



Charles E. Richline

September 4, 1936 - February 3, 2026

Charles Edward Richline, 89, resident of Zeeland, Michigan, formerly of Washington, New Jersey, and Hughson, California, passed away suddenly on Tuesday, February 3, 2026.

Charles was born at home in Harmony, New Jersey on September 4, 1936, to Charles and Charlotte (Williamson) Richline. After high school and technical school Charles became an electrician and founded the family business, CNG Electronics, with his brother-in-law Gene Haushold and friend Norman Snyder. They repaired televisions and appliances, and he later oversaw a manufacturing assembly line. Charles was mechanically gifted and he also was a master carpenter. He could build and fix just about everything and even designed and built the home where the family lived in New Jersey.

Charles met Norma Mae Powers and they married in 1957. Together, they raised two children and worked side-by-side at CNG. Charles and Norma enjoyed traveling, taking trips to Hawaii, Japan, and Costa Rica. They also went camping throughout the eastern seaboard, enjoying lobster in Maine and blueberry picking on Cadillac Mountain. They moved to California and later Michigan to be near family.

A man of deep faith, Charles served as a deacon and elder at Calvary Community Church (NJ) and a deacon at Sovereign Grace Community

Church (CA). For many years he and Norma led and cooked the Easter morning breakfasts at their churches. Charles was always busy. He was a beekeeper, a fantastic gardener, and a winemaker.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Norma, their children: Pastor Mark and Jeni Richline, Denise and Pastor Brian Layman; grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Sabrina and Joe Sato (Esther, Louis), Joshua and Samantha Richline (Charles), Julia Richline, Isaiah Richline, Jaxom Layman, Azia Layman, Julian Layman, Caleb Layman; brother Carl Richline, sister-in-law Pat and Jerry Hart, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am, Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at Grace Fellowship Orthodox Presbyterian Church, 435 West Main Ave., Zeeland MI 49464. Visitation will be 6-8 pm, Tuesday at the Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S. State Street, Zeeland MI 49464. Memorial contributions may be made to The Orthodox Presbyterian Church "in memory of Charles Richline" Attn: Committee on Foreign Missions 607 N. Easton Rd., Bldg. E, Willow Grove, PA 19090-2539.

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Cemetery Details

West Drenthe Cemetery

862 78th Avenue
Zeeland, MI 49464

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 10. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Yntema Funeral Home
251 South State Street
Zeeland, MI 49464

Funeral Service

FEB 11. 11:00 AM - 11:50 AM (ET)

Grace Fellowship Orthodox Presbyterian Church
435 West Main Ave.
Zeeland, MI 49464

Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles E. Richline*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - February 10 at 11:23 AM

KH

“ *Kim H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles E. Richline.*

Kim H. - February 10 at 06:18 PM

FH

“ *From Linda Hausold and Ed Heckman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles E. Richline.*

From Linda Hausold and Ed Heckman - February 10 at 11:33 AM

FH

“ *From Linda Hausold and Ed Heckman purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Charles E. Richline.*



From Linda Hausold and Ed Heckman - February 10 at 11:33 AM

PB

“ I served at Calvary In Harmony, NJ with Charley and Norma, watching Mark and Denise grow to be believers themselves. Charley and Norma both had a great sense of humor. We also served together at French Creek Bible camp. We had a lot of laughs together as we served our Lord. I see Mark is now pastoring a church so I thought I'd send a card of sympathy to Norma and the family in care of that church since I don't know their new address. I only have the California address. Joe (aka Robert) was also sorry to hear of Charley's passing but we all know where he is and we rejoice for him but we weep for Norma and the family left behind. Someday we will all worship together again! In Christian Love,
Peggy and Ed Baumgartner

Peggy Baumgartner - February 09 at 08:21 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Charles E. Richline.



February 09 at 10:17 AM

GG

“ Grace Fellowship Saturday Small Group planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles E. Richline.

Grace Fellowship Saturday Small Group - February 09 at 10:17 AM

PD

“ Chuck and I became Elders together at the same time at Calvary Community Church. To serve on the Session along side of him was one of my greatest privileges. I would describe him as being “in touch “. He was first in touch with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and always seemed to have the bigger picture in view . He was in touch with his wife Norma and showed the congregation how to love a spouse and to show true affection. He was in touch with his church family and was able to impart godly wisdom in dealing with the flock entrusted to his care.

“To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord “

My thoughts and prayers to Norma, Mark and Denise and to the entire family.

Love In Christ

Peter deBoer

Peter deBoer - February 07 at 07:41 PM

JW

“ We knew Chuck for many years at Calvary in Harmony, NJ and enjoyed their yearly visits to our home after moving to California. He will be deeply missed. Knowing that he is with his Lord and Savior Jesus is a great consolation because we will see him again. Always remember He gives us more grace as the burdens grow stronger.

Joyce and Jim Wright

Joyce Wright - February 07 at 05:36 PM

KA

“ Deepest sympathy to Denise and the whole family. May God comfort you during this difficult time.



Kathy - February 07 at 01:27 PM