

Charles “Charlie” Henry Frost



Charles “Charlie” Henry Frost, 87, went to be with the Lord on February 16, 2017. Services for Charles are Monday, February 27, 2017 at St. Raphael's at 1:30 p.m.

Charles was born June 10, 1929 to parents Henry M. and Josephine (Klein) Frost in Dubuque, IA and was the youngest of four children.

Charles attended St. Anthony's Catholic School in Dubuque before joining the United States Marines in 1951. He served three years in the Marines, part of that time in Korea.

On April 24, 1954 Charles married Rose Marie DesJarlais. Four children were born from this marriage; Rita, Jolene, James and Steven.

While raising their children in Dubuque, IA, Charles worked at the Water Treatment Plant. In 1968 Charles and his family moved to Fort Peck, MT, where he started his job in the Power House as a Custodian, but sometime later moved back to Dubuque for two years before again returning back to the open arms of the people of Fort Peck. Charles worked as a guard before changing to Power House Mechanic from 1971 to 1989 for the Corps of Engineers. Charles and Rose divorced in January of 1974. Charles continued to raise his children as a single parent until they were full grown.

Finding new love, Charles married Thelma L. Decker on October 5, 1979. In addition to Charles' four children, he would now share his love with Thelma's four children; Jacque, Stanley, Jody and Doug.

Charlie and Thelma retired from the Corps of Engineers in June of 1989 and moved to Lewistown, MT after traveling the state to find their new home. In Lewistown they joined the Good Samaritan Camping Club and often camping locally as well as traveling with their 5th wheel camper to Washington, Oregon, Iowa, and Arizona: spending two, six week trips to Arizona. Together Charlie and Thelma made other trips within the United States and outside the United States to Germany, Mexico and Canada. Of his many travels, he especially loved going back to Dubuque to visit his sister, Virginia and her family.

In earlier years Charles taught his boys how to hunt and fish. He took his family on across the country trips camping and taking in the sights along the way. Later in life, Charles would find his love for wood working: whittling his Diamond Willow canes and making many holiday decorations and toys for family and extended family members. From day one Charles was a dedicated flower and vegetable gardener; he was born with a natural green thumb, keeping his lawns and gardens beautiful and the envy of many.

In 2010 Charlie and Thelma moved to Glasgow, MT and resided at Nemont Manor.

There was no one that Charlie couldn't win over in friendship no matter where he went. There was no one he couldn't make laugh or smile, he was a natural charmer.

Charles is preceded in death by his parents Henry and Josephine; brother, Robert and sister-in-law, Lucille; sister, Lorraine and brother-in-law, Hugo; sister, Virginia and brother-in-law, Henry; grandson, Devon Frost; step-grandson, Kris Decker; son-in-law, Ray Allie and former wife, Rose Frost.

Charles is survived by his loving wife, Thelma of Glasgow, MT; children, Rita Allie of Nashua, MT, Jolene Debolt of Billings, MT, James (Robyn) of Comfort, TX and Steve (Michele) Frost of Glasgow, MT; step-children, Jacque Burner of Glasgow, MT, Stanley (Diane) Decker of WA, Jody (Mark) Nystrom of SD, and Doug Decker of ID; numerous grandkids; great-grandchildren; and Deb Stein and Deb Carson who knew Charlie as their second dad.

God bless you Charlie. You will be forever in our hearts.