



Charles William Edelman

June 19, 1941 - August 16, 2013

Charles William Edelman, age 72, a longtime resident of Albuquerque, NM, passed away Friday, August 16, 2013. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Natsuko Edelman; children, Miki Edelman and Betty Naomi Leake and husband, Vernon; grandchildren, Madison Leake (16), Garrett Leake (7), and Grant Leake (3); and sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Bill Spencer. Charles was born in Bowling Green, KY. He graduated from Sandia High School in 1959 and began his service in the U.S. Navy that same year. He finished his military career serving in the Vietnam War. After an honorable discharge, he graduated from Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan and returned to Albuquerque in 1970 where he obtained his Master's degree at UNM Anderson School of Business. He became an instructor at TVI and was there for over 20 years retiring in 1996 as the Associate Dean for the Business School. He also taught at the University of Phoenix where he served as an Academic Advisor and Instructor of Economics. Charles was an avid western history scholar and published a book about The Birdcage Theatre in Tombstone, AZ. Cremation has taken place and a Memorial Mass will be celebrated Thursday, August 22, 2013, 11:00 a.m., at Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 12500 Carmel Ave. NE. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Charles Edelman Scholarship Fund to sponsor deserving students. Donations can be sent to any New Mexico Educators Federal Credit Union.

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7121 Wyoming Blvd. NE
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Cemetery Details

Santa Fe National Cemetery

Santa Fe, NM

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

AUG **22**. 11:00 AM (MT)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church
12500 Carmel Ave. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87122

Tribute Wall

HR

“ *Mr Edelman was my instructor for several classes in the 1980's. He was a great inspiring instructor. I often think of what he taught us. I looked him up when I was reviewing some old school paperwork. Sorry for the family and fiends loss. May God give you peace. Know that Chuck made a positive difference in many lives. Glad to have had him as a teacher.*

Hope Torrez Ruiz - January 17, 2025 at 06:41 PM

DG

“ *Mr. Edelman was my teacher when once I had the privilege to learn from him. I found him warm, wonderful, enthusiastic and sincere. He was a man of character who brought enlightenment to his class. Sincerely,
Deborah Gonzales*

Deborah Gonzales - July 07, 2015 at 03:32 AM

MO

“ *I am so sorry to hear Chuck is no longer withus. I had the honor of being a student in his statistics class. He was such an inspiring professor. I always had such great respect for him. I am so happy that I got to mee Professor Edelman at University of Phoenix. He was always around to help and encourage anyone. I am so sad tp hear of your loss. I will keep your family in my prayers. Respectfully, Melissa Ortega MSADoctoral Candidate DBA Program at UoP....thanks to Chuck:-)*



Melissa Ortega - July 23, 2014 at 01:20 PM

VY

“ *Belatedly I was so sorry to hear about Charles' passing. I wished that I had more time to spend with him after meeting at the picnic. Again my sympathies to the family.*

Victor Yamada

Victor Yamada - September 17, 2013 at 11:36 AM

RB

“ *Dear Natusuko and family, we were so sorry to hear about Charles passing. Sister Cities will miss him. May God's comfort be with you all. --Richard Buckler, President, ASCF.*

Richard Buckler - August 28, 2013 at 10:28 AM

CL

“ *I Remember*

I remember; When we walked and talked one cool morning in Napa Valley, California.

I remember; A trip to Sky-City, and the shirt you bought for me, which I still wear.

I remember; Our trip to Fort Union, and a stop off your at the International College.

I remember ; The hunches and the fun times at Sanoia Casino.

I remember; Our trip to Nauvoo and Carthage to see the Carthage trail.

I remember; How I enjoyed your company and listening to your stories about the Bird Cage Saloon.

I remember; Then I smile. I only wish we could have had the time to add more memories to the list.

God willing that may be a possibility. Someday.

Your Friend, Chuck Leake

Chuck Leake - August 27, 2013 at 02:13 PM

ML

“ You will never know how much joy your daughter and your family have brought into Vern's life. They also know you are keeping a close eye on Garrett as he goes to his ti-kwan-do classes and competition. He had such fun on those little trips and adventures - just the two guys out and exploring. The memory of you will always be with Grant through pictures and fantastic stories everyone will tell. the had great times with you in Dallas City, Nappa Valley and Albuquerque. Forever Love,
Madeline

Madeline Leake - August 24, 2013 at 11:35 AM

JH

“ "Really going to miss you, old buddy. Not many have had the times we had - out there in the country and old western towns. Remember to wear your boots. You can't wear jogging sneakers out there or the old timers won't talk to you. Happy Trails."
Jim Holmes

Jim Holmes - August 21, 2013 at 08:54 PM

HB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Chuck was always beaming with pride at the dojang, supporting Garrett each step of the way. I know he will continue to watch over Garrett as he continues his martial arts journey toward his black belt. My thoughts and prayers are with your family through these difficult times. Heather Burdge

Heather Burdge - August 20, 2013 at 10:36 PM



“ *White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Charles William Edelman.*



August 20, 2013 at 02:06 PM



“ *To the Edelman & Leake Families - We are so saddened to know that we will no longer see Chuck at the Dojang. He was a great addition to our Taekwondo Family, always here to encourage Garrett in his training and lessons. He was an interesting man with many great stories and he was so proud of his family. May all of you find peace and comfort in the many memories that you have of him.*
Kristine Blackman

Kristine Blackman - August 20, 2013 at 01:43 PM



“ *I first met Chuck in the late 1980s when I joined the faculty at the University of Phoenix. He was one of the "originals" at the NM Campus and will always be remembered for his sense of humor, subject knowledge, and an engaging delivery in the classroom. He did a lot for the thousands of students he taught over many years and made a significant contribution to the local education community.*

Dr. James H. Olsen, Jr., PE

Dr. James H. Olsen, Jr., PE - August 20, 2013 at 01:37 PM



“ *On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.* ”

Harold Hamilton - August 19, 2013 at 04:35 PM