by his presence.*

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**Tom Tamandl** - March 06, 2015 at 12:26 PM

NY

“ *Norman And Jackie Young lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chuck" Francis Nook*



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**Norman and Jackie Young** - March 06, 2015 at 11:07 AM

JU

“ About the same time I was graduating from diapers to big boy pants, i was introduced to Football. Given the family ties between the Nook's and Umlauf's it was only natural for me to attend one of the Nook's great cookouts. That's when i first heard one of Chuck's rants about Notre Dame and their legendary culture. To this day and the rest of my life I'll always think of Coach when i hear Notre Dame. Chuck was such a delight to be around. So funny, and such a great story teller. I'm so sorry Nook's, my thoughts and prayers are with you guys. I love you all even though i haven't seen you guys much through the years. Coach Nook will remain in our hearts forever.

Much Love,  
Jesse Umlauf

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**Jesse Umlauf** - March 06, 2015 at 10:17 AM

LS

“ Debbie I am so so so sorry. I am heartbroken for your family. I am here for you and I love you!

Lisa Southworth



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**Lisa Southworth** - March 06, 2015 at 10:17 AM

RG

“ Robert Gallegos lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chuck" Francis Nook



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**Robert Gallegos** - March 06, 2015 at 09:12 AM

PF

“ Pfaff Family purchased the Heartwarming Thoughts Boston Fern for the family of Charles "Chuck" Francis Nook.



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**Pfaff Family** - March 06, 2015 at 07:51 AM

BP

“ I am devastated to hear of Chucks death. He believed in me when no one else did. He took me from a third stringer my soph year to all league within weeks at the Abbey. I was the smallest lineman in the Southern league and he made me believe in myself. I will never forget that, Just wish I could have told you thanks Chuck.

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**brendan pardue** - March 06, 2015 at 03:42 AM

ST

“ *Forgive me, but I had to add a couple more things.*

*Chuck's favorite all time Player was a Notre Dame Fullback named Nick Pietrosante. Pietrosante wore number #33. Chuck passed away on March 3rd, the 3rd month of the year. Pietrosante attended Notre Dame Catholic High School in New Haven Connecticut. My Brother-In-Law, Richard Niglio, attended that very same Notre Dame High School just 4 years after Pietrosante and was also an All State Football Player! A Running Back to boot. You should have seen Chucks eyes light up when they figured that out...*

*The Lord Works In Mysterious Ways...*

*You Built The Family Chuck, You Then Eased Your Fathers Pain, and Finally You've Gone The Distance...*

*Its Been 50 Years...Go Have A Nice "Catch" With Your Dad...*

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**Sean Tynan** - March 06, 2015 at 01:34 AM

ST

“ *Oh yeah, I almost forgot. I think it would be wise for any of you big Gamblers out there to throw a "C-Note" down on "The Irish" winning the "Dr. Pepper Trophy" next College Football Season. With "CHARLES FRANCIS up there in Heaven, The Lord is gonna be getting an quite an earful!*

*P.S. Where Chuck is now, ND NEVER loses and "SPARTY" the "HURRICANES" & "SOUTHERN CAL" NEVER win, NEVER!!!!!!!!!!!!*

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**Sean Tynan** - March 06, 2015 at 01:11 AM

ST

“*Rockne, Leahy, Parseghian, Holtz, Devine & Nook. Make that Charles Francis Nook! The Notre Dame ALL TIME GREATS!! With all due respect, Rudy Rudiger ain't got nothin on Chuck!*

*I have started to pen this note to and about my Cousin, my Mentor, and most of all my Friend, Chuck, at least a dozen times. Each time the tears flow like a heavy Michigan Fall rain, and I am left speechless with the sudden loss of this gentle giant of a man.*

*While Chuck was my cousin, I didn't actually meet him until the Winter of 1971-72 while he was making a visit to The Holy Cross Abbey as a prospective Football Coach. He came in to my life when I was but 14 years old, and I was horribly home sick as The Abbey was an all boys Catholic Boarding School located in Canon City Colorado. Chuck, and his amazing wife Debbie, would move to Canon City the following summer and he would be my Coach and Teacher for both Drivers Ed and Typing. We grew to become the best of friends and shared a true passion for Sports.*

