



## Charles "Chuck" Morton

October 27, 1938 - June 7, 2020

Charles "Chuck" Morton went to heaven on June 7, 2020 at the age of 81 at his home in Covington, LA after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. He was surrounded by his wife of 58 years, Ann Gray Bartee Morton, his son Charles Gray Morton, his daughter Kathryn Page Poer, and his best friend Mike Binnings, a Chaplain of St. Tammany Parish Hospital who has been by his side during this journey.

He was born in New Orleans on October 27, 1938, graduated from Fortier High School, attended Hampton Sidney College where he joined the Kappa Alpha Order, and attended Tulane University. He was commissioned as a Reserve Second Lieutenant in the Army of the United States of America and served in the Louisiana National Guard. He was preceded in death by his parents John Flood Morton and Louise "TD" Morton. He is survived by his wife, Ann Gray Bartee Morton; his children, Kathryn Page Poer and Charles Gray Morton (Kathleen); his grandchildren, Preston Morton, Thomas Morton, William Morton, Clay Poer, and Scott Poer. He is also survived by his dear brother John Flood Morton Jr. (Roney), and three nieces and nephews, and their children.

Chuck found his calling when founded Sports & Entertainment Insurance Services with his son Gray Morton and Van Smither. Through his contacts with the Buccaneers where he handled the team's insurance, Chuck created a base of clients in the entertainment business, from ZZ Top to 40 other music promoters and artists throughout the United States. When bungee jumping became popular, he created an insurance program to cover these during ventures around the world.

Chuck was a community activist; he was a Deacon at St. Charles Presbyterian Church on the Insurance Committee. He served the United Way as Chairman of the Small Business Group and was awarded the Outstanding Young Campaign Worker of the Year and received the Rabbi Emil Leipziger Award. Chuck was Co-Chairman of Special Events for the Greater New Orleans Area Unit of the American Cancer Society. He also survived on the Board of Development for Mercy Hospital.

After moving to Covington in 2005, he and his wife joined the Covington Presbyterian Church where Chuck became involved with a group of men who worked together on Saturdays, known as "The Property Brothers"- a tight knit group of workers and jokers. Chuck was awarded the Wallace Carr Award for outstanding Service of Covington Presbyterian Church on September 13, 2015. He served as Deacon and an Elder on the Property Committee.

The most important things in his life were his many friends, neighbors, family, and enjoying social gatherings with everyone. He loved the beach, The Tally Ho Club, and weekends at each with family and friends. He has requested that his ashes be scattered in Lake Borne where he spent so many happy days fishing. His family wishes to thank Hospice of St. Tammany, especially Alden, and his wonderful sitters who cared for him so tenderly, Lovie, Destiny, Trellis, and Rebecka. He is now in the tender care of God.

A Visitation and Memorial Service will occur at a later date to be announced, at Covington Presbyterian Church.

Remembrances may be sent to Hospice of St. Tammany or Covington Presbyterian Church.

The Morton family invites you to share thoughts, fond memories, and condolences online at E. J. Fielding Funeral Home Guest Book at [www.ejfieldingfh.com](http://www.ejfieldingfh.com).

# Comments

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“ Miss Ann, Gray and Page, I wanted to express my condolences for your loss. Mr. Chuck was always a pleasure to be around. Whenever I was at your house, he made me feel like I was at home. I know that you already know this, but you were truly blessed to have him as a spouse and father. And, I was truly blessed to have had the opportunity to come to know him. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

**Wade Johnson** - June 18 at 04:24 PM

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“ Chucko (aka Possum) I will miss you as will many others that knew you. Sympathy to Ann, his wife, and other family members. Chuck did an excellent job at Covington Presbyterian Church as Property Chairman spending many hours seeing that contractor and other jobs were done correctly. He especially enjoyed spending time at the Church at the Saturday work parties with the Property Brothers a group of workers caring for the Church grounds and buildings. RIP my friend and you old Possum!

**Kent Meyers (aka Rabbit)** - June 16 at 08:31 AM

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“ I will miss my property brother Chuck (Possum) so very much. My sincerest condolences to Mrs. Ann and all of Chuck's family. The Angels better be on their toes. I'm sure Chuck is already stirring things up and filling the heavens with laughter. Herbie (Socks)

**Herbie Thorpe** - June 14 at 11:18 AM

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“ I got to know Chuck on my visits to Covington Presbyterian Church where we developed a good friendship. He will be missed.  
Bob White

**Bob White** - June 12 at 01:15 PM

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“ No one could have had a better next door Neighbor.  
  
He became a part of our family and will remain so.  
  
We shall think of him every time we step outside.

Our loss is Almighty God's gain.

God bless him.

Rick and Bridget Bissel

**eric bisse** - June 12 at 12:20 PM

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“ We miss you Chucko...So many fishing trips and dinners together. Charlotte and I will keep Ann and the family in our prayers. We know you are with God and you are at peace. I won't even try to find a new fishing buddy; I will toast you often with a cold beer or bourbon on the front porch. Peace be with you and serve the Lord well...Mike and Charlotte Binnings

**Mike Binnings** - June 12 at 05:46 AM