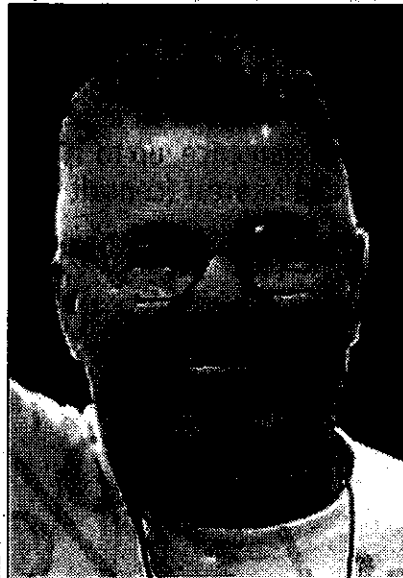


Charles William Townsley



Charles William Townsley, 57, of Toledo, died Thursday, March 1, 2012, at his home under the care of Mercy Hospice. Funeral services were held Monday, March 5, at the South Tama County High School gymnasium with Pastor Brian Oliver from Christ United Methodist Church in Toledo officiating. Interment followed at Woodlawn Cemetery in Toledo.

Memorials may be directed to the STC Activity Boosters.

Charles was born Sept. 4, 1954, in Oskaloosa, the son of Joseph Frederick

and Janet Gaynor Hockey Townsley. He graduated from Oskaloosa High School in 1972, then attended UNI. On Aug. 21, 1976, he was united in marriage with Anita Moore at Central United Methodist Church in Oskaloosa. Charley started working at Fareway Stores in 1970 and moved to the Toledo area in 1979 with Fareway. In 1981, he opened the All In 1 Stores in Tama and Toledo. He started working for Spooner Grocery in 1986 and after they closed, Charley went to work for the Chronicle Office Supply and became the sports writer for the Toledo Chronicle and Tama News Herald in 2001, where he recently retired due to his illness.

Charley was a member of the Christ United Methodist Church in Toledo, serving on numerous committees and was a former youth leader and Sunday school teacher. He was a former Toledo volunteer firefighter. Charley enjoyed sports and was an avid STC Booster, promoting student achievement in the classroom as well as in their activities, and was familiar around the Little Hawkeye Conference as a regular on the sidelines for many years. He was a Cleveland Indians baseball fan, and loved cooking, vinyl records, music, movies and visiting Anita's family farm. He took joy in family and friends, and his chocolate Lab "Chester."

He is survived by his wife, Anita Marie of Toledo; his daughter, Allison Graham of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; his father, Joseph Townsley of Cloquet, Minn.; one sister, Pam Kuntz of Rose Hill; and many other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Janet.

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