*Chuck never forgot a name and people never forgot Chuck! Everywhere he went he knew someone, or they knew him. He absolutely Loved life, but most importantly he Loved God, his Family and Notre Dame, Especially Notre Dame Football! Some might say that "CHARLES" had the "GOD, FAMILY and NOTRE DAME" deal a little out of order, (Say Notre Dame, God then Family), but I would respectfully tell you that to Chuck, they were and are his 1 great love!!!! You see, Chucks Grandfather was Knute Rockne's Chemistry Class Assistant, his Father went to Notre Dame, his Mother went to St Mary's & Legend has it that Charles Francis Nook was conceived in the Lords Grotto on the Campus of The University of Notre Dame! Debbie French was and is THE absolute Love of his Life & accompanied him to many a Notre Dame weekend for Games. He loved taking his three incredible kids, Meg, Brendan & Sean, back to Notre Dame and couldn't wait to take them all to the Bookstore of The Fightin Irish and to pay homage to "Touchdown Jesus!" Then there were the "boys trips" back to South*

*Bend. If I heard it once, I heard it about 1,000 times, "Kaz", "Dobbs" and "The Canoni Brothers" would be joining Chuck for a weekend of The Pep Rally, and a lot of Miller Genuine Draft, followed by tailgating, and a lot of Miller Genuine Draft, and the Saturday Games against the dreaded Sparty of Michigan State, the cheater Jimmy Johnson & "The Criminals" from Miami, and or "The Men of Troy' and on and on the stories would go!*

*My wife, Anne, simply loved Chuck. He always had a kind word or funny wisecrack for her, and she is deeply saddened by his passing. Our 3 Sons, Evan, Reid and Adam, absolutely Loved the Guy. Heck, one of Adam's Fraternity Brothers out at KU in Kansas, Frankie Zietnick, would trade phone calls and text messages with Chuck after every KU and Notre Dame Hoops Games. Reid's buddy, Casey, lived across the street from Chuck and Debbie and absolutely worshiped "Sir Charles!" And Evan's buddies just got the biggest charge out of old "Coach Nook!"*

*We have lost one of God's absolute gems. Alas, God just recruited one heck of a Coach! I have a strong suspicion that The Lord needed to replace Rockne or perhaps Lombardi to run the Football League up there in Heaven, and he looked down and said, "There's my guy!"*

*To Chucks Mother and Father, Larry and Lorraine, we say Thank You for bearing such a kind hearted Soul. To his wife Debbie and the kids, Meg, Brendan and Seany, (along with their extended Families), we say Thank You for sharing this wonderful Son, Husband, Father, Father-In-Law, Brother, Uncle & Friend! To The Lord God Almighty, we say Thank You for breathing your life in to this incredible Human Being.*

*Debbie and Family, we are here for you and we love you. Let us all take solace in knowing that we will soon be reunited with our Brother in Christ.*

*Godspeed Charles, I miss you.*

Love,

*Seany Rivers "Rivs" Tynan*

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**Sean Tynan** - March 06, 2015 at 01:03 AM

RT

“ *Debbie and all of the Nook clan,  
We were so saddened to learn of the passing of this wonderful man  
from my son Josh. I really appreciate how the Nook's took care of  
my son and how coach always had a friendly smile and warm  
greeting when ever we crossed paths, he will be missed. our  
thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Rest in peace,*

*Rick, Susan, Haley and Josh Takahashi*

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**Rick Takahashi** - March 06, 2015 at 12:57 AM

LS

“ *Dear Debbie and all of the Nook Family,  
I am so sorry about Chuck. He always made certain that his mother  
had everything she needed, and he went out of his way to be there  
for her. No matter what... My thoughts and prayers are with all of  
you at this sad time.*

*A friend always,*

*Linda Stieve*

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**Linda Stieve** - March 05, 2015 at 11:19 PM

MD

“ Coach Nook was great guy with a huge heart. A very positive influence for me while we together at the Abbey. He never passed up a hot mike to share a spirited rendition of CCR's Proud Mary. We'll miss you, Coach.

