



Charles A. Petronis

May 28, 2026

Charles “Charlie” A. Petronis, Sr., affectionately known as “Pop”, peacefully left this world surrounded by his loving family on May 28, 2026, at the age of 88. Born in the city of Philadelphia on July 26, 1937, Charlie was the cherished son of the late John and Anna (nee Kavalauskas) Petronis. He attended St. Casimir Elementary School and graduated from Southeast Catholic High School, laying the foundation for a life devoted to faith, family, and service. A proud veteran, Charlie served his country with distinction in the US Army Reserve and the US Air Force and was stationed in Texas with an overseas tour in Korea.

In 1965, Charlie married the love of his life, Margaret (nee Gestite), and together they embarked on a beautiful journey over 60 years, raising three wonderful children. His family was his pride and joy, and he reveled in the laughter and warmth that filled their home. Charlie was known for his generosity, his corny jokes, and his ability to make everyone feel welcome in his home.

His early professional life saw him contributing to the success of Amstar Corp, the parent company of Domino Sugar, and later at Charles Jacquin et Cie., Inc. [Jaquin's Liquors – America’s oldest cordial producer], from where he eventually retired.

Charlie was a lifelong member of St. Casimir Lithuanian Church, where he served faithfully as an altar server, eucharistic minister, usher, chorus member, and committee member. His dedication extended to the Catholic War

Veterans, where he held various positions at the local Post, Chapter, State, and National levels. He also served as past President of the Knights of Lithuania C-3.

Charlie was an avid fisherman and never passed an opportunity for a fishing trip. He loved the thrill of casino trips to Atlantic City, and he cherished the memories of the many vacations and cruises with both family and friends. Whether going "down the shore", playing cards, betting on horse races, or enjoying a game of bingo, Charlie lived life with enthusiasm. He listened to Christmas music ALL year long, hosted Kūčios (Lithuanian Christmas Eve Dinner) for many, many years and always emphasized the importance to continue family traditions.

He was preceded in death by his siblings, John (Rosalie), Margaret Sheehan (Jack), Richard (Maryanne), and Maryanne Hogan-Hopper (Dan).

Charlie is survived by his devoted wife Marge; his children Charles (Marie), Drew (Ree Ree), and Mark (Isadora); his grandchildren, Mark Jr., Vincent, Mia, and Samantha; his sister-in-law, Lori Owen (Bill), his brother-in-law, Tom Hopper; his granddogs; many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends. His family extends their heartfelt thanks to the staff at Jefferson Hospital, SICU, Floor 4, for their compassionate care during his final days.

Relatives and friends are invited to his Viewing and Funeral on Thursday, June 4, 2026, after 8 AM at St. Casimir Lithuanian Church, 324 Wharton Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147 followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 10 AM. A private Interment will be held at Washington Crossing National Cemetery, 830 Highland Rd, Newtown, PA 18940 on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 where he will be buried with full Military Honors.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Charlie's name, honoring his commitment to faith and community to the Malvern Retreat House (www.malvernretreat.com) or by mail at Malvern Retreat House, 315 S. Warren Avenue, Malvern, PA 19355.

Share Online Condolences at www.rachubinskiandrogersfh.com

Cemetery Details

Washington Crossing National Cemetery

880 Highland Road
Newtown, PA 18940

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN 4. 8:00 AM - 9:45 AM (ET)

St. Casimir's Church
324 Wharton Street
Philadelphia, PA 19147 (CA)

Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall



“ *Charlie will be truly missed. He was a wonderful man and always had a smile on face. May you rest in peace*

Denise Brotnitsky - June 16 at 04:44 PM

HJ

“ *Charlie will be missed. It was always a pleasure seeing Charlie in the back of St. Casimir's church as we entered with our children. He always greeted my family and made us feel welcome. Prayers for Marge and the rest of the family.*

Harry Jung - June 04 at 08:15 PM

MF

“ *My Condolences to Petronis family.*



Mike Ford - June 02 at 10:12 AM

RH

“ *Rhino lit a candle in memory of Charles A. Petronis*



Rhino - June 02 at 12:32 AM