



Charles "Chuck" Vaughn

November 10, 1925 - December 19, 2016

Charles "Chuck" Vaughn, age 91, of Kankakee, died Monday, December 19, 2016 at his home.

He was born November 10, 1925 in Claytonville, the son of Charles Brian & Maude E. Pitman Vaughn.

Chuck married Donna J. Gerard on June 24, 1951 in Kankakee. She preceded him in death January 25, 2006.

He attended Chebanse High School. He graduated from the Reppert School of Auctioneering in Decatur, where he was also an instructor. Chuck had been an auctioneer in Kankakee and for the Greater Rockford Auto Auction for many years.

Chuck had owned Vaughn's Furniture Outlet and The Carpet Connection. He was one of the original founders of Eastside Junior Football League.

A veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, Chuck served during WWII in Iwo Jima as a demolition expert earning two purple hearts. He was a member and former chaplain of the Kankakee Chapter of the Marine Corps League. He was also a member of the 5th division survivors of the battle of Iwo Jima. He stayed active with this group for a number of years. This was important to him and he looked forward to participating in these events.

He had been a longtime member of Immanuel Baptist Church in Kankakee.

He started his family team, "Donna Jean" in the memory walk for the Alzheimer's Association.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Brian & Janet Vaughn of

Kankakee, Scott & Laurie Vaughn of Traverse City, MI, Jeff & Kindy Vaughn of Kankakee, and Joel & Chris Vaughn of Kankakee; one daughter and son-in-law, Linda & Mike Peters of Kankakee; fourteen grandchildren, Kelly Bonner, Amy Sharpe, Jamie Spiese, Matt Peters, Justin, Joshua, Jacob, and Jonah Vaughn, Kaleena Vaughn, Steve Vaughn, Jenny Denault, Hillary Skinner, Hayley Vaughn, and Charlie Vaughn; 16 great-grandchildren and two on the way; and one niece, Joy Rutherford.

Chuck's motto in life, "God, Family, Country."

In addition to his wife, he is preceded in death by his parents; infant siblings, Inis and Martin Vaughn; his sister and dearest friend, Marilyn Sullivan; and his golden retriever, Gunnery Sergeant "Sarge."

Visitation will be held 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Thursday, December 22, 2016 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. Visitation will also be held from 10:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. funeral service on Friday, December 23, 2016 at Immanuel Baptist Church in Kankakee. Rev. Derrick Miller and Rev. Phillip Gardner will officiate the service.

Burial will follow at Kankakee Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Aroma Township.

Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 S. 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **22**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Visitation

DEC **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Immanuel Baptist Church
1300 W. Hawkins St.
Kankakee, IL

Funeral Service

DEC **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JR

“ I remember many fun times at the Vaughn house in Waldron Acres, the pool was a hit for us all. Chuck and Donna were always very nice to neighborhood kids who were invited over. I'm very saddened by the loss of Chuck. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the Vaughn family.

John and Jan Rodgers

John and Jan RODgers - December 28, 2016 at 06:35 PM

LM

“ *Semper Fi, Mr. Vaughn. I grew up down the street from the auction on Washington Ave. I remember going with my dad on Wednesdays to the pre-auction viewing followed by the auction that evening. Mr. Chuck Vaughn was always very friendly to us. Since we were regulars he would sometimes speed up the going once, going twice, sold, so that we would get the item. I was always impressed by Mr. Vaughn. So much so that I too joined the USMC. A finer gentleman cannot be found. It saddens me that one of the best of the best from the GREATEST generation has left us. However, I take pride in knowing as the Marine Corps hymn states, "If the Army or the Navy ever look on Heavens scene they will find the streets are guarded by the United States Marines."*

*A new post at the highest level Marine. Until we meet again,
Semper Fi til the day I die.*

Larry McIntyre - December 24, 2016 at 09:13 AM

GW

“ I have a lot of great memories of Chuck. As a young boy I went with my parents to his auction sales he would let me draw for the prizes. He was a hero to me and his wife was a goddess. My deepest sympathy to all of Chuck's family and friends. He will be missed.

