



Official Obituary of

Charles "Chuck" E. Williamson, Sr.

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CHARLES E. (CHUCK) WILLIAMSON, SR.

A WRESTLING LEGEND OF WOODBURY CITY DIES AT AGE 80

After a courageous and hard fought grapple with Parkinson's, Charles E. "Chuck" Williamson, Sr. passed away peacefully at the age of 80. On April 15, 1960 at age of 18, he married his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Jane Sacca (who survived him), where together they shared 62 years of marriage. Chuck was predeceased by his parents Thomas (Speedy) and Juanita Williamson and his grandson Charles "Chucky" Williamson, III. He is also survived by his 5 children, Charles E. Williamson, Jr., James M. Williamson, Sr. (Christine), Michael F. Williamson (Kathy), Michelle Williamson, and Jane Coleman (Jeffrey) in addition to 16 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, his sister Dorthea Kelly (Joseph) and a sea of friends and former wrestling athletes.

Raised in Woodbury, Chuck graduated from Woodbury High School in 1960. He received his Bachelor's Degree in 1964 from West Chester University and his Master's Degree from Glassboro State College. He began his career in 1964 as the 1st Athletic Director at Gateway High School. While at Gateway, he started the wrestling program and won the Colonial Conference within his first 3 years. In 1969, Chuck became a Professor of Physical Education at Gloucester County College (GCC) where he started their wrestling program and was honored 7 times with the title of New Jersey's Wrestling Coach of the Year. In the mid to late 70's he took his wrestling team to the Minnesota Championships and was awarded the title of National Junior College Wrestling Coach of the year. Coach Williamson also produced one junior college national champion in addition to countless All American's and Academic All American's. He also started the midget wrestling program for children of South Jersey and was inducted into the NJ Coaches Hall of Fame, the Woodbury High School Hall of Fame, and the National Junior College Hall of Fame. While Chuck's passion in life was that of "Coach" and he experienced an amazing career where many consider him to be a legend in his own right, he was most proud that he started the course for special needs children at Gloucester County College.

Chuck was an ambassador of wrestling and had an incredible life, full of love and joy. He will be fondly remembered by many generations past. But aside from being a decorated coach, Chuck mostly adored his family and caring the highlights of his life where he would often bring joy to our hearts and laughter around the table through all his many funny stories. His smile was infectious and his zest for life allowed him to live contently. He absolutely loved his fur babies, was an avid fisherman at the Jersey shore, and enjoyed many years of camping in Cape May at Big Timberlake Campground with his lovely wife Jane. He and Jane also loved traveling to Virginia and West Virginia. Chuck's life was well lived and he will be sorely missed by all who loved him.

Respectfully, services will be private and a celebration of life will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers and/or gifts, donations should be made to The Michael J. Fox Parkinson's Foundation. Lastly, our family will greatly appreciate if everyone shared a favorite memory.

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