



## Charles F. Lawson

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Charles (Chuck) Farnam Lawson, a beloved resident of Grand Ledge, MI, passed away peacefully on July 23, 2024. Born on April 30, 1951, in Lansing, MI, Chuck was a lifelong member of the Grand Ledge community.

Chuck graduated from Grand Ledge High School in 1969 and went on to Michigan State University, where he earned a degree in Turf Management. He dedicated his career to the Delta Township Parks and Recreation Department, from which he eventually retired.

A true pillar of his community, Chuck was known for his enthusiastic volunteer work. He was actively involved in events such as the Color Cruise, Ledge Meadows high school cross country meets, and Eagle Days. His passion for community service extended beyond volunteering; Chuck ran a farm where he shared his bountiful harvests of produce, asparagus, pumpkins, apples, apple cider, and Christmas trees with his neighbors.

Chuck was also an avid runner, participating in more than 80 5k races each year. His dedication to fitness and competition was a testament to his vibrant spirit and enduring energy.

Chuck's life was characterized by his love for his community and the positive impact he had on those around him. He is remembered as a person who made everyone's life better simply by being a part of it. Chuck was preceded in death by his father, Richard Lawson; his mother, Izetta Jean Barnes; and

his brother, Alexander (Sandy) Lawson.

He is survived by his son, Warren Lawson, and his grandsons, Bennett and Beckham Lawson. Chuck will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

A funeral service to honor Chuck's life will be held on Saturday, August 3rd, 2024, 11:00 am at Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home in Grand Ledge, Michigan. Visitation will be at the funeral home Friday from 5-8:00 pm and one hour prior to the service on Saturday. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Grand Ledge Cross Country and Track Boosters, 820 Spring Street, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837 or the Playmakers Fitness Foundation, 2299 W. Grand River Avenue, Okemos, Michigan 48864 (<https://r.unsignup.com/DonationWebsite/pff/Donate>), reflecting Chuck's lifelong commitment to community and service. Share your memories and condolences online at [www.holihanatkin.com](http://www.holihanatkin.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Union Cemetery

13720 Benton Road  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 2.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
406 N. Bridge Street  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837  
(517) 627-2531  
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## Visitation

**AUG 3.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

SP

“ Chuck was a great person with a huge heart he was a good motivator for me in the many 5k races we ran together always at the finish line waiting with a great smile Chuck you will greatly be missed by all who knew you prayers to your family for their loss  
Susan Pifer

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**Susan M Pifer** - August 02, 2024 at 01:59 PM



“ Chuck was probably the closest thing my twin brother and I had as a dad. From getting us bikes every year for our birthdays, to going to parent teacher conferences and attending softball/soccer games. Every day after school he would pick me up to go help out around the farm whether that was picking apples, digging holes, burn pampus grass, or just to go catch frogs in the ponds and hangout around the farm, giving Oreo a bath to washing his car or giving him a haircut. We were always chopping down trees, to splitting wood (he knew how much i hated that wood splitter it was terrifying) he taught me how to back up a trailer and operate equipment. He got me my first job ever at Corner cone, and I LOVED it. My twin and I would fight over who got to drive the Lincoln, which was basically a boat, to his house when we first got our permits to drive, after a long day of working we'd go get arby's. It was just a blast. He was always so supportive, especially when it was something to better ourselves. Some of my favorite memories is just being with him, like running 5ks, or cruising around on the mule going to the pawpaws or to the pond down the road, strolling through the apple orchard or looking at the pumpkin patch growing. I would bring friends that had no business being on a farm, out to his house a teach em a thing or two about the farm, like picking apples and pumpkins. To some manual labor. We more or less just goofed around and he thought we were such goofballs, but he'd just laugh that laugh you could hear from the carport. One time we lit the grass across the road on fire, for a controlled burn, and it got away from us a little bit, and we were running around trying to put it out with the 100gal tank on the back of the mule, well I look over and he asks me to run inside and grab him a cold one and I couldn't believe thats what he was thinking about when we were burning up! Haha. We just laughed and laughed. In the winter we would cut Christmas trees and he'd always know who was coming to get a tree from him every year. We'd make grave blankets and take em over to the cemetery for his mom and dad. He was always up to something fun, keeping the table by the road stocked with goodies from the garden for the neighbors and passersby to enjoy! He would always say if I'd fill the table up, I could keep whatever

*was in the money can. Another one of my other favorite memories was when warren would call with another crazy shenanigan he was up too, and Chuck would just laugh and laugh. I loved that laugh. He loved warren so much, even if he was the most wild child. He couldn't of been prouder. Even if we'd get him hooting and hollering at us, whether he was coming to pull warren and I out of the pit because we went down there when he told us not too and got stuck. Or we were driving the Polaris through the pawpaws and knocked the battery out of it and he had to come save us. Man was he spitting mad. When I was real little, he used to let me catch pollywogs and bring them home, and watch them grow. One time warren bet the neighbor guy wouldn't eat them all, to which he did and i was devastated to say the least. But honestly, I think what I'll miss most is just hanging out on the farm with him, he was a good man and he will be missed greatly. He was a good ole boy.*

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**Leena Smedz** - July 30, 2024 at 05:17 PM

JW

“ *A friend from many 5K races over the years. I will miss seeing and talking with him. My condolences to Chuck's family.*

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**Jim Windsand** - July 30, 2024 at 12:27 AM

JM

“ *My wife Krista and I knew Chuck through 5k runs and he was always so friendly - a true gentleman. It is not surprising to read of his selfless contributions to the enjoyment of others. Our condolences to his family and other friends. Pillars like him are few and far-between. He will be missed, but it seems like he left quite a beautiful set of memories.*

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**jeff meier** - July 28, 2024 at 09:36 PM

DP

“ Chuck was a kind & gentle man. He was among the first to welcome us to the Lawson Road area 21 years ago. Our family had wonderful times with Chuck including our annual multi-generational cutting of our Christmas trees. Poor Chuck, he would laugh and ask “What is going to happen this year?”. When one of the grandson’s insisted apples came from stores, Chuck was happy to have us visit his apple orchard; he offered his land for a hay ride; we picked pumpkins in his pumpkin patch, whatever the reason to be there, one left with a bag of his dried cinnamon apples. He always greeted people with a smile & a handshake. He attended the neighborhood parties; at the last one he was stoic in stating he would have chemo until it didn’t work. We are very sorry he has passed & offer our sincere sympathy to Warren & the rest of his family & friends. Chuck will be missed.

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**Diann & Pete Pintacura** - July 28, 2024 at 12:18 PM

DO

“ A great running friend. He will be missed!

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**Don Owens** - July 28, 2024 at 09:13 AM

DH

“ Not just our cousin our friend. He was actually more like a brother to us. A one of a kind guy who was always an important part of our lives. He will be missed by many. ❤️

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**Debra Hansbarger** - July 26, 2024 at 04:41 PM

LH

“ So sorry for your loss. So many happy memories with Uncle Chuck!! He sure knew how to plant an amazing garden and apple picking was always a highlight for the kids and I. You are all in my thoughts and prayers, Laura

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**Laura Hensley** - July 26, 2024 at 11:44 AM

DD

“ *Dad & Diane purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Charles F. Lawson.*



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**Dad & Diane** - July 24, 2024 at 04:45 PM