



Charles L. Strouphar

September 16, 1929 - November 4, 2021

Charles L. Strouphar, 92, of Fredericksburg, passed away on Thursday, November 4, 2021, at WellSpan GSH-Lebanon. He was the husband of the late Laura C. Fox Strouphar.

Born in Fredericksburg on September 16, 1929, he was the son of the late Charles E. and Cora M. Knapp Strouphar. He loved to tell stories and was quite knowledgeable about Fredericksburg history. He would say that after he was born, the world took one look and the stock market crashed. He was a member of the St. John's Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg and served there in several different capacities. He was a member of Mt. Lebanon Lodge #226, where he had served as Worshipful Master. He was also a member of the Harrisburg Consistory, York Rite Bodies, the Rajah Shrine, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, the NRA, and the Steelstown Gun Club.

Charles began his work career at the age of sixteen in Philadelphia for the poultry markets. Later he had his own business in Fredericksburg called the Red and White Rabbitry, where he raised New Zealand Whites. After closing his business, he began working for the PA State Game Commission and retired in 1989 as the Manager of Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area. He was instrumental in the development of Middle Creek and was known as Mr. Middle Creek.

He is survived by his daughter Sally Ann wife of Kenneth Boltz of Jonestown; son Charles L. Strouphar, Jr. and his wife Sandra of Fredericksburg; eight grandchildren; and thirteen great grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 173, Fredericksburg, PA 17026.

Tribute Wall

GH

“ I met and knew Mr. Strouphar from our visits to Middle Creek. I found him friendly, knowledgeable, caring, and always looked forward to seeing him at our next visit. It was obvious he had a love for everything "outdoors" and enjoyed sharing that love with others. My condolences to the family for their loss, though secure in the knowledge he's now with his Lord and Savior.

Gary Heuer - November 14, 2021 at 03:03 PM

LE

Charlie definitely was mr. Middle creek! You will be missed my friend

Lorne ealy - November 19, 2021 at 03:48 PM

CG

“ I have known Charlie since I was a boy growing up on a farm not far from Fredericksburg. But I really got to know him starting in 1970 when I became a vocational agriculture and natural resource teacher at the Ephrata Area School District which coincided with the creation of the Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area under Charlie's very capable guidance and leadership. During a nine year period I used Middle Creek as an outdoors classroom and Charlie was always willing to share his time and expertise with my students. In 1980, when I began my twenty eight year career with the Pennsylvania Game Commission, our relationship took on a new dimension as we worked together to implement numerous new outreach programs at Middle Creek. After Charlie retired, over the course of several years, I had the pleasure of shooting skeet and sporting clays with him and Charlie Jr. He was a great man with a big heart and will be sorely missed by many!

Carl Graybill

Carl Graybill - November 13, 2021 at 08:09 AM

JE

Condolences to Mr. Strouphar. I am an anthropologist that bought some of his items on ebay from an estate sale. Can you get me into contact with someone that would know what they are?

Jennifer - June 04, 2022 at 05:33 PM

ES

“ I met Charlie when I worked at Middle Creek & he had retired from there. I never met a friendlier man. His deep knowledge of local history and story telling were endlessly entertaining; his dedication to conservation made him a role model for so many, including myself. Deepest sympathy to the family.

Eleanor Sweeney - November 12, 2021 at 07:11 AM

NH

“ To your family from ours, with deepest sympathy on the loss of you father and grandfather.

Kate Eichelberger

Tom Hasson

Nancy Hipp

Nancy Hipp - November 10, 2021 at 06:14 PM

CZ

“ Our sincere condolences to the Strouphar family. Our parents were friends and we have good memories from times spent at St. John's Lutheran Church. May your good memories of your wonderful parents, Laura & Charlie, give you comfort. They were special people.

Carol (Withers) & Gary Zellner & Family

Carol & Gary Zellner - November 10, 2021 at 03:52 PM

WS

“ Quig Stump and I were the first student officers assigned to Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area for Land Management Training. All I can say it was truly a rewarding experience. To spend two weeks with Stroopie was truly outstanding what a man - what a legend. Proud to say Charlie and Laura were my friends.

My sincere condolences goes out to the Strouphar Family.

Willis A. Sneath - November 09, 2021 at 10:01 PM

KS

“ Charlie was the the first PGC employee that I ever met. I was a senior in college and interviewed him for a paper that I was writing. Middle Creek was in its infancy with the first controlled goose hunt planned for the coming fall. Before spending that day with Charlie, I thought that I wanted a career with the PGC - by the end of the day I knew it. A wonderful man, a grass roots conservationist , and an inspiration to many. I was privileged to know you in this life and hope we cross paths in the next. God bless you and your family.

Keith Sanford retired WCO/LMO

Keith Sanford - November 09, 2021 at 04:05 PM

CL

“ Charlie was a great Conservationist and an icon at Middle Creek for many years. It was a pleasure to meet and work with him. He'll be greatly missed.

*Chuck Lincoln,
Law Enforcement Supervisor
Southeast Region*

Charles J Lincoln - November 09, 2021 at 02:12 PM

TB

“ *What a character.! He always had a story to tell and I loved listening to them. I remember visiting him at his home with my Dad, Glenn Bowers, when Charlie showed us his gun collection and he shared a story about each one. He was a treasure. I send my sincere condolences to his family.*

Toby Bowers - November 09, 2021 at 11:03 AM

SM

“ *We have truly lost a legend. For those of us who were blessed and fortunate enough to know “Stroopie” we have lost someone who could turn a bad day into a great day with just a smile and a comment Or a joke. Have a wonderful journey my friend. You will be missed here but heaven has gained a special angel!*

Steve Martin - November 09, 2021 at 09:29 AM

JB

“ *Charlie Strouphar was one of my heroes and a mentor, he was probably the reason I wound up working at Middle Creek. He and Laura were always two of my favorite people, I'll miss them.*

*Jim Binder
PGC Retired*

Jim Binder - November 09, 2021 at 09:26 AM

LS

“ *Thank you Charlie for sharing your knowledge of nature, the outdoors and life in such a kind manner. You made an impression on this GW's life*

Linda

Linda Swank - November 09, 2021 at 09:24 AM

JS

“ You befriended a freshly-minted 22 year old District Game Protector back in 1973.

You were generous with your time and guidance. Thank you sir.
Godspeed in your journey Charlie.

Jack Schweitzer, Eagle Nest, New Mexico
15th Class RLSC

Jack Schweitzer - November 09, 2021 at 08:45 AM

KH

“ I could sit and listen to Charlie's stories forever! Charlie had a wonderful memory and he will surely be missed! R. I.P. Charlie!
Sincere condolences to the family! Kathleen Hickernell

Kathleen Hickernell - November 08, 2021 at 12:55 PM

JH

“ Too many memories to pick one but will miss our Weekly Friday Breakfasts. I learned a lot from Charlie in the 40 years I knew him.
Our condolences to the family

Jim Hickernell - November 08, 2021 at 12:54 PM