



Charles Belsham

August 24, 1941 - March 03, 2022

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to our dear husband, father and grandpa Charles who passed away suddenly, but peacefully, with Marge, Tamara, and David by his side on March 3, 2022. His entire family was able to say goodbye virtually from Toronto and St Albert.

He will be forever remembered by his beloved wife of 59 years Marge (Marjorie, Marie), his children Denise Belsham, Derek (Patty) Belsham, and Tamara (David) Lisowski, and deeply missed by his cherished grandchildren Rachel and Matt Belsham, and Carlos and Diego Yusta Belsham.

He is survived by his brothers George (Liz) Belsham, Bill (Carol) Belsham, sister Phyllis Lavergne, sister-in-law Doris Belsham, and brother Jim (Tina) Belsham, as well as his sisters-in-law Jean Ryback and Verna Kozie. He will be missed by his many nieces and nephews and extensive list of friends and extended family who have wonderful memories of their fun times together.

He was predeceased by his parents Chris and Dora (Doris) Belsham, his brother David Belsham and brothers-in-law Roger Lavergne, Mike Ryback, and Clarence Kozie.

Charles was born in Winnipeg on August 24, 1941. He was raised on the Belsham family farm in RM of Springfield south of Anola. He met his Marjorie at a Hazelridge dance and never looked back – he was smitten for life. They married on June 2, 1962 at the Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception in Cooks Creek. His love for his Marjorie was always evident to everyone in their presence.

Charles was a man of few words, but was always kind, patient, and helpful. Everyone mentioned that he was always offering to assist whenever he could. He had a permanently calm demeanour, and never raised his voice, while his favourite saying was “don’t worry about it, it’ll all work out fine”.

Charles worked for a number of automobile dealerships, and always professed his loyalty to Chrysler.

Besides his day job, he was extremely dedicated to his love of gardening. He would spend hours beautifying and tending to his yard at his home in Transcona, but also had a larger spread at the Belsham farm for many years. We always had plenty of fresh veggies and apples.

He loved spending time with his family at both the Belsham and Kozie farms, helping out with the harvest in his younger days whenever possible. He enjoyed hunting with his brothers, brothers-in-law and nephews. He was particularly fond of the ice fishing trips with Clarence.

Charles loved to travel, especially long road trips across Canada or to the USA. He enjoyed a couple of trips to Hawaii with his treasured friends. He would spend cherished times with his grandchildren in Toronto and St Albert, telling them fanciful stories and going on long walks together.

He always enjoyed spending time with friends and family, and especially his trips to the casino with his wonderful friends. Even when he was in Park Manor Care Home, he longed to go for his day trips to Club Regent or out for a special meal at Hung's Chinese Food.

Charles was a life-long member of St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Transcona, and was also a member at the Immaculate Conception Parish in Cooks Creek. He was a proud member of the Knights of Columbus and the Brotherhood of St Michael's where he participated in many of their activities.

The family would like to thank all of the kind and dedicated staff at the Park Manor Personal Care Home in Transcona for their diligent care over the many years after Charles had his debilitating stroke in 2013. They are true heroes and deserve nothing but praise for their efforts.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Charles' name to the Heart and Stroke Foundation (heartandstroke.ca) or to the Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church of Cooks Creek Grotto Restoration Fund (immaculate.ca).

Private family prayers will be Thursday, March 10 at 7:00pm and the private funeral will be Friday, March 11 at 10:30am with the Very Rev. Father Mark Gnutel. Both services will be live streamed for those who wish to attend can do so by clicking the photos and videos tab. Interment at Immaculate Conception Parish Cemetery in Cooks Creek.