



## Charles William (Chuck) Conti

November 14, 1938 - June 25, 2022

Charles William “Chuck” Conti died peacefully June 25, 2022, at Upstate Community Hospice House in Landrum, SC., following a lengthy battle with Alzheimer’s disease.

Chuck was born Nov. 14, 1938, in Miami Beach, FL. to Frank and Monteen Spell Conti. He spent the majority of his childhood in New York City. At 16 he dropped out of school and at 17 joined the Navy. He received formal medical training that allowed him to become a corpsman, assisting doctors aboard ships and providing limited medical services. He was chosen to serve with the marines as a medic, which meant having to go through Marine boot camp. He was very proud of his accomplishments but was most proud of becoming an officer. During his early years in the Navy, Chuck married his first wife, Carol. They had three beautiful children. While he was working full time in the Navy and raising a family, he took classes and not only passed his GED but also graduated from Rollins College with a business degree. He retired after 20 years in the Navy.

His next role was with Sysco, a food distributor in Orlando. He quickly rose to president of the military division. His success in tripling that business advanced him to executive vice president of a larger Sysco company. He continued to achieve success ultimately retiring from the Sysco company in Baltimore after 21 years.

During his years with Sysco, he met and married Frances (Fran) Bowen Conti. Together they focused their life around their church. Chuck became an elder of the Presbyterian Church and devoted his life to sharing the word of Jesus Christ. His Bible was worn with pages highlighted and underlined. He taught a couple's Bible study in his home for 10 years while also teaching a men's Bible study in a nearby restaurant.

Although Chuck was a serious man, his quick wit would many times catch you off guard. He was a kind and gentle man who loved reading. He loved books so much that he never broke the spines while reading them.

Fran was the love of his life. He loved just being in her presence even if it meant watching her plant flowers in the backyard all day. He was a devoted husband and truly loved his children and grandchildren.

Chuck is preceded in death by his first wife Carol and two grandchildren. He leaves behind his loving wife Fran and his three adult children Cathy Asch (Joe), Chris Conti (Adele), and Dominick Conti (Paula) along with 4 grandchildren.

The family would like to thank the amazing people at Spring Park in Travelers Rest and Upstate Community Hospice House in Landrum for their unconditional support and compassion. They would also like to acknowledge all of the people that offered kind words, brought food and kept in touch. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Alzheimer's Association ([alz.org](http://alz.org)) or Samaritan's Purse ([samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org)).

A Celebration of Life will be held at The Howze Mortuary Chapel in Travelers Rest, SC. On Saturday, July 9, 2022, at 11:00am.

## Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### **Memorial Service**

JUL 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary Chapel  
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369  
Travelers Rest, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles William (Chuck) Conti.*



July 07, 2022 at 10:06 AM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Charles William (Chuck) Conti.*



July 06, 2022 at 08:17 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles William (Chuck) Conti.*



July 05, 2022 at 05:54 PM



“ *Oh my, what an obituary to have! Service to his country, business, love of family & devotion to the Lord?! The world needs more like Chuck Conti! Fran, you know if you need anything we are here. Our prayers are with you. God bless you all! -Myra & Todd Simmons*

**Simmons family** - July 01, 2022 at 11:46 PM

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“ A MEASURE OF A MAN

*Loves, worships and praises God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.  
Loves and cherishes his wife, family and friends.  
Loves and respects his country.*

*This was our wonderful friend and neighbor, Chuck. A friendship  
that ended far too soon  
but we were so blessed that he passed our way.*

*Fran, you and Chuck touched our hearts in so many ways that we  
will never forget.*

*Now "MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU AND PROTECT YOU. MAY  
THE  
LORD SMILE ON YOU AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU.  
MAY THE LORD SHOW YOU HIS FAVOR AND GIVE YOU  
PEACE"*

*Numbers 6: 24-26 NLT*

*Carolyn and Bob*

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**Bob Eakin** - June 29, 2022 at 10:37 PM

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“ *Fran, you know how we loved Chuck and we love you. Chuck and I  
really connected right away and it was a privilege to know him.*

*Tom P*

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**Tom Preston** - June 29, 2022 at 03:17 PM

“ I first met Chuck Conti at Chapelgate Presbyterian Church more than twenty years ago. I was immediately struck by his commanding presence, his leadership ability, and his extremely sharp wit. We quickly became friends and participated in several small-group Bible studies, where I learned much from Elder Chuck Conti, especially his organized and caring methods of prayer.

We bonded on several levels, including a mutual friendship with Elder Earl Crown, our love and belief in the Scripture, the close friendships that our wives shared, and the fact that we were military officers (at that time Chuck and Earl were retired and I was still active). Chuck’s wise counsel, garnered from his great business success, his Naval career, and his wide-ranging life experiences were a true and great gift to me. Chuck’s encouragement was instrumental in my accepting a call to become an Elder, also. In the early 2000s,

Chuck was afflicted by an attack of the diabolical disease of alcoholism. His struggle, determination, hard work, and the strong faith exhibited in his recovery were nothing less than fully inspirational. Through Chuck’s iron-willed determination, Fran’s extraordinary support, and God’s Providence, he became an even stronger Christian, better friend, and giving servant of the Gospel.

After Fran and Chuck moved to South Carolina, we didn’t have the close contact we had previously. But we kept in touch, primarily through our wives, and deeply enjoyed our occasional visits to Travelers Rest.

It is most heart-breaking for his family and friends that Chuck suffered the ravages of Alzheimer’s Disease in his last years. Yet there is no doubt in our minds and hearts that he is now with our God and Savior, in full mind and radiant spirit, free of all pain and suffering.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of

*God.” (Matthew 5:9, NIV)*

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**ROGER WEAVER** - June 27, 2022 at 01:50 PM

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“*Fran, our deepest sympathy in the loss of your beloved husband. Chuck was a gentle giant with a quiet sense of humor. He will be sorely missed.*

*Tina and Walter*

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**Oettl Tina** - June 26, 2022 at 03:03 PM