



Charles "Chuck" Oatman

November 26, 1966 - September 16, 2025

Charles "Chuck" Oatman, age 58, of Southampton, N.J., passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on Tuesday, September 16, 2025.

Born in Mount Holly, Chuck spent nearly his entire life in Southampton, where he built deep roots in both his community and his family.

Chuck began his career with the Mount Laurel Public Works Department before proudly serving as the Director of the Southampton Township Public Works Department, where he worked tirelessly for many years until his retirement in 2019.

But long before his professional career began, Chuck found his true calling as a firefighter. He joined the fire service before his teenage years, beginning with the Ewansville Volunteer Fire Department. What started as a childhood passion became a lifelong devotion—spanning more than 40 years of service. Over those decades, he served with distinction in Mount Holly, Pemberton, Lumberton, and Southampton, and dedicated many years as an instructor at the Burlington County Fire Academy, training the next generation of firefighters. His commitment to protecting others, his bravery, and his willingness to answer the call defined his life's work.

Chuck was a man who believed in showing up—for his family, his friends, and his community. He was always willing to lend a hand, offer support, or share his wisdom. His heart for service was matched only by his heart for those he loved.

Outside of work and service, Chuck found joy in life's simple pleasures. He loved hunting, fishing, and riding his Harley Davidson, but nothing brought him greater happiness than time spent with his family. His grandson, Jaxson, was the absolute light of his life, and the bond they shared was unbreakable.

Chuck was predeceased by his father, Jack Oatman, who heroically died in the line of duty in 1997. He is survived by his devoted wife of more than 37 years, Lisa Oatman; his daughter, Corinne Phillips, and her husband, Andrew; his beloved grandson, Jaxson Phillips; and his mother, Betty Oatman.

Family and friends are invited to gather in his honor on Saturday, September 20, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Perinchief Chapels, 438 High Street, Mount Holly, N.J.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Chuck's memory to the Fallen Firefighter's Association at www.firehero.org, honoring his lifelong dedication to service and sacrifice.

Previous Events

Family and Friends Received

SEP **20**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels

438 High St.

Mount Holly, NJ 08060

(609) 267-0399

Guestbook

SO

“ *God Bless Steven Oatman*

Steven Oatman - September 22, 2025 at 01:29 PM

WB

“ *Rest easy Chuck. My sympathies to the Burlington County Fire Service family.*

*William Bohmer
Former firefighter TF30-TF90.*

William Bohmer - September 20, 2025 at 07:32 PM

JI

“ *We are so very sorry to hear about Chuck! Sending prayers and condolences to you and your family. With love, Jennifer and Lee Rein and Susann and Stosh Rein*

Jennifer Ingram - September 20, 2025 at 04:40 PM

DD

Lisa: My thoughts and prayers are with you and family. Chuck was such a good man who loved his family above all else.

Donna DeStefano - September 21, 2025 at 10:05 AM

LB

“ *Love, Evergreen Dairy Bar purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Charles "Chuck" Oatman.*



Love, Evergreen Dairy Bar - September 20, 2025 at 05:32 AM

GB

“ God Bless you, Mom and Dick Bakley purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Charles "Chuck" Oatman.



God Bless you, Mom and Dick Bakley - September 19, 2025 at 09:44 PM

GB

“ God Bless you, Mom and Dick Bakley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles "Chuck" Oatman.

God Bless you, Mom and Dick Bakley - September 19, 2025 at 09:44 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles "Chuck" Oatman.



September 19, 2025 at 05:53 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles "Chuck" Oatman.

September 19, 2025 at 05:53 PM

EL

“ Chuckle's one of those people if you haven't seen him in years when you do see him it's as if time hadn't passed at all. Once a friend always a friend that's how he always made me feel. God bless.

Edward (Buddy) Lamson - September 19, 2025 at 11:29 AM

BJ

“ Knew Chuck since he was youngster. Served with his Dad when Dad was Chief at Ewansville and I was Chief of Pemberton. Many battles with both. Always had our back! We became friends, both him and his Dad, but how could you not! We always had a story or two to tell with many laughs!
You are already missed my brother. You were one of the best. Say hi to Pop for me. We'll get thru it as you would expect. Condolences to the family.
RIP my friend.....

