



Charles Cowperthwait

August 29, 1927 - May 15, 2024

Charles Cowperthwait of Pennsville NJ, went to be with the Lord and into glory on the morning of May 15, 2024. He is survived by his son, Kevin and his wife, Amy; his four grandchildren: Adam, Megan, Josiah, and Bethany who will always remember their Pop Pop as a quick-witted, fun-loving grandparent; and his 2 great-grandchildren, Ezra Weldon and Willow Cowperthwait, to these little ones he is loved as OG Pop Pop. He was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Audrey (Nixon) Cowperthwait.

Born August 29, 1927, Charlie's life began in Medford, NJ. He graduated from Rancocas Valley High School in 1946. After graduation, he worked for a few years at a knitting factory and enlisted in the United States Navy in 1949. He served 4 years in the Korean war as a Machinist on the USS Rich.

Charlie and Audrey first laid eyes on each other while Charlie was climbing a utility pole as an electrician for Atlantic City Electric in Penn Grove NJ. What they both said was it was love at first sight and they were married in 1957. They settled in Penns Grove after they got married and loved spending summers in Summers Point NJ at Audrey's family's summer home.

In 1958 they built their first home in Pennsville NJ shortly after Charlie accepted a position at the DuPont Chambers Works Plant as an electrician and electrical sketch. In 1964 they completed the adoption process and

welcomed Kevin into their family. He was a loving father who was always proud of his son. Though he had a quiet more reserved demeanor, he had a quick wit, and you knew he loved you because he would tease you. His quick wit and belly laugh will forever be a loving memory for his family.

Upon settling in Pennsville, Charlie and his family began attending Park Bible Baptist Church and remained active members for over 50 years serving as a trustee for several years and served on many committees. Charlie was always a helping hand and put his artistic talent to work for the puppet program and vacation Bible school each year. Charlie also served his community as an active member of Pennsville Fire and Rescue No. 1 for 60 years. Charlie was Chief of Department for eight years and served as Assistant Chief for many years. Charlie was a active member for those years still driving the fire apparatus into his 70's. In recognition of Charlie's service to the community, he was selected to the Septemberfest Parade Marshall in 2002.

Charlie is already deeply missed and leaves behind a family who loved their Dad, Pop, Pop POP, and OG Pop Pop very much. His Christian legacy of faithfulness to the Lord Jesus will continue to live on in his growing family. His family is comforted by the knowledge that he is now in Heaven with the Lord and his wife that passed 13 years ago. We know that this is not a permanent goodbye, we know that we too will one day spend eternity in heaven with him.

Family and friends are invited to Charlie's memorial service, 3pm Saturday, May 25, 2024, at Pennsville Fire Co. #1, 91 1st St, Pennsville, NJ 08070. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Charlie's memory to Pennsville Fire and Rescue Co 1. 91 First Street Pennsville, NJ 08070. For directions or to send an online condolence, visit www.stranofeeley.com

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 25. 3:00 PM (ET)

Pennsville Fire and Rescue Co 1.
91 First Street
Pennsville, NJ

Tribute Wall

KS

“ *Rest in Peace Chief.*

Kurt Shoemaker - May 27, 2024 at 08:00 PM

TF

“ *The Avkin Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Cowperthwait.*

The Avkin Family - May 23, 2024 at 12:08 PM

TF

“ *The Avkin Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Charles Cowperthwait.*



The Avkin Family - May 23, 2024 at 12:08 PM