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**Mike Duffy** - March 05, 2015 at 10:08 PM

SS

“ Dear Debbie, and much extended family-- I was so shocked to get the news that Chuck had passed away. I remember the many holidays that we were able to spend with the Nook clan when our children were little...under the Christmas tree, around a huge Thanksgiving turkey, or looking for Easter eggs in Grandma Lorraine's front yard....all of the Nook boys were there with their families, and sometimes, Nancy, too. Chuck was always laughing, always smiling, always sharing a joke or two....or talking football. He so loved his family and was so proud of all of you. My thoughts and prayers are with you all as you send him on his way...how wonderful that you will all be together to do this. Sue Scott

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**sue scott** - March 05, 2015 at 09:41 PM

JA

“ I will miss you Chuck! Just last week I enjoyed visiting with you at FCC soaking our butts in the hot tub:-) One thing I will always remember and share with our high school football players is what you taught me: " games played in November are the ones you remember" I have shared that saying with many kids over the years. You were a good man, and I will miss you! Your friend Joe Ahlbrandt

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**Joe Ahlbrandt** - March 05, 2015 at 08:27 PM

MZ

“ *mike and laurie zayti purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Charles "Chuck" Francis Nook.*



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**mike and laurie zayti** - March 05, 2015 at 07:52 PM

KS

“ *What a kick it was havin Coach as a coach & a teacher at the Abbey. He was always such an upbeat guy. He'd get the best out of you on the field or in the class room. Many classmates are not aware that he worked at Tynans, with Sean Tynan for many years in the Ft. Collins, CO. area.....YES, he will be missed.....GREAT GUY!*

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**Kevin Schudy** - March 05, 2015 at 06:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles "Chuck" Francis Nook.*



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March 05, 2015 at 05:28 PM

TC

“ Hi Brendan,  
Jane and I were sadden by the news of your Dad's passing. We are truly sorry for your loss.  
Our preys and thoughts are with you and your family at this difficult time.  
God bless you,  
Jane & Tony Campagna

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**Tony Campagna** - March 05, 2015 at 04:15 PM

BK

“ So sorry to hear of your loss! Thinking of you all.....Sincerely,  
Barbara (Mann) Kirkwood

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**Barbara (Mann) Kirkwood** - March 05, 2015 at 03:05 PM

RS

“ Chuck was in my graduating class at South Haven High School. I remember him as a friend to everyone. My sincere condolences to the family.

*Ruth Erikson Speake*

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**Ruth Speake** - March 05, 2015 at 02:59 PM

DM

“ David Moorhead purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Charles "Chuck" Francis Nook.



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**David Moorhead** - March 05, 2015 at 01:15 PM

JH

“ As I read the tributes to Chuck, it is obvious that he continued to be the sweet, fun-loving, friendly, and positive person I knew in school, both at St. Basil's and South Haven High School. Thinking about him makes me smile. Chuck was truly a memorable friend and he will be greatly missed. My sincere condolences to his family and many friends.

*Jean Long Harden  
Class of 1966, South Haven High School*

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**Jean Long Harden** - March 05, 2015 at 12:25 PM

WS

“ Although only knowing Chuck on a professional basis, I wanted you to know that I personally will really miss him! Chuck was a really good guy: upstanding in his teaching; always showing concern and compassion for everyone; and always had a story to tell. Recently, Chuck was sharing with me a story of his football glory days (he always spoke of those days with fondness). He was telling me how they always put the player's last name across the top back of their jerseys. When it came to his name, instead of putting Nook, they had printed "Nooky". We got a good chuckle out of it. In addition, I always got a kick out of the "boyish grin" that came across his face when he would share a story like this.

*Chuck my friend, I know that you are with God now, and are probably having the time of your life playing guard on His heavenly football team. Block well, my friend!*

*I will surely miss you,  
Wylie "coyote" Smith*

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**Wylie Smith** - March 05, 2015 at 11:35 AM

LT

“ My 3 1/2 year son Cooper and I have been neighbors and friends with Chuck and Debbie for about 4 years. Chuck had a very special ability to make people but most definitely kids feel special. My son Cooper would see Chuck heading toward his door and yell "Hi Chuck" and without fail Chuck would yell "what up Coop." Cooper would smile and tell Chuck about his next adventure, when Chuck went inside Cooper would giggle and say "mom, Chuck is so funny."

*I asked Cooper what his favorite thing about Chuck was and he said "well, he always gives me cookies and he ALWAYS makes his outdoors pretty!" I smiled and said yes his patio is beautiful, Cooper said "don't worry mom-Debbie is pretty and will keep the outdoors nice until Chuck gets home." My eyes filled with tears and Cooper assured me that we will take care of Debbie and make her cookies from Chuck whenever she is hungry.*

*We both feel very blessed to have known Chuck and been a part of his life. His absence will undoubtedly be felt but his presence will never be forgotten. Our condolences go out to the entire family and truly are grateful for the time we had with him.*

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**Laura Tellers** - March 04, 2015 at 10:36 PM

JD

*I have very fond memories of growing up in So. Haven down the block from the Nook family. Chuck had a great way of telling a story-with a twinkle in his eye- that you couldn't help but laugh! He was wonderful to my parents always, ribbing them with the nicknames "Archie & Edith", after "All in the Family" characters. His love of Notre Dame was legendary- what was lost here on earth was a gain for those in heaven.*

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**Jaynie Kowieski Dunne** - March 05, 2015 at 06:08 PM

DE

“ *Deb purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Charles "Chuck" Francis Nook.*



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**Deb** - March 04, 2015 at 10:24 PM

DB

“ *Deb Bolin lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chuck" Francis Nook*



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**Deb Bolin** - March 04, 2015 at 10:07 PM

BH

“ *The night before Chuck's sudden passing, he, Sherri (Stewart) and I were having a friendly "professional" moment. My last memory of Chuck was as a smiling and jovial man who really enjoyed his work. As well as a co-worker, I considered him a friend. I shall miss him. There is a void in my heart that cannot be filled. May God bless your soul my friend. I will see you again soon enough. My wife and I pray for your family, and hope that there is consolation in the fact that you lived a good and Godly life.*

*"Pastor" Bob Hanrahan and Jan Hanrahan*

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**Bob Hanrahan** - March 04, 2015 at 10:04 PM

SW

“ Dear Debbie, beloved children, spouses and grandchildren and brothers,sister and all the spouses and children and cousins, We are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of your precious husband and devoted father, grandfather and brother, Chuck. We want you to know Chuck made a difference in our lives and always extended a hand in friendship and kindness towards us. We will miss his smile and genuine expression of love for others. Sincerely wishing you peace and comfort and love,  
Steve and Rita Widmann and family

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Steve and Rita Widmann - March 04, 2015 at 09:53 PM

CH

“ Debbie and all of our wonderful cousin clan of Nook's we were shocked last night to get the sad news. Ironically Cheryl and I were on our way to drop something off at St. Basils when I received the text that Chuck had passed away. It really made me think of all the glorious history and love our two families have with the school, church and more importantly with each other. Being the youngest of two very close families that lived a block apart always made me feel the baby of 16 kids! Wow what a secure feeling that was growing up, I had 10 boys and 5 girls watching over me and our grandparents lived right between both our houses, all the great memories we all have. Growing up I always loved Chuck's free spirit fun, loving ways. His joking, his love of sports, his contagious smile, and his love and caring of family. I will always keep him in my heart along with Mike, Mary, Grandma & Grandpa Overton and all of our amazing parents. I can only imagine Chuck in heaven tonight with all of them looking down and watching over all of us. Find comfort knowing Chuck is at peace in Gods hand. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all. We love you all!  
Charlie O. ,Cheryl, Justin & Tyler Hamln

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Charlie O. Hamlin - March 04, 2015 at 09:15 PM

GB

“ You were always at our basketball games at fossil. I remember seeing you after every game. You were one of our biggest fans and always one of the nicest guys to talk to. You will be greatly missed. Thank you for leaving us with so many memories.

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**Garrett Bryant** - March 04, 2015 at 08:57 PM

AK

“ We are so sorry for your family's loss. We are thinking of you and wish your family peace at this time.  
The Kopperud Family

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**Audrey and Bryce Kopperud** - March 04, 2015 at 08:41 PM

MH

“ So sorry for the loss to the family, I use to work with Chuck teaching drivers education  
Marsha

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**marsha hall** - March 04, 2015 at 08:12 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I just saw Chuck at work Monday. I have known him since he started working for Anthony, and we talked almost daily. He was helpful to me when my son passed away last year. He will be greatly missed.  
Dallas Staley

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**Dallas Staley** - March 04, 2015 at 08:08 PM

GS

“ I'm so sorry to hear from Sherry Nook about Chuck's sudden passing. Many memories of all the Nook clan come to mind to hear about this. How nice that the brothers and Nancy will all be able to travel to Fort Collins for the service of their brother. Gary Scott Fort Myers, FL

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**Gary Scott** - March 04, 2015 at 07:48 PM

TC

“ Chuck was known to me as Charlie Fats...we grew up together, along with our families on Monroe blvd...Chuck was always upbeat and his positive attitude and enthusiasm were contagious...a true sports nut...we were always playing football, baseball, or wiffle ball in someone's driveway, backyard, or Pinecan field...what memories...how about those trips to see the Milwaukee Braves, or to Saugatuck to celebrate birthdays...I loved him dearly...my heart goes out to his family.  
Tony Canonie

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**Tony Canonie** - March 04, 2015 at 06:10 PM



“ Sacred Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles "Chuck" Francis Nook.



