



## Charles L. "Chuck" Norlin

May 9, 1945 - October 25, 2023

Charles Lester Norlin, aged 78, peacefully passed away on October 25, 2023, surrounded by loved ones. He was born in Wenatchee, WA, on May 9, 1945, the eldest of four children to proud parents, Les and Florence Norlin.

Chuck's life was a testament to his unwavering dedication and commitment to his community. He received his Police Science, Law and Justice Degree from Washington State University in 1968, a stepping stone to a lifelong journey of service and leadership.

His career took him to Motorola Radio and Electronics, where he excelled in sales before embarking on an entrepreneurial venture with his own business, Norcom Radio and Electronics, in Wenatchee, WA. Chuck's legacy was forged not only in business but also in his tireless dedication to numerous community organizations.

He served as the Exalted Ruler of the Wenatchee Elks Fraternity, BPOE, and was a longstanding board member of the Ridge to River Relay Organization, providing essential radio communications for the event. Chuck also served as the communication backbone for the Washington State Apple Blossom Festival for nearly 37 years, earning the prestigious Lehman Johnson Award in 1997 for Exceptional Volunteerism.

In 1964, Chuck founded the Central Washington Emergency Team, the first volunteer emergency response organization in the Wenatchee Valley. His commitment to scouting was evident as he was an Explorer Scout and later served as a scout leader.

Chuck was a lifelong member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus. He further contributed to the community as the President of the Wenatchee Amateur Hockey Association.

Chuck was preceded in death by his parents, Lester and Florence Norlin, and his brother Richard E. Norlin. He is survived by his sister, Mary Edgar (William) of Wisconsin, his brother, Daniel Norlin (Joeletta) of Lacey, WA, and his sons, John Norlin (Lindsay) of Sumner, WA, and Patrick Norlin (Rachel) of Wenatchee. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Brent Norlin of Sumner, WA, Quinn Norlin, and Cohen Norlin of Wenatchee.

In 1969, Chuck married Karen Shafer, and were married for 41 years and together they raised two remarkable sons. A Catholic funeral mass will be held to celebrate Chuck's life on Thursday, November 9th, at 11:00 am at St. Joseph's Church in Wenatchee, WA. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Chuck's name to Wenatchee Right to Life, P.O. Box 1603, Wenatchee, WA 98807.

# Previous Events

## Mass

NOV 9. 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

625 S Elliott

Wenatchee, WA 98801

(509) 662-4569

<http://www.stjosephwen.org/>

# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry for your loss Pat and family! It is so hard to lose a parent!  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all in this difficult time.  
Marty & Cheryl Blake

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**Cheryl Blake** - October 28, 2023 at 06:02 PM