Bill Jones - September 19, 2025 at 11:24 AM

RL

“ Chuck was a very dedicated volunteer fireman with Ewansville, and later Vincent Fire Co's. He assisted a great many people, especially those in the RT38/RT206 area. My he rest in peace.

Rich Litton - September 19, 2025 at 10:09 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles "Chuck" Oatman.



September 19, 2025 at 10:07 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles "Chuck" Oatman.

September 19, 2025 at 10:07 AM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Charles "Chuck" Oatman.



September 19, 2025 at 09:32 AM



“ Rest in peace Chief.
Your long battle has come to an end.
Loved by many, friends to many more.

Martin Bruce - September 19, 2025 at 08:19 AM



“ Robin Simon & Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Charles "Chuck" Oatman.



Robin Simon & Family - September 19, 2025 at 07:54 AM

MO

“ Sending prayers to this whole family Rest in Peace Mike & Hope Otting



Mike Otting - September 18, 2025 at 06:22 PM

HF

“ Hampton Lakes Fire purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Charles "Chuck" Oatman.



Hampton Lakes Fire - September 18, 2025 at 04:55 PM

LK

“ Love, Kevin, Christine, Hunter & Kailey purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Charles "Chuck" Oatman.



Love, Kevin, Christine, Hunter & Kailey - September 18, 2025 at 03:57 PM

BB

“ Chuck was one of the great men in this world he was not only a great father and husband but he loved those who was close to him . He was one of the best firefighters and best friend's a person could have , no matter when or what you needed he would help you out . He made his family proud as well as many more he touched the hearts of many ! All of us who knew the real Chuck was so lucky to have him in our life's this world was a better place with him in it . Many of us who was lucky to have been in the fire service with him always knew that he would teach us the right way and always have our backs . It is a painful thing to loose such a man ,someone you consider your brother a friend. Many of us have been in bad times with him but they never out way all the Goodtimes that we had together . I was Blessed when the Oatman family came into MY life and I love you all !! My heart hurts but it is also feels relief that his pain and the suffering that he went though is over . He is in heaven with his dad and grandfather who was so proud of the man that he became GOD BLESS you Chuck and GOD BLESS your family !!! Thank you my brother for all you have shown me and all you taught me in life , You will never be forgotten and always will be loved !! Someday we will meet again !!

Brent Burns - September 18, 2025 at 01:51 PM

KK

“ Kelsey, Kyle & Kaylee purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Charles "Chuck" Oatman.



Kelsey, Kyle & Kaylee - September 18, 2025 at 01:37 PM

TF

“ *The Lake Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Charles "Chuck" Oatman.*



The Lake Family - September 18, 2025 at 01:21 PM

TF

“ *The Lake Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles "Chuck" Oatman.*

The Lake Family - September 18, 2025 at 01:21 PM

FF

“ *From Tim Worrell & Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Charles "Chuck" Oatman.*



From Tim Worrell & Family - September 18, 2025 at 11:38 AM

WH

“ *With Love, Rachel Zeth & Patrick Hanlon purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Charles "Chuck" Oatman.*



With Love, Rachel Zeth & Patrick Hanlon - September 18, 2025 at 11:30 AM

FF

“ From Paige Paetzold & Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Charles "Chuck" Oatman.



From Paige Paetzold & Family - September 18, 2025 at 10:49 AM

FF

“ From Paige Paetzold & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles "Chuck" Oatman.

From Paige Paetzold & Family - September 18, 2025 at 10:49 AM

AC

“ Amy Collom lit a candle in memory of Charles "Chuck" Oatman



Amy Collom - September 18, 2025 at 10:39 AM

AC

“ Chuck was a great friend fireman and dad he could always make people smile I truly thank him for his service with everything he did Chuck fly high u are now our guardian fireman and angel. We all will miss u you are a true hero ur gone but never forgotten

Amy Collom - September 18, 2025 at 10:38 AM

LP

“ Love Sam and Phil purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Charles "Chuck" Oatman.



Love Sam and Phil - September 18, 2025 at 10:22 AM

LF

“ Love, Your Holman VSC Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Charles "Chuck" Oatman.



Love, Your Holman VSC Family - September 18, 2025 at 10:07 AM

TF

“ The Evans Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Charles "Chuck" Oatman.



The Evans Family - September 18, 2025 at 10:02 AM