



Charlie K. Field PhD

June 8, 1919 - June 26, 2011

Charlie K. Field, PhD. of Saint Joseph, Michigan died Sunday, June 26, 2011 at the age 91 in St. Joseph.

A Visitation will be held for family and friends from 6 PM to 9 PM Tuesday, June 28, at Dey- Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Services, 2506 Niles Ave, Saint Joseph Michigan. A memorial service will be held at 11 AM on Wednesday June 29, 2011 at the First Congregational Church, 2001 Niles Ave, Saint Joseph, with Rev. Dr. Robert Braman officiating where he was a member. Burial will be private at Riverview Cemetery prior to the memorial service. Memorial Donations may be made to the First Congregational Church of Saint Joseph, Michigan, Saint Joseph –Lincoln Township Senior Center, or the Heritage Center. Please share memories at www.florin.net.

Dr. Field was born November 8, 1919 in Redkey, Indiana. He resided in Berrien County since 1959.

He served four years in the U.S. Navy during WWII, November 1941 to November 1945. He was Personnel and Labor Relations Director for four companies in Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and Michigan after which he became a Consultant and Arbitrator. Later he entered the academic ranks as Professor and Dean at Lake Michigan College.

Dr. Field was President of Rotary Clubs in Saint Joseph- Benton Harbor, Niles Michigan, Winchester Indiana, and Marshall, Illinois. He was also a member and officer of several state, national, and area personnel, education, and civic organizations. He authored a number of professional publications.

He wrote a book on the history of the U.S.S Thomas (DE-102) about WWII in the North Atlantic and Mediterranean where he served as the Captains Talker on the ship. He also wrote and published five historically based novels.

Dr. Field retired in 1983 as Dean Emeritus of Lake Michigan College. One of his passions in life was travel and because of this he visited 47 countries and islands. He also enjoyed playing euchre at the senior center. He never missed Saturday Brunch with the beach bums, who referred to themselves as "Charlie's Angels." He also enjoyed Sunday concerts at the municipal band shell, and was also a member of the Economic Club.

He is survived by his loving wife Priscilla U. Byrns-Field and was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Thelma Louise Field in 2001. Also by his four daughters, Dianne and the late Larry Welchko of Chicago, Sandra (Chad High) of Saint Joseph, Susan and the late Wayne Ludlam of Cape Coral, Florida and Barbara (Richard) Freridge of Saint Joseph, and by six grandchildren, David, Kelley, Amy, Amber, Rob, and Josh and also by six great-grandchildren Hailey, Troy, Larrs, Lucas, Logan, and Alyssa. He was also survived by his stepchildren, Steve (Tom Lollar) Byrns, Carrie (Neil) Vill, Katie (Aubrey) McClendon, Mindy (Eamonn) O'Brien and step grandchildren, Jack, Callie, Will, Julia, Maddie, Conor and Meg. He will be greatly missed as a loving husband, father, and grandfather and by everyone he touched.

Cemetery Details

Riverview Cemetery

2925 Niles Rd
Saint Joseph, MI 49085
rvcemetery@parrett.net
<http://www.sjcity.com/services/riverview.phtml>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 28. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service - Closed 2013
2506 Niles Avenue
St. Joseph, MI 49085
(269) 983-1514
staff@florin.net

Service

JUN 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Congregational Church UCC of St. Joseph
2001 Niles Avenue
St. Joseph, MI 49085

Gathering

JUN **29**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Florin Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Charlie K. Field PhD



Florin Funeral Services - June 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Barb,

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Melanie Kinney

Melanie Kinney - July 01, 2011 at 07:53 AM



“ 44 files added to the album Memories



Florin Funeral Services - June 29, 2011 at 03:27 PM



“ *I first met Charlie Field in 2008, when he was looking for a typist for his books. I had the honor of typing two books for him, the latter being his honeymoon with his beautiful new bride.*



Charlie had a very charismatic nature about him. He was full of wonderful stories about his past travels, and his new loves in life. He also encouraged me to write my own book.

I am truly blessed to have known Charlie and to call him my friend. He will be missed. My heartfelt condolences go out to both the Field and Byrns families. The Heavens have welcomed home a great man and the Angels are already sharing stories with Charlie.

~Tonja Bertog

Tonja Bertog - June 28, 2011 at 10:44 PM

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“ *Barb, on behalf of St. Joseph Class of 1973, I would like to express our deep condolences in the loss of your father. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.*

Darcy Stuck - classmate of Barb - June 28, 2011 at 10:44 PM



“ *What a privilege to get to know Charlie over the past year. I was first charmed by his easy manner, quick humor and willingness to share a story where the laugh was on him. From his military service, to Rotary escapades, and travel adventures... his stories were captivating.*

As I got to know him better, I found him to be a true gentleman with a heart to help others. He was investing in his community to the end. He will be missed by so many. I am honored to have called him friend.

With deep sympathies to the Field, Byrns, and Upton Families,

Christine Vanlandingham

Christine Vanlandingham - June 28, 2011 at 11:21 AM