



Charles Theodore Chandler III

March 21, 1927 - October 29, 2016

Charles “Chuck” T. Chandler Jr.

Charles Chandler was born in San Diego on March 21, 1927 to Charles T. Sr. and Geneive Chandler. When he was 3 months old his mother lifted him to look to the sky to “see” Charles Lindberg wing his new Ryan San Diego built “Spirit of St. Louis” monoplane to New York to traverse the Atlantic solo non-stop to Paris. Charles Jr. “Chuck” is the eldest of 3 sons.

When he was 17 years old Charles enlisted in the U.S. Navy during WWII and served aboard the USS A.T.A. 198 based at the U.S. Naval Submarine Base at Pearl Harbor, T.H. Their duty was to patrol the Hawaiian Islands. He was awarded the U.S. WWII Victory Medal.

He was educated at Stanford University and is a life member of the Stanford Alumni Association, a member of the Founding Grant Society of Stanford University and a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He was a member of the Siskiyou Board of Realtors, a 4th degree Knight of Columbus, a former Cubmaster, a Life Scout and a member of the Ross Neilson Drum and Bugle Corp. He was the bugler of the Hornbrook chapter of the American Legion, a Yreka Rotarian and a parishioner of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church.

As a youth he dedicated himself to becoming a fine trumpeter and a

competitive golfer. His first professional job was playing at age 14 with the dance orchestra at the old Winthrop Hotel in Tacoma, Washington. While in college he played with concert bands and orchestras in the bay area and in Siskiyou County. In 1986 he founded and led the Siskiyou Big Band that was composed of the finest professional musicians in Siskiyou County and Southern Oregon. His orchestra played many large ballroom events and his collection of dance arrangements from some 3500 numbers of the '30's and '40's is one of the largest on the West Coast. It is a designated gift to his alma mater.

He gave thanks for the gift of his love and appreciation of music throughout his adult life and for his ability to play those grand compositions be it Sousa's famous marches, the love songs of Berlin and Porter or the arias of Carmen.

He played golf all his youth and thru college and as a young adult. He belonged to the Tacoma Golf and Country Club and the California Golf Club of San Francisco.

As an adult he enjoyed his many horses, outdoor fun, gardening and his Harley. He gave thanks for the gift of grace for his love of country, of his home and his Catholic faith and for Sally Ann who loved him.

A recitation of the rosary will be held at Girdner Funeral Chapel in Yreka on Friday, November 11th at 7:00 p.m. There will be a mass of Christian Burial at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Saturday, November 12th at 9:00 a.m., followed by a burial at Hornbrook Cemetery in Hornbrook.

Cemetery Details

Henley-Hornbrook Cemetery

15123 Oregon Road
Hornbrook, CA 96044

Previous Events

Rosary

NOV 11. 7:00 PM (PT)

Girdner Funeral Chapel
202 S. Oregon St.
Yreka, CA 96097
(530) 842-3434
<https://www.girdnerfuneralchapel.com>

Mass of the Christian Burial

NOV 12. 9:00 AM (PT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
314 Fourth Street
Yreka, CA 96097