



Charles "Charlie" Conochalla

October 21, 1919 - January 27, 2006

Charles "Charlie" Conochalla, 86, of New Britain, beloved husband of Delicia "Dolly" Cancellieri Conochalla, died Friday January 27, 2006 in Largo, Florida. A native and longtime New Britain resident, Charlie attended Hartford High School and served in the U.S. Army in the Phillipines during World War II, he also served for 23 years in the 76th Infantry Division with the Connecticut Army Reserve in West Hartford. He owned and operated Charlie's Market on North Street in New Britain for 25 years and later was a State Judicial Marshall for the past 35 years. Charlie summered in Old Saybrook and was an officer in the Great Hammock Beach Association. He was a member of St. Ann's Church in New Britain; was active in New Britain Democratic politics formerly serving on the Democratic Town Committee and as a Town Constable, as well as a New Britain Auxiliary Policeman. An avid Monday night bowler at T-Bowl in Newington and an enthusiastic card player, he was also a Fourth Degree Knight with Daley Council of the Knights of Columbus. Charlie was a member of the Angelo Tomasso Sr. Lodge, Sons of Italy; the Pvt. Walter J. Smith Post, VFW; the Italian Fraternal Society; and was a life member of the St. Joseph's College Fathers Association. Charlie loved to travel with his family. He touched and enriched the lives of everyone he met. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Besides his beloved wife Dolly, he is survived by a daughter, Angela Conochalla of New Britain; two brothers, John Conochalla of Winter Haven,

Florida, and Joseph Conochalla and his wife Eleanor of Wethersfield; two sisters, Madeline Maulucci of New Britain, and Mary Gaudette and her husband Richard of New Hartford; two sisters-in-law, Josephine Cancellieri of Wethersfield and Angela Cafaro of Largo, Florida; several nieces and nephews; and two beloved grandcats, Chellie and Casey.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday 8:30 AM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain followed by a Mass of Christian Burial 9:30 AM at St. Ann's Church. Entombment with military honors will be in the St. Mary Cemetery Mausoleum. Calling hours are Tuesday 4 to 8 PM at Carlson Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made to St. Ann's Church, 47 Clark Street, New Britain, CT 06051. Please share a memory or note of sympathy with Charlie's family by clicking on "GUESTBOOK" at the bottom of this page.

Tribute Wall

JO

“ Dolly and Angie, we were so very sorry to hear of Charlie's passing. Unfortunately we were on vacation and could not attend his services. He was such a gentle man with a zest for life. We will always remember holidays with you and those cut-throat card games after dinner. Please accept our sincere sympathy.

Jim and Ivy O'Neill - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ To Angie & Mrs. Conochalla, our thoughts & prayers are with you. Thinking of you,
Cook & Sandy Strong

Cook & Sandy Strong - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ To Charlie, I am humbled reading the eulogy of your life. Thank you for welcoming me to the family in such a manner as to allow me to feel comfortable. I am so glad yourself, Dolly and Angie made the trip to CA for our wedding. I loved your giving spirit and that is exactly what I will take with me the rest of my days. With much love and respect,...Steve Short
p.s. I will take good care of our little "pain in the a**"

Steve Short - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Angie and Family,
While I never met your father, I have heard many wonderful stories about him from you and Corinne. Please know that you, your father, and your family are in my prayers. May God, your friends, and family help you through this difficult time.

Terry Lawler - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you now. And a little "Old Man River" endures too. We love you and are with you in your tremendous hearts.

Tony and Joe

Anthony Spatafora - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ I will never forget my childhood hero, my Uncle or Godfather Charlie. A great great man, friend, and teacher. Always proud to be in his company and think of him as my second father. Peace and the grace of God always be with you Uncle Charlie.

Charles Bowtruczyk - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ We are truly saddened by Charlie's death and will remember him fondly. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dollie and Angela and the entire Conochalla family.

Kenneth J. Carifa - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ Hi Charlie,

We'll miss your smile, your friendly greetings, and we'll miss you.

Even though Great Hammock Beach is the best place to be here on earth, you're in an even better place than we are, so please pray for us.

Love,

Tina and George

George and Christine Gwizd - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *He was a great man, uncle, friend, and mentor to me. I will forever cherish the time I spent with him and the memories that he gave me. He will never be forgotten but always remembered. He will always be in my thoughts and heart. I will truly miss him. Much Love, Niece, Mae Marie*

Mae Marie Modifica - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Charlie was such a love. He was a very special person in my life and I will truly miss him.*
Marilyn

Marilyn Steinmetz - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ To Dolly: I never had the opportunity to meet you but I know you must be a very special lady because Charlie was a wonderful man. I worked at Probate Court in New Britain and called him many times. You could count on Charlie to get the job done professionally with a touch of caring. He had many, many friends which is a tribute to his personality. He will hold a special place in my memory. My deepest sympathies to you and your family.
Judy Lindgren

Judith Lindgren - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Dear Dolly,
May God Bless you with peace of mind.
Love,
Connie Collins and Family

connie collins - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GI

“ My name is Glenn Register II

Uncle Charlie was my favorite Uncle. He was a very cool guy. He was very nice to be hang out with.

