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Charles Michael (Chuck) Richardson, 45, was born April 17, 1971 in Lancaster, CA. and died March 5, 2017 in Huntersville, N.C. Chuck grew up and attended elementary and high school in Rosamond, CA. In 1989 he began a 27 year career in food service, starting with working in and managing fast food restaurants in Lancaster, CA. In 1997 he moved to North Carolina and worked in and managed CCSA kitchens in Chapel Hill and Durham, N.C. In 2010 he became a cook for the Levine Dickson Hospice House in Huntersville, N.C. The kitchen at the hospice house is named in honor of Chuck.

He is survived by his wife of 17 years Laura Pitts Richardson, their daughter Alessandra Teresa-Rose and his son from a previous marriage, Michael Henry, his mother Kathleen Elaine Baker (Bill) and father Joseph Michael Richardson and numerous step siblings, in-laws, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Chuck loved his family, Laura, Michael and Ali. The absolute happiest anyone ever saw Chuck was when he was around them. Chuck had a deep affection for a wide circle of family members, friends and co-workers with whom he greatly enjoyed travel, parties, movies and Lakers' games. He was out-going, exuberant and funny. Chuck had a keen, inquisitive mind, read extensively and loved to discuss and argue any number of topics. And, he had a great smile.

But, after family, the core of Chuck's life was charity work for the least fortunate among us. Twice he and Laura rode bicycles across the USA to increase awareness and raise funds to combat extreme poverty and illiteracy. He organized and participated in many fund raising projects including walking from North Carolina to Washington D.C., and lobbying elected officials, all for the cause of reducing poverty. Chuck would accept different opinions on many things, but on his fierce belief in the essential duty of caring for the poor, he was unyielding.



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So, we, his family and friends, will best remember Chuck by enlarging our efforts to support and comfort the poor and those suffering around the world.

A memorial and celebration of life will be held for Chuck at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 18, at James Funeral home in Huntersville, NC.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Doctors Without Borders.



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Jerry Underwood posted:

Beverly and I were deeply saddened to learn of Chuck's passing. He was, without doubt, one of the most upbeat people with whom we have ever been associated. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Laura and his family. His smile and personality are certainly lighting up Heaven!!!

March 22 at 2:16 PM



Caroline Rymer posted:

I will miss my friend. Chuck was an awesome person. He always made me laugh. He was very funny. Laura and Ali, you are in my prayers.

March 13 at 3:55 PM



Jill Shamp posted:

My thoughts are with Chuck's family and friends. May all find comfort in knowing Chuck was a good man, and he will always be with you. Blessings to you.

March 10 at 4:17 PM



Steve And Judy Chase posted:

I read that some people leave footprints - "footprints of kindness and love, courage, and inspiration, joy and faith". That's Chuck. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

March 9 at 10:03 AM



Milissa J Hubbard posted:

I am so glad that I had the opportunity to work with Chuck for a few years at LDHH. He was a wonderful person who was full of compassion for others. I know that he leaves wonderful memories for everyone he touched.

March 9 at 5:39 AM



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Tom And Donna Biggs posted:

Chuck has been the epitome of bravery and positivism in the face of the most difficult circumstance one can face, especially at his age. We, among many others, admire his courage and respect the undying legacy he leaves behind.

March 9 at 5:20 AM



Jeff Meier posted:

Jolene & I ,Jeff (are Aunt & Uncle to Chuck). We knew him growing up and so proud as he was an advocate of people in need, what a huge heart he had. So sorry, for his Father and Mother, as no parent should out live their children. Love to all the family and friends who were touched by Chuck's life.

March 7 at 3:07 PM



Dellisha Downey posted:

I love you my friend. May you Rest In Paradise.

March 7 at 11:47 AM



Betty Matekovich posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Chuck's passing. Please know that you and your family will be in my prayers.

March 6 at 6:05 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Charles by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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