

Charles Golike | 1927-2014

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Charles C. Golike, 86, died Jan. 23, 2014, in Decatur.

A public memorial service will be held to celebrate his life at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25 in the Parlor Room of the First Baptist Church of Decatur.

Charles, known as Chuck, was born May 22, 1927 to Homer and Nellie Golike of Bethalto, Ill. After graduating from Alton High School in Alton, Ill., he attended Northwestern Bible College in Minneapolis, Minn., participating in Bible learning, music, and playing catcher on the college baseball team.

He met his future wife, Lois Hawkey, there, and they were married June 15, 1948, in Alton, Ill. Chuck owned Go-Britt Kennels and enjoyed raising, training, selling, showing and bird hunting with his Brittany Spaniels. He had careers in construction and in managing large ranches in Colorado, Nevada and Texas. His love of horses was evident throughout his life.

Chuck professed faith in Jesus Christ as a child. He grew up attending church and continued as an adult in teaching God's Word and in directing church choirs. While living in Grand Junction, Colo., he began his own radio program called "Let's Hear" featuring local and visiting Christian musicians who sang, played a variety of instruments and shared their testimonies of faith in Christ and of God's faithfulness in their lives.

Chuck's own faith enabled him to respond to life's difficulties with the conviction of the message of his favorite hymn, "It Is Well with My Soul." He will be keenly missed as a loving husband, father, and friend.

He is survived by his wife, Lois Golike, and their three children (and spouses): Daniel (Terri), Gaile Thulson (Mark), and Kevin (Gloria); six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; brothers Harold and Don Golike; and sister Marie Ringhausen. He was preceded in death by his sister, LaVerne Golike; and brothers Albert and William Golike.