



## Mr. W. Charles "Chuck" Kormelink

May 9, 1944 - October 22, 2025

W. Charles "Chuck" Kormelink, 81, husband of the late Betty Lorraine Kormelink, of Fair Play, passed away on Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at his home.

Born in Milwaukee, WI, and raised in Chicago, he and Betty raised their family in the northwest suburbs of Chicago. They fell in love with the South Carolina Upstate after a fishing trip to Lake Hartwell and relocated to the area in 1989. Mr. Kormelink was an active member of the community and owned several local businesses, including The Gazebo Restaurant, I-85 Fireworks, Jackpot Junction and Lake & Land Realty. He was a former South Carolina President of the Elks, and founding member of the Seneca chapter.

Mr. Kormelink survived by his daughters: Laura "Laury" K Gardner (Guy Victor) of Hartwell, GA, and Mindy Lee Rook (Christopher) of Aurora, IL; grandchildren: Riley Gardner Walker (Elias) of McDonough, GA, Jarrod Charles Rook of Romeoville, IL, Remington Katharine Rook of Batavia, IL, and Delaney Priscilla Rook of West Allis, WI; great-granddaughter: Jordyn Briggs Rook, and former son in law, Kevin Gardner of Hartwell, GA.

He was preceded in death by his parents and beloved wife.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, November 16, 2025, in

the Davenport Funeral Home Chapel.

The family would like to invite friends to a Celebration of Life after the service, until 6pm at The Hideaway, 121 Lakeshore Dr, Fair Play, SC.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Oconee County Sheriff's Foundation, Oconee County, SC.

The family is at their respective homes.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV **16**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ impossible for me to share all the great memories I have of both Betty and chuck Kormelink which I'll never forget as long as I have- breath love to the Kormelink family -especially their great 2 daughters -LAURY and MINDY

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**richardweinberger** - November 09, 2025 at 04:02 PM

LT

“ "A quote from Charles Stanley, I am at Home in heaven dear ones, all is so happy and bright. This perfect joy and beauty in this everlasting light. All the pain and grief are over, every restless tossing past, I am now at peace forever, safely home in Heaven at last."

*Chuck was always so friendly and witty, with a great smile and good neighbor. Sending sincere condolences to all his family and friends.*

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**Linda Tanner** - November 07, 2025 at 10:30 AM

 Mary  
Koth  
Tomsa

“ I didn't specifically know this wonderful man but I do know he was the father of a beautiful and sweet daughter.

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**Mary Koth Tomsa** - November 04, 2025 at 06:49 PM

JM

“ I'll never forget the day he came into my office at Lakeshore Realty. He was looking for an investment property and he chose the parcel where he did business for the next 36 years. He wasn't shy about his opinions and I marvel at the guts it took to name his boat Master Baiter. Chuck Kormelink, rest in peace. John Morgan. Kathie and I offer our deepest condolences.

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**John Morgan** - November 04, 2025 at 09:06 AM

LG

*Thank you John & Kathie. He certainly left an impression!*  
*- Laury Gardner*

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**Laura Gardner** - November 06, 2025 at 05:38 PM

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*chuck most definitely had a great sense of humor!!!with a great personality*

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**richardweinberger** - November 09, 2025 at 04:14 PM