



## Charles Dallas Graves

June 9, 1930 - August 28, 2018

Longtime resident and local law enforcement icon Charles Graves passed away peacefully August 28, 2018 of natural causes, surrounded by family.

Chuck was well known in both local and far reaching law enforcement communities for his 48 years in law enforcement and his outstanding tireless work in narcotics, intelligence and security.

With 30 years in the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Department, Chuck worked on numerous investigations involving the FBI, Secret Service, ATF, Homeland Security, US Customs and both California and US Departments of Justice.

Chuck was born on June 6, 1930 in the San Joaquin Valley. He entered the Navy at 16 and after 3 years there, he transferred to the US Air Force, where he served for 20 years before retiring as a Sergeant in CID, in 1967.

Chuck began his career with the San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Department in 1968, after retiring from the military and marrying Margaret (Mickey) Moore, then a paralegal to Judge Barry Hammer and later Superior Court Secretary to the late Judge Harry Woolpert.

When Chuck and Mickey married, each had three small children, for a total of

6 children under the age of 10, at the start of their marriage and with both parents working full time. The fact they managed that endeavor so successfully must be a testament to Chuck's military training and Mickey's tenacity.

Working long hours in the field, Charles was instrumental in resolving some of the biggest investigations in San Luis Obispo County, including drugs, smuggling and intelligence matters.

Chuck was the recipient of numerous awards for his expertise and service from various agencies, including the FBI, LAPD, Secret Service, DOJ, SLO District Attorney's office and others.

Chuck is survived by his wife of 50 years, Mickey, children, Charlene (Michael), Brian (Lori), Mike and three stepsons, Tim, Steve (Floyd) and Mike (Susan), numerous beloved grandchildren and nieces and nephews. He is also remembered as a great friend and coworker by many, both in and out of the law enforcement community.

Chuck is remembered as a decent, kind, efficient and non-nonsense law enforcement officer who could be trusted with any information and whose favorite comment, always with a smile, was "it's on a need to know basis."

Chuck had a wonderful sense of humor and was the most loyal of friends, even when you made fun of his golf game. He will be sorely missed by many.

A memorial service will be held at Reis Family Mortuary in San Luis Obispo on Friday, September 14, 2018 at 11am. A celebration of life will follow at the Madonna Inn at 1:00pm.

Memorial contributions made to the Woods Animal Services or a charity of

your choice would be thoughtful gifts to the family.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP 14. 11:00 AM (PT)

Reis Family Mortuary and Crematory  
991 Nipomo Street  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401  
(805) 544-7400  
k.reis1958@gmail.com  
<https://www.reisfamilymortuary.net/>

## Celebration of Life

SEP 14. 1:00 PM (PT)

Madonna Inn  
100 Madonna Rd  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93405  
(805) 543-3000  
<http://www.madonnainn.com>

# Tribute Wall

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“ My wife Sherry and I remember meeting Chuck and Micky, and being invited to their home in Grover Beach for dinner with their 6 children in 1968. It does not seem like that long ago. Micky taught Sherry how to make Tamale Pie. Chuck had just retired from the Air Force and started with the Sheriff's Office. During 1968 & 69, Chuck and I rode patrol together on the Coast and in South County. He always had a good word no matter what happened. In our eyes, Chuck and Micky had not changed over the many years we knew them. Chuck was always active and in good shape, playing racket ball and golf. God's speed Chuck.

*Frank & Sherry Root*

Frank & Sherry Root - September 14, 2018 at 08:38 AM

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“ I have very fond memories of my time serving at the Sheriff's Office with Chuck. I spent many an hour learning from Chuck on both the front and back porches of Sheriff's Detective building. He had a knack for taking seemingly random facts and turning them into a successful investigation. Micky you are in my heart.

John Means - September 02, 2018 at 07:35 PM



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