COLUMBUS/BEAVER DAM, WISC: Charles Lee "Charlie" Fuller, age 79, died on Monday, July 16, 2018, at Hillside Manor Rehab in Beaver Dam, Wis.

Charles was born on October 5, 1938, to Louis and Edna (Hogg) Fuller on a farm in Hardin County, Iowa. Charles graduated from Grinnell High School in Grinnell, Iowa, in 1957. He attended Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa. Charles began his grocery career in Iowa working with his brother Arthur in 1958. On June 14th of that year, he was married to Lynne Newport from Waterloo, Iowa. Charles and Lynne relocated to Hartford, Wis., where Charles managed a grocery business. The couple was active in the Hartford United Methodist Church where they established lifelong friendships. Charles and Lynne opened Fuller's Super Valu in 1972 where the family relocated. In 1988, they opened Fuller's Piggly Wiggly in Lodi, Wis.

Charles cherished his wife and children and adored his grandchildren and great grandchildren whom he cheered on in any and all pursuits. Mentoring was very important to Charles, as he understood the value of training young people seeking employment and success. He was passionate about people and his community and was a generous philanthropist. Charles was an active member of the Columbus United Methodist Church, serving on the Financing and Building Committee. Charles was a tireless community advocate, former president of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, former Mason (Shriners) and longtime Rotarian. Charles was instrumental in assisting Columbus Fourth of July celebrations as well as countless donations to community professionals. He enjoyed gardening, golfing, singing in the choir and whistling down the first aisle.

Charles is survived by the love of his life of 60 years, Lynne of Beaver Dam; his four children, Lori (Thomas) Fuller-Ehrke of Columbus, Bradley Fuller of Beaver Dam, Kirsten (Steven) Fuller Kaufmann of St. Paul, Minn., and Jamison (Denise) Fuller of Round Lake, Ill.; eight grandchildren, Drew (Virginia) Mellon, Molly Fuller, Anna Ehrke, Zachariah (Danae) Fuller, Samantha (Keith) Hensler, Tessa Fuller, Kaitlyn Fuller and Mitchell Fuller; five great grandchildren, Lauryn Reeder, Tyler Hensler, Grayson Reeder, Alexa Hensler, Deacon Mellon and Benjamin Fuller and expecting great granddaughter, Jocelyn Fuller; one brother, Michael (Jeanie) Fuller; and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Arthur, Wallace and Louis Keith.

A special heartfelt thank you to Dr. Anne Traynor and staff at the UW Carbone Cancer Center for their 17-year commitment to Charles' long battle with lung cancer and the entire staff at Hillside Home & Health Rehabilitation, an affiliate of Beaver Dam Community Hospital, where Charles and his family were so lovingly cared for. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, July 28, 2018, at the Columbus United Methodist Church, 222 S. Dickason Blvd., Columbus. The Rev. Kim Brumm will officiate. Interment will be in the Jackson Township Cemetery in rural Owaia, Iowa. Visitation will be from 4:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. on Friday, July 27, 2018, at the funeral home and from 10:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. at the church on Saturday. Memorials may be directed to the UW Carbone Cancer Center.

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