



## Charles Andrew Panerio

December 27, 1937 - August 15, 2013

### CHARLES A. PANERIO

Charles A. Panerio, 75, of Ephrata, Washington, passed away on August 16, 2013.

Chuck was a loving and giving father, husband, brother and friend. He leaves behind a legacy of inspirational leadership and service. Chuck "PAPA TIGER" was not just a coach. Chuck instilled all of his personal values in combination with integrity, quality and character to achieve his personal best. He required the same from others with such patience, loyalty, and confidence. This legacy has affected many and will always be cherished in the hearts of his family and friends.

Charles Andrew Panerio was born December 27, 1937 to Major and Margaret Panerio. Roslyn, Washington is where it all began for Chuck. A coal miner's son, his hard-working roots laid the foundation for his future success. The Panerio family household worked harmoniously alongside each other keeping in mind both the common good and the welfare of one's family and friends. Music was instrumental to Charlie and his strong Italian community was dear to his heart. He met the love of his life Helen, his junior year. After graduating from Cle Elum-Roslyn High School in 1956, he attended and graduated Central Washington University, Ellensburg, Washington in 1960, with a degree in Physical Education.

Chuck took his first teaching position at Ephrata High School in 1960. Chuck and Helen were married in 1961 and made Ephrata their home. Chuck and

Helen had three children Deona, Tony, and Krista.

Throughout his 30-year career of teaching and coaching, Chuck received numerous awards and recognition. Charlie loved athletics and thrived on the thrills that sports demanded. Athletics filled his soul and shaped his outlook on life. He was especially honored by his 2010 induction into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

He is survived by his two daughters, Deona Behrens, husband Bob with their children Beau and Chase, Krista Panerio and husband Justin Moody; sister Leona Malcolm; brother Robert Panerio and his wife Charlotte; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by wife Helen Panerio; son Tony Panerio; and his parents Major and Margaret Panerio.

He tenderly loved his family, friends, and the "TIGER TOWN" of Ephrata. He will be missed and remembered for how he brought the best out in all of us. In his own words "know that I did my best and believe in the

Lord to bring me victory." Services will be held at Holy

Trinity Lutheran Church, 1012 C Street S.W. in Ephrata on Friday, August 23, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. Burial will be held later that day, at The Memorial Garden Cemetery in Roslyn, Wash. A reception in his honor will follow in the banquet room next to the PANERIO ROOM at The Suncadia Resort in Roslyn, Wash. Giving was a part of Charlie's life. To continue the mission, memorial contributions can be made in Chuck's name to either Ephrata Public Library, or Ephrata Senior Center.

Please leave a memory for the family or sign their online guestbook at [www.nicolesfuneralhome.com](http://www.nicolesfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of Nicoles Funeral Home, Ephrata, Wash

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Garden Cemetery

Memorial Way  
Roslyn, WA 98941

# Previous Events

## Service

AUG 23. 10:30 AM (PT)

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
1012 C St S.W.  
Ephrata, WA 98823

# Tribute Wall



“ *Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles Andrew Panerio*



**Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park** - August 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ *Deona and Krista and the entire extended Panerio family..... I joined you all well over 30 years ago. The big mouth Irish Girl w/ no social graces. Uncle Chuck never once made me feel less than special in those early years. I remember the last time I saw him.. he grab the back of my neck and said.. "family, you know you need to put them first before anything - nothing is more important, don't forget that". Thank you Uncle Chuck for the best advice. Deona and Krista - my heart remains heavy for you. xox See you soon! Coleen*

**Coleen Panerio** - September 08, 2013 at 09:27 PM

BF

“ *Charlie was a Special Friend and I will truly miss his companionship! He was such a Charming, Caring, Punctual (He was never late!) man and an overall true gentleman! I will treasure the last four years I was able to spend with Charlie! Rest In Peace Dear Friend! You are truly missed! Brenda Follett*

**Brenda Follett** - August 28, 2013 at 10:44 PM

BG

“Certainly there are many good things to say about Chuck Panerio. He produced winning teams, produced many fine athletes and some champions. Yet, that is not what totally defined the man. What defined Chuck was that he was always fair and inspired all to do their best. Chuck had the ability to take a sow's ear and turn it into a silk purse.”

