



Charles "Chuck" Mathew Malcho

December 6, 1942 - July 4, 2025

Charles "Chuck" Mathew Malcho, age 82, a prominent real estate investor known for his entrepreneurial spirit and deep love of Michigan's natural beauty, died on July 4, 2025, in Hessel, Michigan, from complications of cancer.

Born and raised in Dearborn, Michigan, Chuck was the son of the late Lawrence and Florence (Daley) Malcho. He graduated from Sacred Heart High School and later earned a degree in business from the University of Michigan, laying the foundation for a successful career in real estate investment.

From an early age, Chuck had a deep connection to Michigan's Upper Peninsula. In the 1950s, his family began spending summers in the Les Cheneaux Islands, where Chuck learned to sail and developed a lifelong affection for the area. He worked for many summers as a "camp boy" for the Seiberling family of Akron, Ohio, which sparked his lifelong passions for wooden boats and boating throughout the Les Cheneaux Islands. His pride and joy was his 1946 Chris Craft named "Sophie" that can still be seen doing evening ice cream runs with his children and grandchildren.

Chuck would go on to develop a passion for aviation, owning two aircrafts, a twin-engine Cessna and a King Air, he enjoyed using them for adventure,

including a memorable trip to Canada to see the polar bears. Chuck was an avid international traveler and a member of The Nomad Travel Club.

After decades of work in real estate, Chuck retired to Hessel in 2006, returning full-time to the place that had long been his sanctuary. His perfect day included feeding the deer, sailing the waters of Hessel Bay, and piloting Sophie to the Bon Aire ice cream shop in nearby Cedarville. He was a voracious reader of history and often enjoyed reading a good book while watching the snow fall and sitting next to his wood-burning stove.

Chuck is survived by his second wife, Constance Malcho of Detroit, Michigan; daughter, Michelle Seward (William) of Denver, Colorado; his son, Michael Malcho (Michelle Bunker) of Beverly Hills, Michigan; and his grandchildren Alexandra Seward, Michael Seward, and Emerson Malcho.

Chuck was preceded in death by his parents; and his brothers, Gregory Malcho and Brian Malcho.

Donations in his honor may be made to a charity that you feel would honor Chuck's memory.

Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Obituary as submitted by family.

Tribute Wall

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“ I have very fond memories of Chuck. He escorted me to senior prom at Sacred Heart. He was always full of life and exploring the world around him. He loved grilling steaks. He hosted my husband and I in northern Michigan one summer and we were lucky enough to take a ride in one of his boats. He visited us in San Diego and had a lovely time showing him around. Always interesting conversations and upbeat points of view. Condolences to his family.
Karen Senn

Karen Senn - September 15, 2025 at 03:16 AM

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“ Chuck and I were high school classmates. He was always a bit more serious about life than most teens. Greatly respected for his intelligence and kindness to classmates. Many of us stayed in touch with him in adulthood. When my young family visited him in the Upper Peninsula , we were given delightful and generous hospitality. In his advanced years, he was intellectually curious and had a marvelous sense of humor. I and many of his classmates will miss him.

Sandra Demerly Wittenbrink - September 02, 2025 at 06:08 PM

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“ Dan and I first spoke with Chuck across tables at Angio’s’s restaurant in Cedarville. Then when Dan entered assisted living at the Cove we were dinner companions at his table.
I will think of Chuck the rest of my life. He was very black & white in his opinions, but well mannered, moral and took an interest in politics, history and the lives of others. I especially enjoyed his stories about his years at Univ. of Michigan and his travels. He had a true love of the Upper Peninsula and nature. He was a kind soul who loved his family and the lifestyle of the Les Cheneaux area. I will miss him, but feel fortunate to have befriended him. RIP Chuck. You lived a good life.



Marilyn Kraft - July 11, 2025 at 11:22 PM

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Marilyn Kraft - July 11, 2025 at 11:26 PM

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“ Chuck always wanted the best for those he shared life with. We saw many places and time together and enjoyed the ride. Michael and Michele are Chucks living legacy may they find comfort in his memory and the best times. RIP CMM

Bruce Johnson - July 11, 2025 at 07:38 PM



“ We would see him everyday at Hessel Grocery at lunch time. He loved our chili. So I gave him the name of Chili Chuck. Such a nice man.



Kim Thompson - July 11, 2025 at 05:44 PM