



## Charles Klamer

May 15, 1943 - November 6, 2021

Charles “Chuck” Klamer, 78, of Napoleon, Ohio died Saturday, November 6th, 2021 at Toledo Hospital. He was born May 15th, 1943 in Bessemer, Pennsylvania to the late Stephen and Virginia (West) Klamer. On February 12, 1998 he married Linda Guth in Kent, Ohio.

Chuck was a 1961 graduate of Mohawk High School, New Castle, Pennsylvania and received his undergraduate from Clarion University in Pennsylvania. He attended Temple University and The Ohio State University and attained his Master’s Degree in School Administration.

Chuck was hardworking, dedicated, and had the ability to inspire and nurture young minds over his 43 years of education. He began his career as a special education teacher at Perkasio High School, Perkasio, Pennsylvania, then became an education consultant at Ashtabula County Educational Service Center and finally a Superintendent at Bloomfield-Mespo Local School District, Trumbull County and James A. Garfield Local School District, Portage County.

He attended St. Augustine Catholic Church, Napoleon and was a member of the Napoleon Lion’s Club. He was a former Village Council member and member of the Chamber of Commerce in Garrettsville, Ohio. He was an Athletic Booster for Liberty Center Schools and James A. Garfield Schools. Most of all, he loved spending his later years watching his grandchildren grow and attending all their events.

He will be deeply missed by his wife, Linda; daughters, Lauren (Allan)

Perunko of Champion, Ohio and Amanda (Casey) Mohler of Liberty Center; grandchildren, Steve Perunko, and Kate, Elle, Thomas, and Brooklyn Mohler; and a brother, Allan (Delores) Klamer of New Castle, Pennsylvania.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, November 10 from 4-8 p.m. at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon.

Funeral service will be held on at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 11th at St. Augustine Catholic Church, Napoleon, Ohio with Father Albert Ceranowski officiating.

A celebration of Life will be held at a later time in Garrettsville, Ohio.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Liberty Center Athletic Boosters or James A. Garfield Athletic Boosters.

Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.rodenbergergray.com](http://www.rodenbergergray.com).

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ *Dear Linda and Family,*

*We want you to know that we have been thinking of you and with those thoughts come prayers. Prayers for Chuck that he is has been made whole. What an amazing man, a life well lived, we pray he has been received with open arms in heaven. Prayers for all of you, that grief will be substituted with memories full of happiness and love. Please accept our sympathy and hope that our concern for you can bring comfort and strength.*

*We knew Chuck to be a great person. He made Earth better while he was here and still is making it better because of all of you.*

*Our love,  
Doug and Jane Conroe*

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**Jane Conroe** - November 12, 2021 at 12:04 PM

DL

“ *So sorry to hear the news, of Chuck's passing. Thoughts and prayers to Linda and the family. Deb and Dave Leavell*



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**Deb Leavell** - November 12, 2021 at 09:39 AM

DK

“ Chuck left this world a better place because of his love and dedication for the schools he ran. He was a hardworking, kind, generous man. He was my principal and superintendent in Bloomfield-Mespo, then he hired me at Garfield. I’m so incredibly thankful for his guidance and direction. His leadership turned both school districts into positive, wonderful homes for kids to learn and grow into quality men and women. I will treasure all the positive notes, acknowledgements, and cards he wrote. He had wonderful penmanship! He got to know every student and staff member. He cared for so many. I’m so thankful to work for such a devoted, hard working man. Prayers for Linda and family. Diana Kelly and family

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**Diana Kelly** - November 11, 2021 at 07:17 PM

TR

“ The news of Chuck's death was a shock in so many ways, and I waited to reflect before offering these words. He was a friend and colleague for more than 40 years, and I loved the man. He was my superintendent as a teacher and then a principal, he offered me a principal's position when he changed schools twice, we worked together in a variety of roles after that, and I considered him a dear friend. At Bloomfield-Mespo, Chuck and I led the district's reaction to the revocation of the district's charter by the state board of education ... and the return of that charter ... the first time it had ever happened, after the changes we, the board, and the community passed an outrageous amount of property tax millage, hired staff and implemented changes. We washed Amish buggies together to raise funds to keep the doors open while the charter revocation was appealed. We burned the revocation document together when it was returned. This was a fine, good and decent man, an exemplary human being, loyal, caring, thoughtful, detail and goal oriented, and relentless in the best of ways. I am profoundly sad to hear of this, and I send to Linda and the family the greatest of respect from a very lucky friend and colleague.

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**Thomas Romack** - November 11, 2021 at 12:48 PM

JR

“ JAG - Tracy, Kathy, Britt, Ted, Roger purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Charles Klamer.



JAG - Tracy, Kathy, Britt, Ted, Roger - November 10, 2021 at 11:47 AM

FH

“ From, The Hollenbaugh's purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Charles Klamer.



From, The Hollenbaugh's - November 10, 2021 at 11:35 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles Klamer.