*Bruce Gillette  
Wrestling Team*

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**Bruce Gillette** - August 27, 2013 at 08:54 PM

SM

“Uncle Chuck ...one of a kind...will miss you forever... all your smiles and your Ukulele playing. You are a wonderful man and have two wonderful daughters. Love you all! Be at peace in heaven with Tony and your love Helen. Love you Sandy

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**Sandy Malcolm** - August 26, 2013 at 09:08 PM

CM

“What a gracious and kind person who would always talk to me whenever I went in the library over the last 20 years. Cecilia Monda

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**Cecilia Monda** - August 25, 2013 at 09:53 PM

NM

“We are so sorry for your entire family's loss of Mr. Panerio. I met him once when I was in high school in Moses Lake when he was visiting his brother and Char---our mentors for life and in music, of course. I pray for everyone's comfort during your time of grief.  
Many blessings,  
Nicki Smith McClusky  
St. Louis, MO

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**Nicki McClusky** - August 25, 2013 at 09:34 PM



“ *chuck Keep prayer family and friends so sorry*

Stephanie Collier-scott - August 23, 2013 at 10:42 PM



“ *Marleny Tindal lit a candle in memory of Charles Andrew Panerio*



Marleny Tindal - August 23, 2013 at 04:51 AM



*Our Prayers are with the Family and I light this candle in memory of Chuck I have a good memories I always will remember him with a beautiful smile sure we miss him a lot. God Bless you all.*

Marleny Tindal - August 23, 2013 at 04:55 AM



“ *I have fond memories of Chuck Panerio, my high school wrestling coach. I felt he truly cared about me and sought to bring out the best in me. Perhaps the last time I saw Chuck was at my father's memorial service in Ephrata. Chuck was a good-hearted man. May God comfort and bless his family.*

Don Horrell - August 23, 2013 at 12:57 AM

MA

“ *Mr. Panerio was such a sincerely kind and loving man. He taught my husband, Jay in school and our son, Rocky in the 5th grade. Whenever I ran into him in town, he would take time to visit and ask about Jay and Rocky and then tell me what was going on with him. My heart ached for him the times that we talked about the sudden death of his son, Tony and also his Wife from cancer. He was such a good man. We will surely miss him.*  
*Love, Marie Adams*

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**Marie Adams** - August 22, 2013 at 06:15 PM

JS

“ *John, Lynn, Seth, Allysa, Kelsey and Suzy purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Charles Andrew Panerio.*



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**John, Lynn, Seth, Allysa, Kelsey and Suzy** - August 22, 2013  
at 05:18 PM

DM

“ *Chuck, was a great teaching friend, and we enjoyed knowing both he and Helen. Chuck was an honorable man who was generous to others. We miss him. Our prayers and sympathy to the family. Don & Chris McFarland*

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**Don McFarland** - August 22, 2013 at 04:19 PM

SD

“ Chuck was such a wonderful teacher, coach and man! He always brought a smile to my face when he came into our office! He will be deeply missed! My prayers go out to the family!

Love,  
Sandy Davis

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**Sandy Davis** - August 22, 2013 at 10:16 AM

ES

“ Can there be a truer measure of greatness in a teacher and coach than this: students and players wanted to do better to please him. That was Chuck Panerio.

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**Evan Sperline** - August 21, 2013 at 09:44 PM

TM

“ Deona and family, I have many great fun filled memories of us kids growing up on Crest Drive. Your parents were the coolest, most outgoing parents on the block. I pray that your memories are filled with laughter and your heart filled with peace because Chuck Panerio was one of the "good guys" in this world.

Tim Moncrief

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**Tim Moncrief** - August 21, 2013 at 09:26 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Andrew Panerio.



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August 21, 2013 at 08:33 PM

MN

“ Chuck was a very long time customer of mine followed me 3 different coffee shops and I just loved how happy and up beat he was! My heart stopped when I herd about chuck! I will always remember his hugs he gave and how he walked in and would say good morning you are just so beautiful and glowing! His smile was great! I will miss seeing him around! RIP chuck and my prayers to all his family! God bless!

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**melissa noah** - August 21, 2013 at 06:45 PM

SS

“ Prayers to the Panerio Family. Mr. Panerio was such a lovely man I met him when his wife Helen passed away He came into the Funeral home where I was working and, it seemed like we just clicked. Every time I saw him he always had a smile for me and a hug. It didn't matter what he was going through at any given time He always asked about how I was feeling and how I was doing. Chuck always put everyone needs in front of his own. He will be missed by everyone that knew him.

*Susan (Jim) Smith*

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**Susan Smith** - August 21, 2013 at 06:39 PM

CD

“ He was the kindest person I have ever met. He went out of his way to make our family feel welcome when we moved in and continued to do so. Natalie loved him so much and always wanted to go talk to him when he was outside. He will be missed very much by our entire family.

