

Charles Paul Wendt
December 5, 1947 - August 13, 2026

Loving father of Jennifer (Brian) Carter and Christine Wendt. Uncle of Mike Wendt and Chip Wendt. Ex-husband of Barbara (Don) Miller. Brother of the late Jeff (Betty) Wendt, late John Wendt, and James Wendt. God father of Kristen McGuigan. Brother-in-law of Sue Brown. Also survived by other nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Preceded in death by his parents Harold and Florence Wendt.

A devoted husband, father, grandfather, friend, and man of faith, he will be remembered for his warm heart, generous spirit, and the way he made everyone around him feel like a friend.

Charles lived life fully and found joy in the simple things that brought people together. He loved golfing, fishing, bowling, and cars, and he especially cherished time spent with his family. Some of his favorite memories were made traveling to northern Wisconsin, where he and his family rented cottages and enjoyed time together. He also loved vacations in Florida, creating many special family memories along the way.

Charles was a dedicated and hardworking employee throughout his career. He proudly spent 36 years with Rexnord, followed by another 10 years with Aumund Corporation. His commitment to his work and the people he worked alongside was a reflection of the loyalty and dependability he brought to all aspects of his life.

Above all, Charles was a family man. His girls were his pride and joy, and nothing meant more to him than seeing them happy and spending time with them. He was a constant source of love, encouragement, and support, and his family will treasure the countless memories they shared with him.

Charles was also a true man of faith. He loved his church and the church community, where he found fellowship, friendship, and purpose. He especially enjoyed the men's group and "The Good Timers," friendships and gatherings that brought him great happiness.



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

August 17, 2026

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

GREETING

Friends, we have gathered here to praise God and to witness to our faith as we celebrate the life of our brother in Christ, Charles Paul Wendt. We come together in grief, acknowledging our human loss. May God grant us grace, that in pain we may find comfort, in sorrow hope, in death resurrection.

THE WORD OF GRACE

Jesus said, I am the resurrection and I am life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. I died, and behold I am alive for evermore, and I hold the keys of hell and death. Because I live, you shall live also.

HYMN *A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD* UMC 110

PRAYER *

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, we praise you for the great company of all those who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labor. We praise you for those dear to us whom we name in our hearts before you.

Especially we praise you for Charlie, whom you have graciously received into your presence. To all of these, grant your peace. Let perpetual light shine upon them; and help us so to believe where we have not seen, that your presence may lead us through our years, and bring us at last with them into the joy of your home not made with hands but eternal in the heavens; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A READING FROM ISAIAH 40

HYMN **AMAZING GRACE** **UMC 378**

A READING FROM REVELATION 21

THE GOSPEL FROM JOHN 14

EULOGY

WITNESS

COMMENDATION

God of us all, your love never ends. When all else fails, you still are God. We pray to you for one another in our need, and for all, anywhere, who mourn with us this day. To those who doubt, give light; to those who are weak, strength; to all who have sinned, mercy; to all who sorrow, your peace.

Keep true in us the love with which we hold one another. In all our ways we trust you. And to you, with your Church on earth and in heaven, we offer honor and glory, now and for ever.

O God, all that you have given us is yours. As first you gave Charlie to us, now we give Charlie back to you.

Receive Charlie into the arms of your mercy. Raise Charlie up with all your people. Receive us also, and raise us into a new life. Help us so to love and serve you in this world that we may enter into your joy in the world to come.

Amen.

HYMN **HOW GREAT THOU ART** **UMC 77**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation. but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN **ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME** **UMH 154**
vs 1,2,4,6

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING *

Now may the God of peace who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good thing so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be the glory for ever and ever.

Amen.

HYMN **HERE I AM, LORD** **UMH 593**
(*Family to process out as the hymn is sung*)

POSTLUDE

LEADING TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev. Robert D. Odum

Susan Brown, Accompanist