



Charles "Chuck" N. Reluga

January 13, 1937 - August 16, 2024

Charles "Chuck" N. Reluga, 87, of Niantic, husband of Ruth (Holt) Reluga, passed away Friday, August 16 at Beechwood Long Term Care Center in New London.

Born in New Britain, son of the late Mikolaj and Melania (Mazur) Reluga, he lived in Newington before moving to Niantic. Chuck was a graduate of New Britain High School, UCONN, and received his Master's from CCSU. He taught biology at Plainville High School for 34 years, retiring in 1998. He was a member of the CT Fly Fisherman's Association, served on the Attawan Beach Board of Governors, and the East Lyme Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions.

Chuck loved to say he was descended from a long line of Polish boat builders, building four wooden canoes and a Swampscott dory in his basement. He was an avid fly fisherman and had a deep curiosity for the natural world that he shared with all who knew him. His kindness, generosity, and good humor will be missed.

Besides his loving wife Ruth of 53 years, he leaves his son Timothy (Jessica Conway), daughter Elizabeth (Andrew Canellos) and three grandchildren, Arthur and Benjamin Reluga, and Evelyn Canellos. He is also survived by his sister, Lucille Reluga of New Britain and niece Kathryn Reluga of Easton. Chuck was predeceased by his parents, brother Henry Reluga and his wife Marie, sister Lillian Reluga, and nephew Eryc Reluga. Chuck's family expresses sincere thanks to the staff at Beechwood for all their loving care in his final year.

Calling hours will be held at Fulton-Theroux Funeral Service, 13 Lake Avenue, Niantic, CT 06357 on Wednesday (August 21, 2024) 5 to 7 PM followed by a short celebration of his life at 7PM. Private burial will be held on Thursday. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the CT Fly Fisherman's Association, PO Box 380268 East Hartford, CT 06138-0268. Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain, is assisting with arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Calling Hours

AUG 21. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Fulton-Theroux Funeral Home, Niantic
13 Lake Ave.
Niantic, CT 06357

Celebration of Life

AUG 21. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TS

“ Dear Ruth and Family,
I was deeply saddened to read of Chuck's passing. I enjoyed our walks and many discussions. However, I was surprised to learn of his passion for fly fishing. I guess that's the one thing we didn't discuss! Anyway, it was wonderful seeing you again and meeting all of your family. We made a donation to the CT Fly Fishing Association in his memory. My deepest sympathy and my love to all of you.
Tony Spinelli

Tony Spinelli - August 25, 2024 at 04:54 PM

JB

“ Dear Ruthie. Please accept my condolences on the passing of your husband and soulmate Chuck. In reading his obituary, I see you were blessed with many years together. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family as you walk through the coming days. With sympathy, Judy Frey Bellamy

Judy F. Bellamy - August 21, 2024 at 02:29 PM

JR

“ I am saddened to learn of Mr. Raluga's passing. He was a kind, gentle and knowledgeable teacher. I have fond memories of his dry humor and sheepish smile. There really aren't many teachers like him anymore. My condolences to his family.

John Ross - August 20, 2024 at 07:19 PM

KR

“ As the father to my best friend, he was the most of doting of fathers, and his daughter was the apple of his eye. The kindest of men, a great human! The world will miss Chuck but heaven gains a great man!

Kristen - August 18, 2024 at 04:47 PM

PW

“ Our favorite memories of Chuck were his bucket hat and his “- - - - - fleet”, as Ruthie referred to it!! One summer, he and Ruthie in one canoe, guided Mark and I, in another canoe, for a paddle on the CT River. We pulled up, side by side, under bunch of hanging trees to have a nice little Ruthie Lunch, and a splash of wine. It was a perfect day. One of Chuck's best talents, was making a tall, icy cold, gin and tonic after we spent a lazy afternoon on the beach. We loved this sweet, gentle, gentleman. He'll be in our hearts always. All love, Mark and Patty

Patty and Mark Welch - August 18, 2024 at 11:29 AM