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March 04, 2015 at 05:51 PM

DS

“ To all the families of Chuck Nook,

*I was shocked when my brother called me about Chuck. It is hard to believe that Chuck is gone. I have many fond thoughts of Chuck over my years at South Haven High School. I especially remember going to the Rose Bowl with Chuck and Tom Q. back in 1969. Chuck will be missed but not forgotten. Miss you Chuck.*

*Dennis*

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**Dennis Snyder** - March 04, 2015 at 05:48 PM

CP

“ Pat and the Nook Family:

*So sorry to hear that Chuck passed away. He was a great person and a great big brother to all of us.*

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**Chuck Palanca** - March 04, 2015 at 05:34 PM

AS

“ Angela S. purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Charles "Chuck" Francis Nook.



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**Angela S.** - March 04, 2015 at 05:22 PM

DI

“ Nancy,  
Keeping you and your family close to our hearts and thoughts at this difficult time. Sending hugs.  
Love,  
Di and Lee

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**Diane** - March 04, 2015 at 05:16 PM

SM

Debbie, Prayers to you and the family in such a sudden loss. Blessings to you all.  
Sherry and Mel McKie (Erin's Aunt)

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**Sherry McKie** - March 04, 2015 at 06:25 PM

SM

“ Debbie, Meggan, Brendan and Sean -and families, How can I ever forget meeting you all in Tulsa what seems like several life times ago. Debbie and Chuck saved my life. Their love and support has been unwavering since then. Chuck introduced many of our family and friends to football, baseball, basketball, numbers and lots of statistics. Even when just arrived from Scotland , Chuck gladly picked up Scott and Ozzie his friend, from Denver Intl, and took them straight to a ball game. " Heck Debbie" he said the boys will want to see the Rockies! They managed to stay awake for half an hour!

Despite hardships latterly, he remained steadfast an solid. His family his rock.

God bless, sleep tight and rest now.

Susan, Norman, Scott and Glenn, Sandra, Bob and Alex, Diann and Hector.

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**Susan Millar** - March 04, 2015 at 05:13 PM

DH

“Debbie and the entire Nook family of course receive Rosalee and my sincerest condolences. Where to begin would be a question of the inter-relationship the Nook and Hamlin families had growing up. Better said where did Chuck interact with me growing up. In a word everywhere.

*Between the two families we had enough men to man a football team and with the rest of the Catholic neighborhood we had enough men to man a league with Chuck being one of the first player coaches to grace our sandlot leagues. We established our three story tree houses out of the abandoned wood from the new homes the prolific Catholics were continuing to build up and down Monroe Blvd with Chuck's muscle and designing. Having Chuck always looking out for all of us walking to and from Catholic grade school we had the distinction to be known in the city as Vatican row.*

*Chuck was always smiling and always ready to get a game of the sport of day going with the rest of us. Chuck helped us build our own wiffle ball diamond that become the talk of the town as it was as nice or nicer than any of the city had to offer. Chuck would always take measure of the eight foot high fences when he came to bat but only recall him reaching a few times. The stories he was able to tell would grow that percentage a little but that was the part of Chuck that so many came to love. His high school team mates called him blow snake because he was adapt at pinning a yarn or two.*

*He enjoyed life like no other and his involvement was paramount and actively contributing to many of my fondest memories growing up. Chuck and his love for Notre Dame makes one wonder how he and the Reverend Ted Heshburgh both left us within days. God must have something special coming up for the Irish that only Chuck and Father Ted could conjure up in heaven. Chuck your life has been a inspiration to all whom have met you. I am sure that you are in that special place where we all toil to be in the end. It is now time for healing for all of us left behind. May the Holy Spirit bring*

*you to everlasting life and the Peace of Christ be with all of us that are saddened at your passing.*

*Love you Cousin*

*David*

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**David Hamlin** - March 04, 2015 at 05:03 PM