I have a story to share of my favorite time with Uncle Charlie. It was last year when he came to visit us in Fla. I got to go to the dog races with him. He let me bring my friend Robert with us. We sat with Uncle Charlie. He showed me how to bet on the dogs. He gave me \$10 to play with. Well later I won \$80 !! and Uncle Charlie was happy that I listened to him. He said I did good. I treated him to Hooters after that, he liked that too.

I will miss Uncle Charlie, he was like my grandfather that I never got to know . He was a very cool guy. He even liked to play X-Box and Playstation with me. He was good at it too!

He would let me wash his car, then he take me to McDonalds later. When he was visiting here I showed him how to swing a golf club too- that was so funny. He took me out to eat and took me to the beach with him. He listened to me when I needed to tell him something without anyone around.

I liked that he had allot of war stories to tell me. He knew I liked to hear his stories.

He was a cool guy.

I miss him.

Glenn Register II age 16

Glenn T Register II - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *Uncle Charlie will truly be missed. What a wonderful soul he had. I think that everyone felt happy when they were in his presence. He truly loved and cared about people and he had a great sense of humor. He always made me laugh every time I saw him. My family and I send our deepest condolences and we will miss him very much.*

Claudia Pensiero Walker - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ I am a friend of Lisa and her mom Angie. I met 'Uncle Charlie' at one of Lisa's football parties last year and told him how Lisa was teaching me Italian phrases. Charlie told me - "ya know, there are two kinds of people in this world - Italians and those who want to be Italian." He was a very sweet man.

Ginger Hamill - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ We all have fond memories of Charlie..

My most favorite was recently of when we took Uncle Charlie to the USF Bulls Football game.

We invited Charlie to go with the 3 of us to Raymond James Stadium. Well, you'd thought we gave him the world He was so excited to come with us.

After all he hadn't been to a football game since the Army Navy game back in his early 20's.

Charlie wouldn't stop telling us how much fun he was having. He told his nephew Glenn stories of the Army Navy games that he went to, and how much fun he had. We got him hot dogs and beer and we stayed the whole game. During the game Charlie kept asking Glenn for his binoculars because he wanted to see the cheerleaders down in the front dancing. We were sitting close enough to see without the binoculars, but he wanted to see the pretty girls.

Anyway Charlie's prettiest girl he had was his beautiful Dolly of 66 years of marriage.

He always had a smile on his face and was ready to help out no matter what!

He MADE TIME for just you, no matter where you were. That was special to all of us.

He'd always say "Nicea nice," and have that familiar smile. When he hugged you it was real, like he meant it,

He'd squeeze ya....He loved loved loved his job in law enforcement and talked often of the stories about people he encountered from all walks of life.

When we were kids all the cousins, he loved showing us his hand cuffs. A funny memory I have of him, was at Old Saybrook. when I was around 6 when he jokingly handcuffed to the rail of the stairs my 2 cousins Bobby Greco and Gene Cancellieri, who were teens at the time. They were laughing so hard for hours trying to get out of them as Charlie watched on wile playing cards with the other relatives.

He was my godfather, my "second father" our son's "grandfather", and most of all a true friend.

*I'll miss my Sexy Uncle Charlie....aka "Uncle Jelly" ..
Lisa Cancellieri Register*

Lisa Register - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ *Dear Angie:*

I am so sorry to hear about your Dad. From all that you have shared with me about him, he was a great guy and I am sure he will be greatly missed.

I hope to see you soon and my prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.

Love, Sue

Susan Jameson - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *Dear Dollie and Angie,*

I am sorry for your loss. A few memories.

Early on Charlie put the toilet paper on the top of Mrs. Tanzi's flour order and I almost fell over picking up the 25 Lb Bag. I also remember going to the Dollie and Angie cottages to put the furniture up because of an impending storm. Thank you for all that you did for me.

Michael Golas - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ I was so saddened to learn of your great loss. He was a wonderful husband and father and friend to all who knew him. He will be missed greatly by all. We all wish to pass so peacefully, but it is so hard on everyone left behind.

I was hoping to give you my deepest sympathy personally, but I am unable to do so. I wish you peace and love and hope to see you soon.

*Love,
Florence*

Florence Ferrara - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ Dear Mary,
My sympathy and prayers to you and your family on the death of your brother Charlie. I remember fondly the party times at your home.

*Give my best to your family. Has Joe improved his plumbing skills??
Fr. McGann*

Fr. Richard McGann - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

XO

“ I am sorry to hear of your loss. I worked for Charlie for a while and referred Dolly to him. He was so great and loved my daughter Britney. Charlie held a special place in our heart and am very sorry to hear of this.

Xiomara

Xiomara Ortiz - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM