

A Hero's Welcome

By Robert Longley

*Time to come home dear brother
Your tour of duty through
You've given as much as anyone
Could be expected to do*

*Just a few steps further
The smoke will start to clear
Others here will guide you
You have no need of fear*

*You have not failed your brothers
You clearly gave it all
And through your selfless actions
Others will hear the call*

*So take your place of honor
Among those who have gone before
And know you will be remembered
For now and evermore*



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**CHARLES
"CHUCK" FLACH**

April 4, 1946 - March 18, 2026

Charles Flach, Fargo, ND died March 18, 2026 at St. Rose Dominican Hospital in Henderson, NV due to acute cardiac disease.

Charles Lynn Flach was born at Bellingham, WA on April 4, 1946. He was the first child of Curtis Lynn Flach and Edith Lucille Verduin Flach as well as the first grandchild of each of his grandparents.

He graduated from Litchville Public High School in 1964 and attended Hasting, ND public school through grade 10. He was awarded a Bachelors Degree form Valley City State in 1968. He participated in Track and Field, student government, the school paper and various social activities at VCS. Following his graduation he taught English, including Journalism overseeing the school paper and coached Track and Field and Cross Country through his entire career at Frazee Public Schools.

After high school he worked seasonally beginning with two summers repairing and building trails at Glacier National Park. He then began a career in firefighting beginning on "hot shot" crew at Grangeville, ID. The following season he became a smokejumper based out of Missoula, MT. He continued for 35 seasons as a jumper based out of Missoula and West Yellowstone. He achieved a record number of fire jumps for the Missoula region and ranked very high nationally in career jumps. His assignments ranged from the Alaskan tundra to Arizona and New Mexico including all of the west coast and mountain west states. Fortunately he escaped major injuries. Like all smokejumpers he trained vigorously and in his early years he set the record time for the obstacle course.

Chuck finished his Forest Service career supporting various functions in fire suppression and forest land management including controlled burns in Minnesota and Mississippi. His non-jumper highlight experience was an assignment to NASA, heading a crew to recover debris from the space shuttle Columbia.

Chuck was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents Henry Verduin and Ralphine Kluvers Verduin, Alex Flach and Sophia Anderson Flach, brother-in-law Chuck Hartman, and infant Hartman triplets Alexius, Ashley, and Allen.

He is survived by his siblings David (Bev), Robert (Kathy), Scott (Donna) and Patricia Hartman Hoffman (Bill); nieces and nephews, Tricia Promersberger (Eric), Anthony Flach (Holly), Erika Leitch (Cameron), Bryan Flach (Cassie), Alicia Dietrich (Chad), Chad Flach (Emily), Michael Flach (Shannon), Roberta Storm (Shane), Troy and Trevor Hartman.

Memorials to Red River Church, Litchville Cemetery fund, or Hospice of the Red River Valley.

Remembering

CHUCK FLACH

April 4, 1946 - March 18, 2026

Funeral Service

Saturday, May 9, 2026 - 11:00 AM

Red River Church

West Fargo, North Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Ron Van Peurse

Music

Jodi Van Peurse, *Accompanist*

“How Great Thou Art”

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

“I’ll Fly Away”

Scripture Reading

John 14:1-6

Pallbearers

Tricia Promersberger - Anthony Flach

Erika Leitch - Bryan Flach

Michael Flach - Roberta Storm

Alicia Dietrich - Chad Flach - Troy Hartman - Trevor Hartman

Honorary Pallbearers

David Demarais - Paul Hendrickson - Bruce Hein

Don Haugo - Bill Werhane - Noel Johnson

Burial

Litchville Cemetery

Litchville, North Dakota

All are invited to a luncheon following the service.