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**Caitlin Davis** - August 21, 2013 at 06:33 PM

BR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Panerio's family. We so enjoyed him when we were in school....and the last few years coming into the store for a bucket of that brown paint! RIP to a wonderful person.

*Brad and JoAnn Rushton*

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**Brad and JoAnn Rushton** - August 21, 2013 at 04:55 PM

NM

“ Krista and Deona, I'm so very sorry for your loss. Both of your parents were great people. Words are so inadequate at this time but please know that you and your families are in my prayers.

*Noni (Jackman) McNinch*

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**Noni (Jackman) McNinch** - August 21, 2013 at 03:56 PM

HD

“ Howard, John, Kirk, Jay, David and Ken DeLong purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Charles Andrew Panerio.



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**Howard, John, Kirk, Jay, David and Ken DeLong** - August 21, 2013 at 03:34 PM

PD

“ I remember Chuck as a man of integrity, truly committed to the kids of Ephrata and to his family. A real pillar of the community. Sending sympathies and prayers from the extended Cowley family.

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**Patricia Doyle** - August 21, 2013 at 01:13 PM

DD

“ Prayers and sympathy to Coach Panerio's family. I loved playing baseball for Coach in '66 and '67. His unmistakable voice still rings in my ears when I find myself loafing around. Dillon!! What are you going to do next, where you throwing the ball, what's happening next, get those feet moving, what are you doing? OK, If you are not sure let's do laps. Rest In Peace Coach. You will be missed. Dan Dillon

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**Dan Dillon** - August 21, 2013 at 11:41 AM

SD

“ Mr. Panerio was the P.E. teacher when I was in high school at Ephrata. One simple memory was when we played the game where two opposing lines of people, on command, throw those soft rubber basketball-sized balls at the opposite side, trying to hit them without them catching the balls. Mr. Panerio always used the term "fire at will" but our class had a member named Will so it was a big joke. Did he teach another subject besides P.E.?

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**Steve Dahlin** - August 21, 2013 at 11:27 AM

JE

“ Chuck was a fantastic teacher and neighbor, and I was fortunate enough to have had him as both, a teacher and a neighbor.

*I have lots of memories of Chuck as a teacher and neighbor, but the one most recent that comes to mind is that Mom still lives on Crest Drive, and Chuck would come over and clean the snow off Mom's driveway even before Mom was up sometimes. She would always wonder why. Sometimes it became a race for her to get out there before Chuck got over. It was just because that's who Chuck was.*

*The Kidston Family*

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**Jeff** - August 21, 2013 at 07:38 AM

DL

“ Deona, Krista and Family - extending our sincerest condolences. Deona - sending you a big hug!! I had such a great teaching experience with Chuck. I was so lucky to have a caring partner to teach with as a new teacher. I have so many wonderful memories We pray that your treasured memories will keep you strong. Lonnie & Debbie (Leeper) Landrie

Debbie Landrie - August 20, 2013 at 11:27 PM

RS

“ Dear family, we hold you close in our thought and in our prayers. Our most sincere sympathies to you. Much love, Ron & Gaye Scheib

Ron & Gaye Scheib - August 20, 2013 at 07:46 PM

MS

“ I can remember when Chucky (as we called him) grew within shouting distance of our homes in Roslyn. I went to school with his sister Leona. When I learned Chuck became a teacher I thought OL LORDY! I did follow some of his activities at Ephrata & also heard from My nieces & Nephews what a great teacher he was & coach. Chuck will be deeply missed & My sympathy goes out to the families he leaves. REST IN PEACE CHUCK.



Marlene (Nelson) Stone - August 20, 2013 at 04:34 PM

SL

We send you our deepest sympathy on the loss of your dear father! We knew him as a friend, a fellow parent and just a great guy. We would see him at baseball games, football games, everywhere kids were playing ball. Always with that big grin and a funny comment! Our thoughts and prayers are with your families. Gordon and Sandy Law,

Sandra Crawford Law - August 22, 2013 at 09:43 AM

DL

*Krista and Justin,  
Norm and I just heard today of your terrible loss. We know how special your Dad was to you two and we are so sorry. If there is anything we can do to help you please give us a call. All of us Hoodies are here for you. Love, Debbie and Norm Loftin*

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**Debbie and Norm Loftin** - August 25, 2013 at 01:23 AM

RH

*My deepest sympathy on the loss of a great man and human being. I met Mr. Panerio in 1963, I was 13. He was my PE teacher. The first thing he said to me was "Herron, get a haircut". I will miss him. He instilled in me to never give up. Rest in Peace.*

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**Robert Herron** - September 13, 2013 at 09:56 AM