DM

“ *my thoughts and prayers go out to the Nook and Hamlin family. Rest in peace Chuck. You will be greatly missed. David Moorhead*

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**David Moorhead** - March 04, 2015 at 04:43 PM

PC

“ *It was a great honor to know Chuck- always wanting to talk about football, both the Rams and Notre Dame. You will be missed, and prayers will be held for your family.*

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**Pat Conway** - March 04, 2015 at 04:34 PM

BK

“ *Debbie and family - we received the news this mornings and our hearts just sank. Some people just love life, love their friends.....family and sometimes even total strangers. In our mind Chuck was one of those persons. Never saying a bad word about anything (not even ND when losing) or anyone - always optimistic and supportive - especially when times were tough. His joy, his love and his legacy is all of you.....we were blessed to have spent time on this earth knowing him and you. Our condolences.....and our love.*

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**Brad Kolstoe** - March 04, 2015 at 03:38 PM

SD

“ I still remember hearing the Notre Dame fight song over the PA system at the dealership every Saturday during football season. You will be missed my friend

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**Scott DeSimone** - March 04, 2015 at 03:26 PM

SS

“ Today my heart breaks to hear of a wonderful person who has gone to be with The Lord. For years Chuck was my go to. The kind of guy that would give his all no matter how small or big the job might have been. He always took the time to welcome you with a smile and a great big hug. Chuck you will be missed. Prayers for his family.

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**Sabrina Steele** - March 04, 2015 at 03:22 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Charles "Chuck" Francis Nook.



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March 04, 2015 at 03:07 PM

LM

“ Chuck was such a nice guy. I remember him as always smiling when I worked at Tynan's and he would come in. I ran into him while he was teaching his driving course up in Wellington about a year or so ago and he was still smiling and friendly. My prayers go out to his wife and family.

*Lori McKay*

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**Lori McKay** - March 04, 2015 at 02:55 PM

ET

“ we miss and Love Ya Coach  
Prayers for Debbie, the kids and those Amazing grand kids you  
loved to tell me about.

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**Ed Tynan** - March 04, 2015 at 02:52 PM

TH

“ We are saddened by the news of Chuck's passing and are  
heartbroken for the Nook Family. Chuck was a fun guy and would  
always stop and visit when he was in South Haven. I could always  
count on a phone call from him during football season, asking for  
"Percy Snow". Our deepest sympathies for Deb and the Kids. May  
Chuck rest in peace and be joyfully reunited with Larry and Lorraine  
and Michael...  
With Love,  
Terry and Mary Karman Hamlin

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**Terrence Hamlin** - March 04, 2015 at 02:28 PM

CH

“ Always ready with a great big hug. His heart was filled with gold and  
during football season blue and gold. I am just so saddened to hear  
of his passing. Prayers and hugs for all.

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**Connie Hanrahan** - March 04, 2015 at 02:11 PM

TL

“ Thoughts and prayers go out to entire Nook family during this  
difficult time. May the wonderful memories help find you peace and  
comfort!  
Tammie (Huschka) Larson & Family

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**Tammie Larson** - March 04, 2015 at 01:40 PM

CP

“ We are so very sad to hear about Chuck. We want the whole family to know you are in our thoughts. He will be missed by all of his Granada Hills friends.

Chad and Brenda Page - March 04, 2015 at 01:32 PM

JO

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all the Nook family, so very sorry and sad to hear of Chuck's passing. Will always remember him at the kids baseball games. Kevin and Jennifer Oliver

Jennifer Oliver - March 04, 2015 at 12:52 PM

MS

“ I was sorry to hear of Chucks passing. I didn't know him very long, but he was always a hoot at the salon where Meggan works. My prayers and thoughts go out to all his Family! Marilyn Salin

Marilynn Salin - March 04, 2015 at 12:26 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Charles "Chuck" Francis Nook.



March 04, 2015 at 12:23 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles "Chuck" Francis Nook.



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March 04, 2015 at 12:21 PM



“ Every time, and I mean EVERY TIME, I saw this lovely man he'd approach me with his one-of-a-kind pucker for a friendly kiss and then hug me in his big bear arms. Even if I saw him twice in one day, it was always the Chuck greeting. I could call it his standard greeting but it always meant so much to me. He was oftentimes goofy, he was always ready to talk sports, he spoke fondly of his siblings and parents and his formative years, and he glowed when he shared stories of his kids and grandkids. He had a twinkle in his eye when he laughed and a big furrow on his brow when he was unhappy about something (like a Notre Dame loss). Chuck certainly talked the talk and walked the walk. I have loved Chuck since the day I met him 23 years ago. I want him for 23 more. Here's to you Charles.....may the wind be always at your back. Oh, how we will miss you.

