



Leslie Clair Charvat, Jr.

December 30, 1950 - April 10, 2026

Leslie Clair Charvat Jr was born December 30, 1950 to Shirley Jean Fidino Charvat and Leslie Clair Charvat Sr in Fort Collins CO. He went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on April 10, 2026. Les was the first of 5 children. Siblings were Debbie, Patti, Sue and finally a brother Andy (Socko). He lived in Fort Collins his entire life. Leslie's first job was mowing lawns and helping at the family grocery store, sorting pop bottles. He liked working in the school cafeteria for a free lunch, he said it wasn't because his folks couldn't afford to buy his lunch, but the cooks all liked him and would give him extra food! His personality was special even as a young child! Les graduated from Poudre High School in 1970. He made friends wherever he was. He enjoyed getting to know people and he always made them feel like they were important to him and they were. There was nothing phony about the man. He was sincere and always there to help if you needed anything! He was a wonderful son, brother, husband, father and grandfather.

His working career was in the grocery business at Charvat Grocery until the late 70's, then some construction work. From there he worked at Steele's for about 20 years. Then he tried trucking and various jobs until he was hired at Veeco for 9 years. Retirement didn't last long and he went back to work in construction for a few years until his health declined and he was forced to retire completely. He enjoyed spending time helping his Mom and being home with his wife, Ginger. They enjoyed alot of things together for almost 22 years.

He loved helping out at his church with yard work and helping with whatever he could. Les was the kind of guy that if you mentioned something needed done, he was on it and there was no taking it back! He was very loved and will be greatly missed by everyone that was privileged to know him. He was one in a million! He loved his children with all his heart and enjoyed spending time with them when they were growing up and as adults he was there to help them whenever they needed him. He would drop everything to help his children and all family at the drop of a hat. His grandchildren and great grandchildren were the light of his life!

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jean and Les, his grandparents Goldie and Frank Fidino, Andy and Lucille Charvat and Step grandmother Martina Charvat. Sister Debbie Morris, great nephew Dylon Charvat numerous Aunts and Uncles, Brother in-law Bernard D Imhof. It was a wonderful reunion in Heaven!

Leslie is survived by his wife Ginger, children Keli Jo Charvat Olson (Skip), Kodi Coy Charvat (Julie), April Ekberg Williamson. Grandchildren DJ Olson, Kailyn Cisneros (Alam), Kamryn Olson (fiancé Joel Hernadez), Ashley Williamson, Austin Williamson. Great Grandchildren Christian Medina and Santiago Cisneros. Sisters Patti Stout (Steve), Sue Charvat (Roy Edwards), Andy (Socko) (Debie) Brother-in-law Chad Morris numerous nieces and nephews, cousins and many friends.

A visitation will be held from 4-7pm on Friday, April 17, 2026 at Bohlender Funeral Chapel.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel
121 W. Olive Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Memorial Service

MAY 15. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

AM

“ Sorry to hear about Junior. My memory of Junior was him slinging beef quarters like he was flipping pancakes working for your grandpa and dad. He always had a smile on his face and seemed like he enjoyed what he was doing. The world has lost a good one but heaven gains a kind fellow! I know my brother Tom will be sad to hear the news, as well.

Allen Masters

Allen Masters - April 14 at 04:43 PM

PS

“ Our family sends our condolences to the Charvet family today. We have shared so many memories over the years of your wonderful family and the landmark Charvet's grocery store. As a young family in the fifties, we would never miss going to your store with our parents to buy candy. Sitting on the floor before the big wooden cabinet, we would study the penny candy. Your family always took interest in the children who came in. It was a very special store for early Fort Collins members. Thank you for these warm memories of your great family values. It helped Fort Collins be the fine city it has become. Pam Swerer and family.

Pam Swerer - April 14 at 02:01 PM

KB

“ Our deepest sympathy to the whole family. We met Jr. at their store when we first moved to Fort Collins in 1973 and lived on West Street. Then we moved to Maple St. and got acquainted with the rest of the family. He had a great laugh and was a kind person. We know you will miss him. Blessings, the Breitsprechers

Karen Breitsprecher - April 14 at 01:10 PM

JS

“ Sometimes in life, you are fortunate enough to know someone when their name is mentioned, it brings a smile to your face and everything about them is a positive! That person would be Jr. CHARVAT. Never would you hear any thing negative about Junior, and we should all be so blessed to have that tribute remembered of us. May the wonderful memories he has blessed each of you with sustain you during this time of loss. Sending you our love and prayers!

