



## Charles Ruch, Jr.

November 24, 1951 - May 30, 2008

Charles E. "Chuck" Ruch Jr., 56, of Bradley, died Friday (May 30, 2008) at St. Francis Hospital in Blue Island. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee. Father John Peeters will officiate. Memorials may be made to St. Patrick Catholic Church, where he was a member and lector. Mr. Ruch was an attorney in private practice since 1976, in Kankakee. He was born Nov. 24, 1951, in Chicago Heights, the son of Charles E. Sr. and Kathleen Williams Ruch. He graduated from Eastridge High School, where he was a member of the tennis team; received a Bachelor of Science degree from Northern Illinois University, where he was editor of the Northern Star paper while in college; and received his law degree from the University of Puget Sound Law School, where he worked for the office of the governor of Washington state while in law school. He was a former member of the Kiwanis and had been a stringer for a Chicago newspaper. He was a member of the Kankakee County and Illinois Bar Associations, was a former chairman of the Kankakee River Regatta and former Kankakee County Board member. He was active in Jaycees Little League as a volunteer and coach. He enjoyed watching his sons participate in sports, and enjoyed reading, photography and gardening. Surviving are his wife, the former Linda Liqun Xiong, whom he married Dec. 29, 2007; seven sons and one daughter-in-law, Morgan Ruch of Kankakee, Benjamin and Catherine Ruch, and Aaron Ruch, all of Fort Collins,

Colo., Ian Ruch, Spencer Ruch, Tristan Ruch and Noah Ruch, all of Bourbonnais; two stepchildren, Tammy Du and James Du, both of Bolingbrook; his mother, Kathleen Ruch of Kankakee; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Carol and Philip Wylie of East Peoria, Kathleen Kirkpatrick of Rochester; one brother and sister-in-law, John and Diane Ruch of Bourbonnais; also Claire Ruch of Bourbonnais; several nieces and nephews; and one great-nephew. His father is deceased.

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**Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes** - December 07, 2010 at 02:57 PM



“ NULL##imported-begin##*William Pratt*##imported-end##

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“ *I am shocked and saddened by news of Chuck's untimely passing. Chuck, his brother John, and I were members of the Kankakee Tennis club during the late 60's and early 70's. I have many fond & amusing memories of summer tennis tournaments we played in all over Northern Illinois. I last saw Chuck in February when he thoughtfully attended my mom's funeral. ĩ½Chuck was a unique and talented individual. ĩ½My heartfelt condolences to everyone in his family. ĩ½ĩ½##imported-begin##Janet Jannusch##imported-end##*

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“ I remember Chuck from way back in high school at Eastridge. If I remember correctly, he was sports editor of the paper. I remember him being a really nice guy and very good writer. He was a little older, his brother John was in my class. I pursued journalism too. We weren't close friends even back then, I just remember what a nice person he was and what a talented person he was. You, his family, have my condolences.##imported-begin##Laura Coleman Noeth##imported-end##

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“ Chuck was a good and loyal friend of the University and the Northern Star where he served as editor in chief during his senior year. He offered legal assistance and represented Northern Star students in a dispute with the university. He will be greatly missed##imported-begin##Jerry & Winifred Thompson##imported-end##

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“ Our Private Investigative and Process Service Units worked with him and his lawfirm.##imported-begin##Thomas & Paula Harwood##imported-end##

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“ My condolences to the family surviving Chuck. I have many fond memories of Chuck's good nature, wit and enthusiasm for life in his early years. I'm certain he will be sorely missed by all who knew him. I send sincere thoughts of comfort and peace to the family in this time of sorrow. <br><br><br><br>Aloha, Marti##imported-begin##Martha Rapier##imported-end##

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“ Dear Carol, Kathleen, and family,<br><br>My sincere condolences on the loss of Chuck. May God be with all of you as your mourn your loss.<br><br>In His Mighty Love,<br><br>Laurie##imported-begin##Laurie##imported-end##

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“ I'm so very sorry for your loss. I½ was good friends with Morgan, Chuck's son, in high school. I½ And I work at the Kankakee Public Library where Chuck would come in frequently to use the law library. I½<br><br><br><br>My sincerest sympathies,<br><br>Allison (Toth) Beasley##imported-begin##Allison Toth-Beasley##imported-end##

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“ On behalf of the County of Kankakee, Department of Highways, please accept my deepest condolence regarding Chuck's untimely death. I had the privilege of working with him in both the private and public sector. He was a creative and brilliant thinker who required the best from those who worked with him.##imported-begin##James W. Piekarczyk##imported-end##

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“ We all have fond memories of Chuck from the Class of 69!  
<br>God bless##imported-begin##Kathryn {Marczak}  
Sadler##imported-end##

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“ I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. I hope the happy memories of  
Chuck will help you through. Please know you are in my  
thoughts.##imported-begin##Lisa Robinson##imported-end##

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“ Chuck was an early boyhood friend in Cub and Boy Scouts Troop  
304,He was always a fun person who was an intelegent and  
creative kid and pushed himself even with his glassas on.<br>  
<br>In High School we played tennis at Cobb and Beckman park  
and enjoyed exploring along the Kankakee river.<br><br><br>  
<br>Good memories for an old friend.<br><br><br><br>Thanks  
Chuck##imported-begin##Glen Scott##imported-end##

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“ We are sorry for this untimely loss in your family. Know that you and  
they remain in our prayers.<br><br><br><br>b'Shalom<br><br>Art  
& Kathy##imported-begin##Henaynei/Kathy##imported-end##

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