



Charles Arthur Zuzak

August 21, 1935 - November 29, 2020

Dr. Charles Arthur Zuzak of Orlando, FL passed away on November 29th, 2020. He was 85. Charles was born on August 21st, 1935 in Edenborn, PA to Mary M. (Priggins) and Charles A. Zuzak. He married Charlotte A. Zuzak on August 14th, 1963, who preceded him in death.

Charles received his B.A. and M.A. from The University of Notre Dame. He earned his Doctor of Philosophy from The University of Maryland in political science. He served as Dean of Arts and Sciences at The University of Tennessee at Nashville and then went on to serve as Dean of Arts and Sciences and full professor at Slippery Rock University for 21 years.

He was on the Notre Dame weight lifting team, winning numerous awards. Charles was involved with The Robert A. Taft Institute of Government, The Knights of Columbus, and The Lions Club. He was fluent in Slovak and had ties with Comenius University at Bratislava, Slovakia. He was a fierce advocate for scholarship and teaching.

Charles is survived by a daughter, Dr. Kimberly B. Zuzak and her wife, Dr. Ana D. Burgos, of Orlando, FL.; . Charles was preceded in death by his parents.

ZUZAK - A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 9th, at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 4900 Strathmore Ave., Garrett

Park, MD, with the Rev. Robert Buchmeier as Celebrant.

Burial will take place at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Silver Spring, MD.

Memorial donations may be made in Charles' memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or to the American Heart Association.

Tribute Wall

MC

“ My condolences to Kim and other family and friends. I greatly enjoyed getting to know Chuck through our time at Beloved Disciple parish. It was always a pleasure to talk with him about church activities or political science or Notre Dame or whatever else came up.

Michael Coulter - December 05, 2020 at 06:36 AM

RP

“ Heartfelt sympathy to Kim and the family and friends. His was such an ebullient personality that the loss must feel like sudden silence, but his voice and his laugh can still be heard. Chuck Zuzak was my dean when I was hired at SRU in 1991. Strikingly, he was an administrator who made it clear that he cared about how I was doing, and he did so right up to his retirement. Today is my last day of work as I retire, so I've been thinking about him a lot all semester with much affection. Thanks for all you did, Chuck. Thanks for your warmth, and most of all, for all the stories and good humor. You affected many lives and you leave a dear legacy. I'm sure your family takes comfort in knowing it was a vibrant life well-lived and that it continues in all who knew you.

Rachela

Rachela Permenter - December 03, 2020 at 03:56 PM

HE

“ Rest easy Uncle Chuck. I'll miss you terribly. Please give mom a hug for me. I love you tons.

Heidi - December 01, 2020 at 05:55 PM

EB

“ Chuck and I arrived at Slippery Rock State College, now University, in 1980. We immediately bonded and I was honored to MC his retirement party many years later. Chuck was a dear friend and colleague Under his leadership, the College of Arts and Sciences thrived. Chuck was also a loving father and husband. His love for Kim and her family had no limits.

I will miss our occasional talks, and was blessed to have him in my life. Our condolences and love to Kim and her family.

Elliott Baker

Elliott Baker - December 01, 2020 at 12:39 PM

RS

“ Dr. Zuzak was my direct supervisor during the years 1980-1990, and he and I were not only professional colleagues with the shared goal of providing the best possible education to the students of Slippery Rock University of PA, but also became close personal friends. I treasure all the time we spent together, and I have a large hole in my life with his passing. I learned a great deal from Chuck, not the least of which was an appreciation for being a leader with empathy and sensitivity and putting the well being of our colleagues at the top of our priority list. Chuck Zuzak's modus operandi as a Dean helped innumerable students, faculty, staff, and alums of our University. His influence lives on in their lives. My condolences to Kim and her children and partner. May God bless his soul.

Roy Stewart - December 01, 2020 at 10:49 AM

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