

MUKWONAGO

**Charles E. 'Charley'
Dewey**

Jan. 15, 1916 - June 18, 2003

Charles E. "Charley" Dewey, a lifelong resident of Mukwonago, entered into eternal life Wednesday, June 18, 2003. He was 87.

He was a faithful member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mukwonago.

Charley was born Jan. 15, 1916, in Mukwonago, the youngest son of Jessie Parker and Frank Dewey, the brother of Parker Dewey and sisters Fay and June Dewey.

He married Mabel Krueger in 1940. His wife of 49 years preceded him in death in 1989.

In 1949 Mabel and Charley started Dewey's Lawn and Marine located in downtown Mukwonago. They operated the business for 34 years. They sold in the business in 1982 and retired.

In 1952 he was elected justice of the peace for the village of Mukwonago. During the 1980s he helped set up the judicial education program in the state of Wisconsin and served as one of the instructors. He served as Mukwonago's municipal judge for 43 years. He retired in 1997 at which time he was appointed reserve judge for municipal courts in the 3rd Judicial District and served in that position until 1999. At that time, he was the longest seated municipal judge in the state of Wisconsin.

Another great love of Charley's was the Mukwonago Fire Department. He was a volunteer firefighter for 34 years and served 20 years as an assistant chief for the department, retiring as an honorary member.

Charley was taught to fly in 1937 by Dean and Dale Crites. During World War II, he was a pilot in the Civil Air Patrol. His greatest love was flying his Cessna on weekends and his yearly trips to Sun & Fun in Lakeland, Fla. He and the "Over the Hill Gang," flew out of East Troy and enjoyed many trips across the country. They often camped under the wings of their airplanes.

Charles was a member of the 05-Aviation Pioneers and served as their national president in 1993 and 1994. He was also a member of the Waukesha Aviation Club, United Flying Octogenarians, the Experimental Aircraft Association and the Vintage Aircraft Association.

Charley was an avid snowmobile rider and was a charter member of the Mukwonago Sno-Scoops Snowmobile Club.

Charley enjoyed making friends, helping others and maintaining his hobby farm just north of the village. He attended the daily "coffee club" with his friends at Blue Bay Restaurant or Little Babes where many of the village, country and world problems were addressed.

Three children survive him, Daniel (Lois) Dewey of Eagle, Cheryl (Richard) Haske of Mukwonago and Janelle (Hugo) Nickels of Watertown. Survivors also include four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 1 p.m. until the 5 p.m. funeral service Saturday, June 21, at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 410 Highway NN, Mukwonago. The Rev. Keith Kuschel will officiate. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 22, at Oak Knoll Cemetery. Please meet at the cemetery.

If desired, memorials to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church building fund and/or the Mukwonago Fire Department would be appreciated.

Schmidt & Bartelt-Van Valin Funeral and Cremation Services, 363-7126, is serving the family.

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