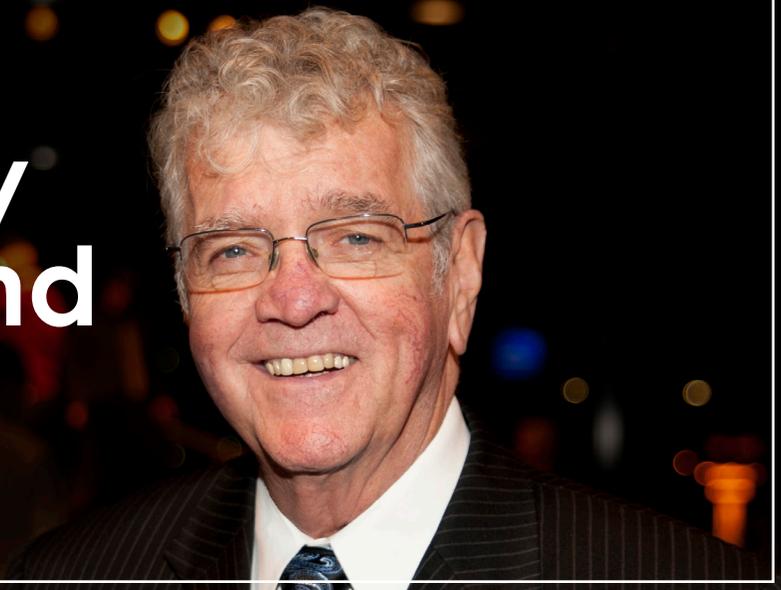


In Memory of Our Friend Chuck



Charles Samuel Whitman

Born: December 30, 1939 New York, NY

Deceased: May 4, 2017 Spokane, WA

Charles "Chuck" Whitman was a humble and gifted man who lived an adventurous life. Chuck was raised in orphanages and foster homes in New York City. He joined the Navy at the age of 18 and completed a 20 year career. Following his Navy career, Chuck made his home in the Coeur d'Alene area to be with Navy friends and then moved to Spokane in 1996. Chuck had a drive to take on whatever life put in front of him – from riding bulls in the rodeo to serving as a greeter at Life Center Church. Boxing, motorcycle racing, skiing and golfing were among the many interests that he pursued during his life. Chuck was at home behind the scenes but he also loved being in the spotlight. He entertained as a singer and guitar player as well as an auctioneer. Chuck pursued auctioneering late in life (he began at age 50) but it came to define him in many ways. He worked as an auto auctioneer at DAA Northwest (retired 2013) but more importantly, he brought his energy, humor and skill to bear as a gifted fundraising auctioneer. Chuck had a deep sense of connection to those in need and would genuinely adopt the cause he was working for. He raised money for countless charitable causes large and small.

Chuck spent his adult life making friends wherever he went, and it is us – his friends, coworkers and neighbors who made up his practical family. He had the will and the heart to make a great life out of the circumstances that were dealt to him. Chuck worked hard to earn it all, but in his final years he came to understand that life itself was part of God's gift to him. Through that understanding, Chuck is at home today in the loving care of his true father.

Services will be held Wednesday, May 24th

- Graveside service – Riverside Memorial Park at 4:15 PM (211 N. Government Way)
- Memorial Service – Life Center Church at 6:00 PM (1202 W. Government Way)
- Celebration to follow at DAA Northwest (2215 S. Hayford Rd.)

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Chuck Whitman's name to the following organizations:

- Meals On Wheels Spokane - Chuck Whitman Fund
- Life Center Church