The Schott Family

Jerry & Donna Scott - April 13 at 12:11 PM



“ Junior was a very good friend. I used to go to Charvats many, many times. I was buying model airplane glue. Junior told me I need to have a note from my mother in order buy glue because of too many glue sniffers, lol. I came with my note very time you buy airplane glue. One day junior said that I did not need to have blglue since he knew I built model ships and planes and was not sniffing. Junior used to make the best Chorizo and other products. I will sure miss him very much and the fun times we all shared. RIP Junior.

Jerry Gavaldon - April 12 at 01:18 PM

RM

“ I was deeply saddened to learn of Les’s passing through the Bohlender obituary site. He and I grew up together, from elementary school all the way through high school in Fort Collins. Those were wonderful years filled with simple joys and lasting friendships.

Les was the first among our group to get his driver’s license, and we’d all pitch in a quarter for gas on the weekends so we could go cruising down College Avenue. We always looked forward to those carefree drives. His grandfather owned a small mom-and-pop grocery store on the corner of Maple and Park Streets—Charvat’s Grocery, a true neighborhood cornerstone that was a Hallmark of the community. Les worked there alongside his dad and grandfather, and we kids made trips to the store nearly every week (sometimes two or three times) just to buy candy.

In the fall, Les and I, along with a couple of other friends, would walk the neighborhood with our rakes, knocking on doors to ask if we could rake yards. It never took long, and we’d earn about 25 or 30 cents total to split between us. You can guess where that money went—right back to the little corner store for more candy.

I often went over to Les’s house just to hang out, and I always felt welcome. His parents were so kind and gracious to me. What stood out most about Les was his tender heart and genuine care for others. He was quick to accommodate seniors whenever he had the chance, and he was always there for friends who were going through a hard time—ready to listen or offer thoughtful suggestions.

Les will always be remembered fondly as a true friend, a good neighbor, and a helper of mankind. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. May the many happy memories of his life bring you comfort and peace.

With sincere sympathy,
Ray Martinez
Former Mayor of Fort Collins

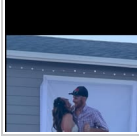
Ray Martinez - April 12 at 09:49 AM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Leslie Clair Charvat, Jr..*



April 11 at 09:33 PM



“ What can I say about uncle Jr that anyone who met him doesn't already know? I will share a memory that makes me smile every time. Years ago on our annual family hunting trip we convinced Jr to go with us and the day before we all met at the store to buy groceries and supplies for the week, we packed all the food into my wife's SUV in coolers so she could bring it up. All the guys got up to camp early the next morning to set up and spent most of the morning doing so. My wife ended up having to work longer than expected that morning and our food for lunch was late. We powered through lunch and by the time dinner was coming up the food still hadn't arrived and everyone was starting to get grumpy from starvation. Jr being his normal self was the only one still in a good mood or his normal self as we all know him for, but he was fairly quiet and one of us noticed him eating something!! We all were like a pack of hungry wolves surrounding him and asked what ya eaten Jr? He turned his head and looked away as he said that he had found a little candy bar in his sleeping bag from last year and didn't figure we would like some. We all gave him the benefit of the doubt and continued starving and waiting for our food to arrive. About 10 minutes later someone noticed Jr chewing on something again and asked what you eaten Jr? He laughed and said the other half of his old candy bar, at about that time we heard my wife's car pull up with our food and we all ran to grab snacks. Jr wasn't hungry..... the moral of the story is that this was the one and only time I can remember Jr doing something for himself first, even though he got so much crap for it and we all finally had some dirt on him to give him a hard time. Jr always put everyone else first and for that short little moment he was a little closer to our level because he was always such a better person than everyone else. Rest easy uncle and eat all the candy you want.

CodeI Charvat - April 11 at 08:11 PM