



# Chester Ambrose Crowe

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**C**hester Ambrose Crowe 91 of Oreana died Tuesday April 17, 2007 in St. Mary's Hospital.

Mass of the Resurrection Celebrating his life will be at 11:00 am Saturday April 21, 2007 in Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church with Rev. Rick Weltin as Celebrant.

Visitation will be one hour before service in the church. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery. Memorial gifts suggested to Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church.

Chester was born January 27, 1916 in Assumption, IL the son of William Ray and Anna Pha McKinney Crowe. He was retired from Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 65 and was a 67 year union member. He was a charter member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. He had a special talent for woodworking and made many unique gifts for his friends and family. He married Marjorie Fishburn on June 6, 1937 in Illiopolis. She preceded him in death in 1970.

Surviving are his daughters Sandy Niles Paul and Jenny Hornback Larry of Oreana; Carole deVries of Virden; Faye Smith Jerry of Mt. Zion; brothers, Robert Crowe Mary Helen of Springfield; William Crowe Pat of Brimfield; sisters, Marie Durbin of Peoria; Wilma Rappe of Springfield; Lucille Fishburn and Meda Jane King of Auburn; Imogene Hogan Don of Divernon; Phoebe Olivier George of Laguna Woods, CA; 28 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, 6 great-great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, one daughter, Theresa Kimble, one son, Mike Crowe, one brother, Charles Crowe, one sister, Eleanor Walch, and two grandchildren.

The family would like to thank St. John's Hospice staff, St. Mary's Hospital and the entire 7th and 4th floor staff, Heritage Manor staff, Dr. Atluri, and Sister JoAn Schullian for their care and kindness during Chester's illness. They would also like thank their friends and family for their prayers and support.



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The family of Chester Ambrose Crowe is being served by Moran & Goebel Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2801 N. Monroe Street.



## Tribute Wall

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DD

**Don Durbin** posted:

My condolences to the family and close friends of 'Uncle Chet'. May the pain of your loss quickly subside through the grace of God and by the knowledge that Chet is most definitely sitting at the foot of God's throne, putting in a good word for all of us. I remember when I was a small child, Uncle Chet seemed so huge to me. But he didn't frighten me like most other large men did, because of his smile and gentle way. I moved away from Illinois early in life and lost contact with Uncle Chet. However, on a recent trip back I believe it was in 2000 during a get together at Don & Jean's house in Divernon, I was sitting on the couch in the family room and I saw this small man with a red nose and the whitest hair approaching me. Uncle Chet must have seen the puzzled look on my face and he reached out his hand to shake mine and said, "You don't know who I am. I'm Chet." We had a good visit and he made me feel like we had been in touch all those years, almost 40, since I had seen him last. He was a jewel to our family and will be greatly missed. I hope to meet him again someday in heaven where I'm sure he'll greet me with "Hi, you don't know who I am. I'm Chet" and then "Welcome"! Laguna Woods, CA US

April 22 at 7:00 PM

JC

**Janet Crowe** posted:

It is hard to say goodbye to those we love so dearly. But in a strange way they are always beside us to let us know that we are never alone. I remember many good times being around Uncle Chet and it seemed he always had a story..... Uncle Chet was laid to rest on Mom's birthday and I know for one she is listening to those stories! I know he's gone to be with Jesus and serve as one of God's Angels. May he rest in peace and all family members know how many of us hold so many fond memories of our "Uncle Chet". New Port Richey, FL US

April 21 at 7:00 PM

DS

**Diane & Greg Seaney** posted:

We just want to convey our condolences to his daughters and their families. We will always treasure the beautiful crucifix he made for us. It is proof of his deep faith in God, and a perfect work of art. He was a very fine uncle, and I am proud to be his niece! Bullhead City, AZ US

April 21 at 7:00 PM



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NH

**Nancy Havener** posted:

I have been praying that the Lord would comfort you during this time. For Carole, Sandra and Faye I pray that your family will be a great comfort to you during this difficult time. As you know we lost our Dad just a little over a year and a half ago. I was amazed at how the Lord gave me comfort through my family. I pray that you will be able to celebrate the good memories of your Dad and that this will be a comfort for you as well. I will continue to pray for you during these coming days. My mom wanted to sign this as well but was having difficulty with her Webtv. I know she is praying for all of you too. Love, Nancy Havener Naperville, IL US

April 21 at 7:00 PM

BS

**Betty Jo Fishburn Smith** posted:

I will always remember Uncle Chet's love for life. Many Sundays mom and dad would pack us in the car and head for Uncle Chet's and Aunt Marg's place. Faye would be waiting for us down at the corner store. We had many wonderful visits there eating potato chips and bologna sandwiches. Uncle Chet was always happy and loved all his relatives and friends. A great woodworker he was and I am glad I have a shelf hanging on the wall that he made. Uncle Chet was so generous to all. I can't make the funeral but will keep Uncle Chet and his family in my prayers. Betty Jo Beardstown, IL US

April 20 at 7:00 PM

MC

**Marsha & Domenic Cimarusti** posted:

To All the Friends and Relatives of Uncle Chet, We know he is in a better place but we sure will miss his kind words, jokes and smiles that he had for all. Pennies from Heaven has a whole new meaning now. Rest in Peace. Rosemead, CA US

April 19 at 7:00 PM

TP

**Tammi & Kristi Peterson** posted:

To Great Uncle Chet's Family, We just want to let you know our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. We wish we could have gotten to know Great Uncle Chet better. He was an amazing person. Clearwater, FL US

