



Chuck F. Lammlein

September 20, 1924 - March 3, 2015

Charles “Chuck” F. Lammlein age 90 of Camdenton, Missouri, formerly of Rolla, Missouri, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at Lake Regional Hospital in Osage Beach, Missouri. He was born in St. Louis, Missouri on September 20, 1924 to the late Eugene Sr. and Marie (Andreas) Lammlein.

Chuck and wife Shirley moved to Rolla in 1962 and built Coachlite Lanes (formerly Colonial Lanes), and the family still owns the business. Coachlite Lanes brought many in the Rolla area to bowling as both a sport and a place for community and friendship. Coachlite Lanes also became a home-away-from-home for countless MS&T students, soldiers at Fort Leonard Wood, and cadets at the former Highway Patrol Academy in Rolla, and many friendships were formed that have lasted for decades. Through Coachlite Lanes, Chuck brought to Rolla exhibitions by professional bowlers, appearances by bowling luminaries such as the late Dick Weber, and many state tournaments with thousands of bowlers coming to Rolla.

From the late 1940s through the 1960s, Chuck was unquestionably one of the best bowlers in the US, with many St. Louis media articles documenting his accomplishments. As of 1945, when he was 21, 206 perfect 300 games had been bowled in the history of the bowling in the US, and five of them were his. That same year, he bowled three, three-game 700 series in one week, including a 783 and a 791. In 1950, his Zierns Antiques team logged a record five-man, scratch 1300 team game, led by Chuck with a 279 game. That world

record stood for many years. He also was part of the team that logged a 3386 scratch team total for three games, a record at the time in St. Louis. He had so many 300 games that he and his family lost count years ago.

He was a member of the Professional Bowlers Association, and later teamed to sponsor several nationally televised PBA events from Dick Weber Lanes in St. Louis. He was an innovator in the promotion of bowling, and pioneered the idea of exhibitions on outdoor bowling lanes that was later featured on the David Letterman show, among others.

Chuck was a proud member of the National Rifle Association and a 50 year member of Rolla Lodge 213 of the Order of the Masons. He was a member of the South Central Bowling Association Hall of Fame and the Missouri State Association Hall of Fame for his bowling accomplishments. He loved animals, the Kansas City Chiefs, collecting/selling cars and boats, life on the Lake of the Ozarks, and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife Betty (Gann) Lammlein; son Steven (Marcy) Lammlein; daughter Marjorie (Loris) Piepho; grandchildren, Tracy Piepho, Jason Peipho, Sara Piepho, Lonny Gann, Steven Gann and Denise Wynn; several great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Chuck is preceded in death by his brother Eugene Lammlein, first wife Marjorie and second wife Shirley.

Graveside service for Chuck will be 11:00AM Saturday, March 7, 2015 at the Sunset Memorial Park, St. Louis, Missouri with Pastor Nathan Kuhlman officiating. Visitation for family and friends will be held Friday, March 6, 2015 from 5:00PM-8:00PM at the Rolla Chapel of the James and Gahr Mortuary, Rolla, Missouri. Memorials are suggested to the Chuck Lammlein Youth Bowling Fund. Cards are available at all James & Gahr locations.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Park

Affton, MO 63123

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Rolla
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Rolla, MO 65401
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Graveside Service

MAR 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sunset Memorial Park
Affton, MO 63123

Tribute Wall



“ *Chuck F. Lammlein*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *Chuck F. Lammlein*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *Bob and I owned Pioneer Janitorial Services and had worked for Chuck and Shirley for many years & days a week making sure the Bowling ale was in tip top shape he will surly be missed our condolence to the family for you loss rest in peace my friend , I remember a bowling tournament in Reno chuck and Shirley went with us and when we cot to Reno Chuck had a limo waiting for us 8 lady's that just the way he and Shirley was*

April M Jones - March 06, 2015 at 02:16 PM



“ *Sentimental Dreams was purchased for the family of Chuck F. Lammlein.*



March 06, 2015 at 09:55 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of Chuck's passing. My husband worked for Chuck and Shirley when they first built Colonial Lanes. Those were the days before automatic pin setters. They were very nice people.

Dorothy Benson (widow of Benny Benson)

Dorothy Benson - March 05, 2015 at 09:13 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Chuck F. Lammlein.*



March 05, 2015 at 04:15 PM