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**Patty Seaser** - March 04, 2015 at 12:13 PM

RS

“Charles” ( he'd rather be called Chuck) was my best friend. We were born one day apart in 1948 on opposite coasts in Michigan. From that similar start in life, we had much more in common. College football, sports in general, state of Michigan stories, similar family dynamics, bagel Wednesday, our Catholic faith and sense of humor were bonding threads. We talked on the phone or saw each other every day for many years. Needless to say, I'm going to miss this man! Who am I going to tease about Notre Dame football now? I think that I'm going to have to start drinking MGD now as well. God shared this special man with us for a while but not nearly long enough. His memory and his constant upbeat spirit will shine inside of me forever. Goodbye my friend...  
Rayno Seaser

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**Rayno Seaser** - March 04, 2015 at 11:42 AM

  
Cameron Klein

“ Thoughts and prayers to the Nook family

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**Cameron Klein** - March 04, 2015 at 10:43 AM

BJ

“ We are so sad to hear this. We loved being your neighbors for years and seeing "Coach" out working on the yard. Always smiling. Our deepest sympathy for your loss. Brian and Janice Tormey

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**Brian and Janice** - March 04, 2015 at 10:37 AM

AR

“ Sending sympathy, thoughts & prayers to the entire Nook, Overton & Hamlin families. Chuck was always everyone's friend , and will be missed by all who knew him.

*Andrea Reznik Johnson  
Classmate, LC Mohr High School, 1966*

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**Andie Reznik** - March 04, 2015 at 09:55 AM



“ Thoughts and prayers with the Nook family, I know he will be sorely missed. Robert Teitel

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**Robert Teitel** - March 04, 2015 at 08:47 AM

DC

“ We are all so sad about Chuck. He was such a great guy and so loved by his family and friends. We always think of Chuck whenever we hear anything about Notre Dame.

*All our love,*

*Erin, Brian and Debby Claussen*

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**Debby Claussen** - March 04, 2015 at 08:38 AM



“ So many memories from so many years. Just looking at this picture I can't help but smile. I believe I can trace my affinity towards to Notre Dame from Chuck. One of my favorite sayings of all time comes from the Mouth of Chuck Nook. I am sure you have heard me say this when you do something stupid... I am sorry if this isn't the right place to say this but I am laughing hard thinking about it. The term "Captain Dipshit" came from Chuck then he would smile and shake his head.

*The Coach is Truly a great man! He is missed!*

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**Joshua Randall** - March 03, 2015 at 11:58 PM



“ We are so sad to hear this news! Your family is in our thoughts and prayers!

*Brian and Rachel Kaylor*

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**Rachel Kaylor** - March 03, 2015 at 10:42 PM



“ It was a great pleasure to have known and spent time with Chuck. A truly genuine man that had a huge heart for his friends and family, and a contagious smile he shared with everyone. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

*Best - Dustin*

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**Dustin Larson** - March 03, 2015 at 10:35 PM

 Cindy Haner

“ So sorry for the loss of your brother chuck. Sending prayers and love to all in the family.

*God bless Cindy Haner. I am Sherry Nook little sister,*

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**Cindy Haner** - March 03, 2015 at 09:17 PM

SM

“ 2 years ago Rockies opening day on the ride home the van full of boys sang classic rock songs the whole way home. Classic!

*What a big heart Chuck had. You could see in his eyes how much he enjoyed time with family and friends.*

*Love The Marricks*

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**Steve Marrick** - March 03, 2015 at 09:00 PM

BS

“ To all the Nooks and all the Hamlins...

*So very sorry to get this news. It comes as a total shock.*

*Chuck called me late last week, asking how a reunion was coming along for the 1965 South Haven basketball team that made it to the State Championship game. Chuck was a member of that team.*

*Always one of the sweetest, most thoughtful, kind-hearted people.*

*Just a gem of a human being. So, so sorry.*

*Barry Shanley*

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**Barry Shanley** - March 03, 2015 at 08:55 PM