November 10, 2021 at 09:34 AM

AS

“ I served on the Bloomfield Mespo school board while Chuck was superintendent. His love for what he did was so obvious. We used to joke about him sweeping the halls in the evenings sometimes. He was totally involved in what he did. I have thought about it many times in the year since. And will be sad knowing he is no longer with us. Condolences to his wife and family.

Anne Skowronski - November 10, 2021 at 06:41 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Klamer.*



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November 09, 2021 at 10:19 PM



“ *What a terrific Brother-In-Law! Chuck brought fun and interesting times to our family. He cared about each one of us and always inquired about our individual health and well being. He had a big heart and a big personality, filling the room with laughter and personal philosophy of how the world operates. Chuck Klamer was one-of-a-kind for sure! We will truly miss him.*  
*Mary and Steve Oehler*

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**Mary and Steve Oehler** - November 09, 2021 at 07:51 PM



“ *Mark Apple purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Charles Klamer.*



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**Mark Apple** - November 09, 2021 at 07:26 PM

TR

“ I am profoundly sad to hear this news. Chuck and I were great, great friends and colleagues for more than 40 years. I worked for him as a teacher and then a principal, and then with him in his role as Superintendent and mine as an executive with the Educational Service Center who served him. I loved the man. He was genuine, honest, hard-working, smart, perceptive, detailed, and way more compassionate than he let on. Of our decade together in the same school district, my fondest memories involve the challenges of fighting the State Board of Education over the revocation of our district charter, the Save Our Schools efforts to pass the largest operating millage ever in Ohio to improve our curriculum and staff, and the first EVER return of a school's charter by the Ohio Department of Education. We shared a drink behind the scenes at the "burning" of the charter revocation document on the day that the charter was returned. I repeat ... I loved the man, and cherish every minute that I have known him.

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**Thomas Romack** - November 09, 2021 at 01:01 PM

PR

“ Lauren, my heart goes out to you for the loss of your father. Give Stevie a hug from me

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**Priss** - November 09, 2021 at 12:35 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Klamer.



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November 09, 2021 at 12:28 PM

JP

“ *The St. Paul Lutheran School, Napoleon, faculty who came to know Chuck through him substituting send their deepest sympathies!*

Julie Bourgeois, Principal - November 09, 2021 at 11:49 AM

CM

“ *So very sorry for you loss .....Claudia and Rena Meadows*

claudia meadows - November 09, 2021 at 09:21 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Klamer.*



November 09, 2021 at 08:55 AM

BT

“ I am sharing a memory, he always impressed me with how he knew every student. He cared about his faculty and staff. He was proud of every child in his school, participated in all the extra curriculum offered , including AP classes which he help implement. He was the biggest fan of every kid in every sport too!! His smile was contagious when he would see these kids use everything given them to go farther in life. Linda always put a glimmer in his eye and it was sweet to see. 😊 I worked for county at Garfield, for children with special needs, we had some great conversations about when one little thing was positive. I am so going to miss him, especially when he would come to visit , ha always asked about my Dad. Then my kids and grandkids. Seeing him walk around in the Duck suit during Summer fest and the Poppa leprechaun during St. Patrick Day. He definitely was one of a kind and will be sadly missed because of all the great memories. Much love, Linda and family. Bobbi and the whole Taylor clan! ❤️❤️❤️💕

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**Bobbi Taylor** - November 09, 2021 at 12:52 AM

DK

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**Diana Kelly** - November 10, 2021 at 09:55 PM

LZ

“ *Linda Zhang lit a candle in memory of Charles Klamer*



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**Linda Zhang** - November 08, 2021 at 11:26 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Klamer.*



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November 08, 2021 at 08:27 PM

MF

“ *To the family of Charles Klamer I'm Sorry for your loss. We will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. May his hardworking hands be at rest.*

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**Megan Rothermel & Family** - November 08, 2021 at 08:02 PM

KS

“ *My deepest condolence to his family. I don't know what I would have did without Chuck when I lost my son Nicholas he was there to support me and my family. He will be greatly missed by me.!*

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**Ken Stock** - November 08, 2021 at 08:00 PM

RE

“ Chuck was a champion of the students who understood the relationship between the schools and the community. He came at a time when there was little faith in schools, and built the trust and confidence that resulted in passing levies and building a single, unified campus environment. He was the right man at the right time for Garrettsville, and we will, I will miss him dearly. Thanks Chuck, Godspeed.

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**Rob Emens** - November 08, 2021 at 06:41 PM

KW

*I will never forget the fear I had when My daughter and I moved to Garrettsville. I moved her when her special needs were so severe and the importance of understanding her needs were so important. I'll never forget how Mr. Klamer was willing to sit down with me to understand the importance of her needs. Because of his understanding of why it was so important, I can honestly say My daughter was accepted into a school that had made such an incredible impact on both her and I. So many loving teachers (Mrs. Hall) and incredible care providers (Hillary, Wendy, Tara to name just a few) did and always will remain so important in our lives. He was a man that truly cared about his students and family and will be missed by many close and far. Rest in peace 🙏*

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**Karen Wagenbrenner** - November 09, 2021 at 11:29 PM