Gary Weber - December 23, 2016 at 10:06 AM

BR

“ I consider it a privilege and an honor to have known Chuck Vaughn. I knew him from working at the Carpet Connection and through attending Immanuel Baptist Church. He inspired me through his devotion to his wife, family, and friends. He was a great Marine and a gentleman. I am a better person for knowing him. I pray for comfort for the Vaughn family at this time. Brent Rattin.

Brent Rattin - December 22, 2016 at 08:01 PM

LB

“ GOD BLESS: MR. CHARLES CHUCK VAUGHN. I HAD MANY GREAT CHATS WITH HIM AT THE AUCTION ABOUT THE MARINES! MY OLDER BROTHER WAS A MARINE. I WAS A MARINE IN VIET NAM! HE WAS A SWELL GUY! GOD BLESS ALL!!! LARRY BEHL

LARRY BEHL - December 22, 2016 at 05:42 PM

RP

“ Our sincere sympathy to the Vaughn family in their loss of Chuck. He was always a gentleman with a smile for everyone. I attended many auctions conducted by him and then Bryan in the later years. He will be missed by all who had the pleasure of meeting him.



RC & DeAnn Parks

RC Parks - December 22, 2016 at 05:41 PM

TR

“ I have known Mr Vaughn for at least 30 years. He was such a wonderful business man. I would see him participate in standing @ the casket of fellow servicemen. This was a man that adored his wife until the end, showing her so much love. I offer my condolences to his entire family he will be truly missed. You were a great soldier to the end, now you must rest safely in the arms of the Almighty.



Terry Robicheaux - December 22, 2016 at 11:58 AM

LH

“ So sorry to hear of Chuck's passingJeff and Kindy... You have my sympathy.

Lori Morrival Hoekstra - December 22, 2016 at 09:13 AM

TG

“ My most vivid memory of the colonel was the time when I was a boy, and we were playing Ball in the yard next to the Vaughan's. The ball went into his yard and I jumped the fence to get the ball and their dog King bit me. Mr. Vaughan saw this from inside the house and told me to come in So he could show me that King was a nice dog. As soon as he let him in the house King came at me and I turned around and he bit me again on my butt cheek. I've never forgotten that and it was a good lesson learned. I always loved Mr Vaughan And he even employed me when I needed it. I know he's going to be missed by many and my condolences to the rest of the family

Tom Gronert - December 21, 2016 at 11:11 AM

DB

I was blessed to grow up in the neighborhood of the Vaughns. Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn always made you feel welcomed and special in their home. I remember many wonderful times playing with Linda and her brothers. Some of my special memories were sleepovers, games, biking on Jeff's Stingray bike, swimming at Manteno Lake, cheerleading with the midget football program, and being auctioned by Mr. Vaughn and him playing monster for fun in his home with us. He was a wonderful person and I will always be thankful for him in my life. My sympathy to all the family. Love, Diana Brown Branca

Diana Brown Branca - December 21, 2016 at 04:33 PM

VM

We did not know this patriarch of your family, but we extend our greatest sympathy to all of his fine offspring we have the privilege of knowing and whose lives have touched ours. He has left a living and godly legacy through all of you. Vicky and Bob McBurnie~

Vicky McBurnie - December 22, 2016 at 10:48 AM

DH

“ Please accept our sincere sympathy for the passing of Chuck. He was a wonderful caring person. I remember waiting on him when I worked at City National Bank and would walk down to the auction building. His reputation was impeccable. Bernadette remembers Chuck as a classy kind man and father. While we cannot be with you at this time our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Dave and Bernadette

Dave & Bernadette Hansing - December 21, 2016 at 09:32 AM



“ A wonderful man who fathered 5 great children has earned his wings. Our prayers are with the family for God's peace and comfort. May your fond memories bring smiles and may God hold you close and dry your tears.

Mary and John Thomson

Mary Quiroz Thomson - December 20, 2016 at 10:03 PM



JP

I remember Chuck from the 60's when we formed the original Marine Corps League in Kankakee. He was strong presence, and with the character of a statesmen. "Another old Marine going home". God bless him and his family.

Jim Puswaskis - December 21, 2016 at 11:38 AM