April 19 at 7:00 PM



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MZ

**Michelle, Kenny & Jacob Zarlingo** posted:

Please accept our deepest sympathy, We never had a chance to meet Uncle Chester but by reading what we read we missed out on a lot.. God Bless you always Uncle Chester, May God Watch over you all in your time of sorrow, Michelle Kenny and Jake Zarlingo Omaha, NE US

April 19 at 7:00 PM

MB

**Marilyn Brown** posted:

Jenny, the original mail was intended for you also. I apologize for omitting your name. Columbia, MO US

April 19 at 7:00 PM

MB

**Marilyn Brown** posted:

Carole, Sandra, and Faye I want to particularly address in my remembrances of your family coming to Missouri to the farm, where we played, walked the creeks all the way to the north barn, talked, and laughed. How I enjoyed those times many years ago when we were all kids. So much has changed since, but you are all in my heart especially at this time, as well as Chet's brother/sister's. I remember a ruddish guy, always jovial, laughing, and taking in the family. I missed him at the last two reunions. I especially regret that I will not be able to attend the funeral due to other family obligations. One neat thing is that my grandson and a granddaughter are receiving their first communion at 1 and 2 respectively Saturday afternoon. I will remember him and his family silently at that celebration. I also pray that the family be consoled, healed, and filled with hope at his Mass. Though I seldom see you, I love each of you, and hope to see you later this year. It is hard to lose those we love, but their life and ours continues here on earth in those who were touched, and we know that all things are magnified for the good in heaven. Columbia, MO US

April 19 at 7:00 PM



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JE

**Jennifer** posted:

I am the grand daughter to Phoebe Olivier Chester's sister and I met Uncle Chester in 1986 when I came to IL for my very first visit. I must have been only 16yrs old. I met so many people during the 10 days I was there but only a small handful have stayed with me in my memory. I fell in love with Chester the very first day I arrived he had all of us laughing like crazy and he had us all playing games. There was one game more of a trick he was really good at. He would put 5 pennies on the table and tell you to touch one of them while he turns his back. He said I bet you a dollar when I turn around I can guess the penny you touched. Since I was only 16 and I saw he had a few beers that night I was thinking this guy is crazy how is he going to know what penny I touched so I put my dollar on the table and said go ahead tell me. Chester turned around looked me right in the eye with this really big smile and said...this one. Sure enough he was right and I lost my dollar. For the rest of the night I saw him do this trick to every drunk person in the house and there were many. Every one was laughing wondering how he did this trik and sure enough the next drunk person would step up to the table with their dollar and with Chester laughing all the way he would take that dollar too. He was having a blast and all night I just kept wondering how this man I just met was so smart that he could figure out what penny you touched with his back turned. I was pleading with him by the end of the night to tell me his secret. I wanted in on the action so I could come back to California and make as much as he did : Chester continued to laugh and collect lots of money then all the sudden... I saw something say it isnt so.. yep he had a person working with him all along. I caught him and his partner working together he had a look out all along. He would turn his back but one of the guest would be hanging around watching you touch the penny and then as Chester would turn around again his partner would send him a signal telling him the correct penny to choose. That dirty rotten Chester made a ton that night. He had every one gathering around that table laughing and tossing up dollars. When all was said and done he gave me \$5.00 back then that was like a \$100.00 to me Chester was the life of that party we all hung out until 1:00am and it was the best night I had. The funny thing was we had just met for the first time but he let me this pesty 16 year old hang around him all night and I had so much fun. He was very out going and I did see him a few more times on my visit and I enjoyed his company. He had a laugh that was so loud and fun and the funny thing is I could still hear it today. I met the man back in 1986 but today in 2007 I can still see his wonderful smile and hear his laugh. If any one reads this and has the chance can you send him off with a dollar bill and a penny for me. I want to send him out laughing all the way just like he did that night. This way he can take his trick up to heaven with him where he can continue to have a good time while making new friends. All in heaven beware.. here comes a bright wonderful man with a wonderful smile and a laugh that you will never forget. For all those in Heaven the only advise I can give you is hold on to your dollars or Chester will win them from you: God Bless you Chester and thank you for making my trip to IL one that I will never forget. With lots of Love and many dollars,Jennifer Tang Pomona, CA US

April 17 at 7:00 PM



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PO

**Phoebe Olivier** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. I know he will be missed but also feel he is in a much better place. So thankful that I got to see him last year on our visit to Illinois. May his soul rest in peace.  
Laguna Woods, CA US

April 18 at 7:00 PM

MP

**Mary Ellen Peterson** posted:

To Uncle Chet's Family, All of my prayers and thoughts are with you during this difficult time. Just remember he is in a good place and the memories you have of Uncle Chet will always be with you. I can remember Uncle Chet always at the Crowe reunions and you could always hear him laughing about something. My sincere sympathy goes out to all of you. Palm Harbor, FL US

April 18 at 7:00 PM

PW

**Patricia Walch** posted:

To the Chester Crowe family: My sincere sympathy to you at this time, and will keep you in thoughts and prayers. Patricia Walchniece of Uncle Chet Maryland Heights, MO US

April 18 at 7:00 PM

KM

**Kathy Mckey** posted:

To Chets Family, I am so very sorry your loss. I had many nice visits with Chet that I never will forget. We shared funny stories and he sure could tell a joke. He took my Mom and I on a boat ride one day, we had a wonderful time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Mike and Kathy Mckey deCATUR, IL US

April 17 at 7:00 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Chester by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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