



Charles "Chuck" Kunstbeck

August 20, 1938 - June 3, 2025

Charles "Chuck" Kunstbeck, age 86, passed away unexpectedly yet peacefully on June 3, 2025, in Crab Orchard, West Virginia, while visiting family with his beloved wife, Karilyn. Born on August 20, 1938, in nearby Matoaka, West Virginia, Chuck's life came full circle in the same hills where it began—surrounded by the love of family.

Chuck proudly served in the United States Navy as a Radioman, an experience that sparked his lifelong passion for communication. After his military service, he became a devoted amateur radio operator, a pursuit he enjoyed for over 70 years. His call sign became familiar across the airwaves, connecting him to a community that spanned the country and beyond.

He later worked for the United States Government in Washington, D.C., before transitioning into a successful and fulfilling career in real estate. As a broker, property manager, and business owner, Chuck built a reputation for integrity, dedication, and an unshakable willingness to help others—traits that defined his character both professionally and personally.

Chuck had a deep love for family, and his greatest joy was spending time with those he cared about. He also had a lifelong passion for vintage automobiles, particularly his treasured 1931 Model A Ford, affectionately named "Honey Bun." Purchased in 1972, "Honey Bun" was a constant companion on countless journeys. Chuck often said, "If you ever see the car on a trailer, you know it was stolen." He believed wholeheartedly that "life is too short to drive boring cars."

Beyond driving, Chuck was an enthusiastic organizer in the antique car community. He coordinated numerous Model A and Model T driving tours, bringing together more than 50 fellow enthusiasts from up and down the Eastern Seaboard. Ever forward-looking, he was already planning the 2026 tour at the time of his passing.

In 2014, Chuck and Karilyn retired to Tallahassee, Florida, where they embraced a quieter

life filled with sunshine, meaningful friendships, and quality time with their children and grandson.

Chuck is survived by his loving wife, Karilyn Kunstbeck; his children, Greg Kunstbeck and Pamela Rice; his son-in-law, Ron Rice; and his grandson, R.J. He will be remembered as a devoted husband, father, and grandfather; a passionate car enthusiast; a dedicated veteran; and a man whose kindness and good humor left a lasting impression on all who knew him.

A funeral service will be held on Monday, June 16, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at Bevis Funeral Home in Tallahassee, Florida. Interment with military honors will follow at Tallahassee National Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jack Hanbury Scholarship Fund Tallahassee Region Antique Auto Club P.O. Box 882 Tallahassee, Florida 32302.

Dayne Parker of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Kunstbeck family with their arrangements,

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN **16**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Committal Service

JUN **16**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Tallahassee National Cemetery
5015 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32311

Tribute Wall

SU

“ We will miss Chuck. Rest in heavenly peace.
Sus and Mark

Sus - June 15, 2025 at 03:46 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of
Charles "Chuck" Kunstbeck.



June 15, 2025 at 03:44 PM



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

June 15, 2025 at 03:44 PM

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“ Stephanie Ellis, Vienna Animal Hospital planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518)
in honor of Charles "Chuck" Kunstbeck.

Stephanie Ellis, Vienna Animal Hospital - June 15, 2025 at 03:29 PM

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“ Stephanie Ellis, Vienna Animal Hospital purchased the Shimm
ering Silver Gift Tower for the family of Charles "Chuck"
Kunstbeck.



Stephanie Ellis, Vienna Animal Hospital - June 15, 2025 at 03:29 PM



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

June 13, 2025 at 12:16 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles "Chuck" Kunstbeck.*



June 13, 2025 at 12:16 PM

SS

“ *Hi Karilyn and family.*

Chuck was really on of a kind. Always there for other people and knew how to make you feel welcomed from the beginning. All those many people that knew and loved Chuck will be missing him forever and will always be there for his wife going forward.

Scott and Tazumi Searce

Scott Searce - June 12, 2025 at 09:37 PM

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*Our condolences to Karilyn and family in the passing of a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. Chuck was an inspiration to the members of the Tallahassee Region Antique Automobile Club of America, always participating in our activities with signature good humor. We will miss him greatly.
With deepest sympathies
Your TRAACA Friends*

TRAACA - June 16, 2025 at 10:08 AM

DC

*So sorry to hear of Chuck's passing. We enjoyed two of his tours. We also shared the same wedding day with you.
Dorothea & Jim Clausen*

Dorothea Clausen - June 18, 2025 at 02:53 PM

MC

“ *To the Kunstbeck family, Mark and I are so sorry to hear of Chuck's passing. We have loved his tours and loved his love of laughter. Watching him enjoy being "Elvis" was so much fun. Now we can say "Chuck has left the building."*

*Marshall "Mark" & Marilyn Corley
Loganville, GA*

Marilyn & Mark Corley - June 12, 2025 at 09:07 PM