



## Clarence E. "Chuck" Varney

July 10, 1944 - November 13, 2016

Clarence E. "Chuck" Varney of Highland, IL died at age 72 on Sunday, November 13, 2016, at Highland Health Care Center in Highland, IL.

Dad was born the son of Englin Varney and Corba Varney Pittman on Monday, July 10, 1944, in Verdunville, WV. They raised him in the town of Beckley, WV where he went to Mount Hope High School. In 1961 his high school football team won the state of West Virginia's AA State Championship. He then graduated in 1962 and served active duty in the US Marine Corps. He then met and married Marilyn Schlife Varney Dillingham in Washington DC while working for Eastern Airlines. He later transferred to Eastern Airlines in the St Louis, MO area. His next job was with Frisco Railroad Lines where he learned the skills to work for his final occupation which was with Anheuser Busch Brewing Company on their Manufactures Railway Company (MRS) railroad division where he worked as a car inspector. After working at AB for many years he decided to take an early retirement.

In his middle age years he enjoyed playing "very competitive" softball and football with the teams of the apartment complexes where he lived which were "Woodhollow" and "Spanish Trace" located in Maryland Heights, MO. He definitely enjoyed life to the fullest during these years. He finally settled down later in Highland, IL where he had many friends to visit with daily. Those who knew him knew he loved drinking a few beers and watching sports on TV all

day long. His favorite teams were the Nebraska Cornhuskers, West Virginia Mountaineers and St Louis Cardinals unless of course they were playing the Cincinnati Reds.

Chuck's Family included:

Son and Daughter-In-Law - Michael and Karen Varney of St Charles, MO

Grandchild - Sara Beth Varney

Grandchild - John M. Varney

Grandchild - Joseph M. Varney of Chester, NE

Daughter - Robin M. Gascon of Beatrice, NE

Grandchild - Evelyn B. Gascon of Beatrice, NE

Grandchild - Benjamin P. Gascon of Beatrice, NE

Grandchild - Alexandria M. Gascon Estrada of Carson City, NV (3 Great Grandchildren)

Grandchild - Lacey A. Gascon of Carson City, NV (3 Great Grandchildren)

Grandchild - Michael M. Gascon of Lincoln, NE

Sister and Brother-In-Law - Jean and Frank Beard of Beckley, WV

Brother and Sister-In-Law - Junior and Donna Varney of Beckley, WV

Aunt - Goldie Boyd of Lakeland, FL

Cousin - Pam Fox of Lakeland, FL

Many nieces and nephews

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Englin Elbert Varney (Died in 1999)

Mother - Corba Varney Pittman (Died in 2005)

Grandchild - Sara Beth Varney (Died in 1996)

Grandchild - John Michael Varney (Died in 1997)

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in

Highland, IL.

Graveside Service will be at 10:00 AM on Friday, November 25, 2016, at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in St Charles, MO. We would like to invite everyone who knew and loved him. This service will be casual dress and we also encourage you to wear your favorite sports team's colors and gear. Dad would have liked everyone celebrating his life with a sports theme.

All memorial contributions may be made to the family which will be used towards his gravesite headstone.

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ Chuck was the first guy I met when I moved from Dallas to St. Louis in 1978. I lived in the Woodhollow Apartments and I still remember his great smile and warm welcome to STL and the apt. complex. My fiance and I had many get-togethers there which Chuck was always a part of. He taught me his great chili recipe which he made for the gang at Woodhollow several times. That was 38 years ago and I still use it today! After my fiance and I married we moved across town to Ballwin but always stayed in touch with Chuck. I played in the Apartment football league and saw him at the field on Saturdays. He was a great sportsman and I always enjoyed having a beer with him after the games. I will never forget Chuck's warm personality, humor and genuine friendship. Rest in peace my friend. - Jim

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**Jim Myer** - January 31, 2017 at 07:51 PM

KW

“ Chuck introduced me to my first Bullfrog cocktail during St. Patrick's day many years ago and I think of him every year on that holiday. He always had such a wonderful smile and contagious laugh. As one of Robin's childhood friends, he always kept a genuine interest in my life and he will be missed.

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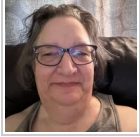
**Kristin Whiteside** - November 21, 2016 at 01:51 PM

DW

“ You're absolutely right, I always enjoyed seeing Chuck and sharing a cold one and many interesting conversations. He will be missed.

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**Donn Willeford** - November 16, 2016 at 12:28 PM



“ Sue Ballew lit a candle in memory of Clarence E. "Chuck" Varney



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**Sue Ballew** - November 15, 2016 at 10:26 PM



“ One of my favorite people. Wish we had been closer as the years went on. Will never forget the kindness he and Marilyn showed me after my Dad was killed in a mine explosion in Mt. Hope, WV. I was only 10 and so deep in my grief, I didn't know what to do. They took me to Washington, DC to stay with them for a few weeks afterwards. I really don't know how I would have made it through that time without them. They took me all over Washington and it was the best time I've ever had. I have always been grateful to them both for that time.  
Bless you Robin and Micheal and your families in your time of loss. Clarence was a good soul, who had a horrible life growing up, which contributed to his later life issues.  
RIP CLARENCE, You deserve it.  
Your Loving Cousin, Pam Fox

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**Pamela Fox** - November 15, 2016 at 06:55 PM



“ Peggy LeValley Brock lit a candle in memory of Clarence E. "Chuck" Varney



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**Peggy LeValley Brock** - November 15, 2016 at 06:18 PM

PL

“ Clarence was 10 years older than me, and was like a big brother growing up. Always fun and would watch after me and not let me get hurt. I always remembered his and Marylins kindness to me after my fateher was killed in a mine explosion in Mt. Hope, WVa. I was 10 years old, going through a terrible time grieving. They took me up to stay with them a few weeks, in Washington, DC, taking me all over to the Museums, Mt. Vernon, Arlington Cemetery and more. Their kindness meant the world to me and will never be forgotten. My deepest condolences to Robin, Micheal and the entire family. I know Clarence is finally RIP. 💔💕🌸 He had a hard life growing up of which he had no control over. His heart was good, but life can be unbearable sometimes and coping can be hard. His demons are gone now and he is at peace. Always Loved You Clarence even though we grew away from each other as we got older. 😔

Pamela Fox /Cousin/ Lakeland,Fla - November 15, 2016 at 03:34 PM

MV

Thanks Pam for sharing your story with us... I love hearing about Dad's earlier years... ;)

Michael Varney - November 16, 2016 at 01:39 PM



“ Jeannie Lou lit a candle in memory of Clarence E. "Chuck" Varney



Jeannie Lou - November 15, 2016 at 02:04 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss. May GOD give you Peace & Comfort during this sad time. My step-father, Elmer J. Varney, was so very proud of his nephews. I wish I was able to pay my respects, but unfortunately I am so far away! Know that you ALL are in my thoughts & prayers!



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**Jeannie Lou** - November 15, 2016 at 02:03 PM

CB

*Robin and Michael. So very sorry for your loss. Just found Chuck's. 3/16/17 obituary. It was very nice. Thank you. I am now in Deland, FL. Left St Louis 1984. Looks like you've grown up to be great adults. Take care. Chris Batz*

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**christine batz** - March 18, 2017 at 03:09 PM