

On Dec. 28, 2006, Charles Mehlin “Buzz” Poser, beloved husband, father, brother and friend, lost his life in the fire of the historic Summit Inn in Franklin, which he and his wife, Nancy Lynn Davis-Poser, had beautifully restored over the past eight years.

Chuck was born Dec. 2, 1945, in Detroit, Mich., the eldest son of the late Charles and Marguerite McGee Poser. He grew up in California and Michigan.

He was a graduate of Shrine of the Little Flower High School in Royal Oak, Mich. He earned a bachelor’s degree in philosophy and psychology from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and attended law school at the Detroit College of Law.

Chuck was an outstanding American entrepreneur and had owned and pioneered many businesses over a period of 40 years. He and his wife owned businesses in Ann Arbor, Mich.; Charlevoix and Traverse City, Mich.; Sarasota, Fla.; Hilton Head Island, S.C.; Savannah, Ga.; Franklin and Highlands.

He was an accomplished restoration specialist, having renovated several classic vintage wooden sailboats and historic homes. A skilled sailor, he had sailed in the annual Mackinac Great Lakes Race and many other nautical events. He was happiest when he was on the water with his wife, family and friends.

As a preservationist and real estate investor, he had overseen the complete restoration of several large historic buildings in Ann Arbor, Charlevoix and Franklin.

Chuck was the ultimate optimist and always looked to the brighter side of life. He was dearly loved by family and friends and will be greatly missed.

Chuck passed from this world with two beloved family pets at his side, Skeebo Jones and Duke.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Nancy; their three daughters, Jessica Kelly of Savannah, Ga., Marissa McArdle and Lauren Poser, both of Beaufort, S.C., a sister, Patricia Cooke of Princeton, N.J.; and a brother, Robert Poser of Brighton, Mich.

A memorial celebration of his life will be held in Michigan at a later date.

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