



## Charles W. Schnauffer

December 21, 2025

Charles (Charlie) Walter Schnauffer, age 82, passed away on Sunday, December 21, at Sacred Heart Senior Living by the Creek in Northampton. He was born on March 10, 1943, in Weatherly, Pennsylvania, to Irene Andrews Schnauffer and Walter Schnauffer, who preceded him in death.

The love of his life, Laurie McHugh Schnauffer, preceded him in death in April of 2024, and now they are reunited for eternity, free to continue their storybook love.

Charlie is survived by his daughters, Karrie Schnauffer Hamilton (Steve) of Pasadena, MD; Lee Ann Kubitsky Ireland (Chris) of Findlay, OH; Kelly Dart Delmaso (Ben Kibler) of Allentown, PA; and Laurie "Cookie" Dart Weslosky (Mark) of Northampton, PA; and his son, Scott Dart (Lori Stauffer) of Bethlehem, PA; his grandchildren, Brady and Ben Ireland, William Scheirer, Kyle Scheirer (Dr. Gabriella Roccino), Aaron and Abby Weslosky, Evan and Emily Dart; and his great-grandchildren: Jaden Leach and Wells Scheirer, and his sister, Elizabeth "Libby" Schnauffer Hays of Weatherly, PA.

Charlie was a 1961 graduate of Weatherly High School. After high school, he enlisted in the United

States Army and was stationed at Schofield Barracks in Honolulu, Hawaii, where he served as a tank driver. While stationed there, he developed a deep love and appreciation for the Hawaiian Islands. Throughout their marriage, he and Laurie returned many times to explore new places and soak in the spirit of Aloha.

Charlie was a master carpenter, a gifted storyteller, and the biggest sandbagger you ever met. His joy was infectious, and he truly never met a stranger. One of his favorite stories was about building his first house. While bartending at Lake Harmony Lodge, he was asked if he knew how to build a house. "Absolutely," he replied. The next day, he went to the library and checked out a book on how to build a house. He and a buddy built it, and his life as a contractor began. Some questioned the validity of the story, but Charlie had such a way of weaving a tale that you always believed him—even when you knew it might be a tall one.

Charlie's favorite Sunday activity was spending time with his cousins, Danny and Ricky Andrews, at Silver Ridge Hunting Club—sitting in his cabin, cooking breakfast, and "thinking" about deer hunting.

His humor and love are forever ingrained in those who knew him, and the thought of living without him feels unfathomable

A memorial service will be held on Saturday January 3, 2026 at 11:00 A.M. at the J.S. Burkholder Funeral home 16th and Hamilton Sts Allentown. A calling hour will be held on Saturday from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. in the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Habitat for Humanity of the Lehigh

Valley in Charlie's memory. One of his greatest pleasures was reading the Joe

Pickett series by C. J. Box, where he found stories of courage, fairness, and ordinary people quietly doing extraordinary things—values he carried throughout his own life.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Calling Hours

JAN 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

J.S. Burkholder Funeral Home, Inc.  
1601 Hamilton St.  
Allentown, PA 18102

### Memorial Service

JAN 3. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *J S Burkholder Funeral Home Inc created a Webcast in memory of Charles W. Schnauffer*



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**J S Burkholder Funeral Home Inc** - January 03 at 06:39 AM

CP

“ *You have my condolences. I worked with Charlie at Habitat for Humanity. He was always happy to share his knowledge with me. I learned a lot about construction from him. But most of all I learned what a caring and talkative person he was. Boy, did we talk about our lives, our experiences in the military and even about being at the POCONO 10 concert in '72. It was my honor to have known him and Laurie.*

*Casmier Pelc*

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**Casmier Pelc** - January 02 at 08:45 PM

CE

“ *Charlie was my friend and neighbor in Lake Harmony. We always had good laughs. We drifted apart and later Charlie married Laurie, who was a classmate of mine. We reunited at reunions and other class gatherings. Condolences to family and friends*  
*Clint and Cher Eckley*

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**Clinton ECKLEY** - January 01 at 06:18 PM

JT

“ I was saddened to learn of Charlie’s passing. He was our construction leader at Habitat for Humanity and was the kindest most wonderful person to work with. If something didn’t fit or work all you had to do was holler “Hey Charlie “ and he’d be right there to help you and show you the way. May God bless you Charlie and grant you eternal peace in his hands. Jim Toolan

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**Jim Toolan** - December 31, 2025 at 10:34 AM

JM

“ Sorry for your loss. I go back to the days in Lake Harmony. Charlie was a terrific guy and a great friend. We had some great times. RIP Buddy. 🙏🙏

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**Joseph Moeller** - December 29, 2025 at 10:32 PM

MC

“ It was a privilege to work with Charlie at Habitat for Humanity.

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**Marty Cottrell** - December 28, 2025 at 09:09 PM



“ I so enjoyed Charley, such a kind person, glad he'll be with Laurie now in peace

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**Hannelore Devlin** - December 28, 2025 at 08:57 PM