



Charles N. O'Data

April 10, 1936 - October 4, 2021

Charles N. “Chick” O’Data of Beaver, PA, formerly of Rochester, entered the Church Triumphant on October 4, 2021. He passed peacefully of cardiac amyloidosis, surrounded by his family. He was born in Pittsburgh on April 10, 1936 to Nicholas C. O’Data and Madelene (Rowlands) O’Data who preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, G. Marilyn (Bloom) O’Data, the love of his life whom he found sitting next to him in Spanish class at Geneva College.

He is also survived by his children Jon (Judy) O’Data, Rochester; Ann (Tom) Lawson, Tallmadge, Ohio; grandchildren Aaron O’Data (Carrie Hadley), Pittsburgh; Lauren (Bret) Roth, Beaver Falls, and one great-granddaughter Riley Ann Roth; brother Gary (Debbie) O’Data, South Fayette, niece Jackie and nephew Drew.

Chick was a long-time member of Grace Lutheran Church, Rochester, for which he served as a council member and helped establish the church’s endowment fund. He started a daily devotional email and prayer chain which he maintained for nearly 20 years. He took great delight in entertaining children at the church by pretending to take off his finger and surprising them by “finding” quarters in their ears.

He graduated in 1954 from Brentwood High School and in 1958 from Geneva College. He joined the administration of Geneva College and became the Vice President for Development, a position he held for 37 years. Chick also served as Director of Administration and Chief Financial Officer for the Pittsburgh Symphony and Heinz Hall, and was a Director of National Sales for S.C. Johnson Company.

Active in community activities, he was the founder and chairman of the board of the Beaver County Foundation which has contributed more than \$9.6 million to the community in grants, awards, and scholarships since its founding. He was a long-time member of Rotary and a Paul Harris Fellow, an original board member of the Beaver County Corporation for Economic Development, a board member of the Fonar Corporation, and a 26-year member and former chairman of the board of the Medical Center—now part of Heritage Valley Health System. He was named Fundraiser of the Year by the Western Pennsylvania chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and in 1992 was made a Kentucky Colonel by then-governor Brereton Jones for his contributions to philanthropy.

An athlete and long-time supporter of athletic programs, Chick was inducted in the inaugural classes of both the Brentwood High School Hall of Fame and the Geneva College Athletic Hall of Fame. While at Geneva, he met and developed a friendship with Olympian Jesse Owens. They maintained their friendship until Owens' passing. Indeed, throughout his life of service, Chick met and befriended countless people and his family often joked that they couldn't go anywhere without running into someone he knew. Family and friends knew Chick as a strong, faithful, patient, generous, curious, and humorous man who cared as much about your ability to find joy in life as he did about your personal and professional growth. He was a consummate optimist with a strong constitution, enjoyed playing his banjo, and thought everyone should laugh at least once every day.

Friends will be received Friday, October 8, 2021 from 2-4 pm & 6-8 pm at the WILLIAM MURPHY FUNERAL HOME, INC., 349 Adams Street, Rochester, with services held at Grace Lutheran Church on Saturday at 11 AM. His Pastor, Rev. Gregory S. Clagg will officiate. Burial will be in the Beaver Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Grace Lutheran Church, 393 Adams Street, Rochester, PA 15074; Geneva College (Charles O'Data Leadership Prize), 3200 College Ave., Beaver Falls, PA, 15010; or the Beaver County Foundation (Bloom-O'Data Fund), P.O. Box 569, Beaver, PA 15009.

Cemetery

Beaver Cemetery

Beaver, PA,

Events

OCT 8 Visitation 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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William Murphy Funeral Home, Inc.

349 Adams Street, Rochester, PA, US, 15074

OCT 8 Visitation 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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William Murphy Funeral Home, Inc.

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OCT 9 Service 11:00AM

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Grace Evangelical Luthern Church

393 Adams Street, Rochester, PA, US, 15074

Comments



“ Just heard of Chick's death. My deepest sympathy goes out to Marilyn, Ann, and Jon. From Joyce Yovich Breckenridge

Joyce Breckenridge - October 09 at 06:34 PM



“ Chick leaves a fond memory, legendary to all he knew throughout his life and career!! I will always remember him as a "Friend-maker" vs a "Fundraiser". He loved his family so much and cared for his loving wife immensely!!!! May you all be comforted with the peace Our Lord provides. Sincere condolences,
Betty Iben

Betty Iben - October 09 at 09:45 AM



“ dear Chick family, my heart is with you, n so glad we will see him again. so sorry I won't be home to attend the services but know my heart is with you all much love
Cherl Biasucci

cheryl Biasucci - October 06 at 02:06 PM



“ Sending our condolences for the O'Data family. GOD BLESS



Rhonda Buday Sherbine - October 06 at 10:12 AM



“ Rhonda Buday Sherbine lit a candle in memory of Charles N. O'Data



Rhonda Buday Sherbine - October 06 at 10:10 AM



“ Condolences to the family of Chick O'Data from Don and Gloria.

DON VILLELLA, SGM(R) - October 06 at 08:45 AM



“ We have seen and experienced in Chick's life the embodiment of, “Well done, good and faithful servant.” Hundreds, if not thousands, of us count it joy to have been a beneficiary of good things from Chick's life and his family too. Grace and peace.

This morning I had the solemn responsibility to tell one of my adult children, “No more quarters.”

It was CNO's hope, and may it be ours, “For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:38, 39.

Cliff and Debbie Glovier

Cliff Glovier - October 05 at 07:14 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles N. O'Data.



October 05 at 06:05 PM



“ Jon, Ann, Marilyn and family: my sincere condolences for your loss. He was a pillar of Grace Church and a wonderful man. A great loss to us but a great addition to heaven. He will sit with the angels.....

Jody Mengel Gulish - October 05 at 05:48 PM



“ We will deeply miss you dear cousin. You always had a smile & kind words to everyone . Our family reunions will never be the same without your infamous "Roman nose contest " we will cherish the memories .

God Bless,
Cousin Marianne McCoy-Miller

Marianne McCoy - October 05 at 04:18 PM



“ My deepest sympathy and compassion to Marylin and family. May God accept Chick into his Holy Kingdom granting him peace and eternal rest. I shall never forget the first time I met Chick as it was the evening of he and Marylins wedding. Grace Church has lost a pillar in their congregation.

Jack Porter - October 06 at 05:13 PM