



## Charles W. Morris Sr.

November 22, 2018

Charles Welfred Morris, Sr., 85, of Pennsville, NJ, passed away peacefully on the 22nd of November, 2018. Born in Camden, NJ, he was the son of the late Charles H. Morris and Mabel (Pine) Morris McQuilkin. Charles was a 1951 graduate of Penns Grove Regional High School and he served his country in the United States Navy during the Korean War. He furthered his education by taking night classes at the University of Penn and attending Salem Community College, earning his Associates Degree in Business and Finance.

Charles started his 32 year career with DuPont working at the Stradley Building in Wilmington, DE where he was responsible for buying and selling their tanker cars. To spend more time with his young family, "Moose" transferred to Chambers Works in 1965 where he worked as a pipefitter. From his experience at DuPont and his involvement with their union, Charles was fundamental in driving forth the legislation that would become the Right To Know Act. Charles took an early retirement from DuPont and began a new career as a legal investigator for the law firm of Tomar, Selinger, Simonoff, Adourian and O'Brien in Haddonfield, NJ where he also served on the National League of Legal Investigators for many years.

Throughout his life, Charles volunteered with a vast amount of community organizations such as his service with the Salem County Vo-Tech School Board, Chemical Workers Association Labor Union, New Jersey Right To

Know Coalition, New Jersey Statewide Emergency Response Council, Salem County Planning Board, Pennsville Industrial Commission, Boy Scouts of America, the Pennsville Republican Club and PHILAPOSH. Charles was a member of the Order of the Arrow. He is a former delegate to New Jersey Boys State, received the American Red Cross Blood Donor Award, District Award of Merit, DuPont's Pensioner of the Year Award and International Man of Achievement Award. Also, Charles was a member of Pennsville's Septemberfest committee and he served as their Parade Marshall in 1998.

He will be remembered as a loving husband, a proud father, an adoring grandfather and loyal brother, but the biggest mark he made on this earth was his beloved portrayal as Santa Claus at the National Christmas Center in Lancaster, PA. He was known as the true keeper of the Christmas spirit all year long.

Charles is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Eileen J. (Williams) Morris; his son Charles W. Morris, Jr. and his wife Sacha of London, England; his daughter Eileen D. Willis of Pennsville; his grandchildren Victoria Morris, Mollie Morris-Pearcy (Oliver), Harry Morris, Daisy Morris, Poppy Morris, Noah Willis, Madeline Willis and Faith Willis; and his great grandson Finley. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his daughter Terri Lynne Morris, his brother Louis "Sonny" Morris and his sister Bertha Caudell.

A memorial service to celebrate Charles' life will be held on Monday, the 3rd of December, 2018 at Adams Funeral Home, 64 Broad Street, Woodstown, NJ 08098. There will be a visitation from 10 to 11 AM followed by the service at 11 AM. Inurnment will be private for the family at the Salem County Veterans Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made in Charles' memory to Toys for Tots by going online at [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org) and selecting the "In Memory" option for donation.



# Cemetery Details

## Salem County Veterans

125 Cemetery Rd.  
Mannington, NJ

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Adams Funeral Home (Woodstown)  
64 Broad St.  
Woodstown, NJ 08098  
(856) 769-2220

## Memorial Service

DEC 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JL

“ Charlie was the real deal and a Certified Legal Investigator (CLI). I met him as a member of NALI, National Association of Legal Investigators, of which he eventually was elected as a National Officer. He mentored me and we became great friends. I learned of his passing just yesterday and wanted to express my best wishes to his family and friends. I can recall being in Traverse City, MI at a NALI Conference in the summer of the late 1990's and kids were approaching him asking if he was the real Santa. He would pull out his Santa ID card which was incredibly well done. They were amazed; and he was the real Santa in my mind. His spirit lives on. Wish I could have visited him in his later years. That is my only regret. RIP Charlie. We all loved you in NALI.

*John M. Lajoie, CLI, Incoming National Director of NALI, West Boylston, MA*

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**John M. Lajoie** - July 16, 2019 at 01:34 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles W. Morris Sr..



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December 01, 2018 at 07:39 AM



“ I had the pleasure of caring for Charles (santa) at golden years ago...he was so kind hearted and truly loved his wife...he always asked me what I wanted for Christmas...I told him what I wanted he said not this Christmas.. but a few Christmases to come...what a dear soul...he also worked with my father at chambers work..Dupont...rest in peace Charles...the lord has you now...  
Rebecca

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**Rebecca Owens** - November 25, 2018 at 08:45 PM



“ He will always be Santa to me. My grandkids loved him. Somewhere there is a picture of me sitting on his lap. I said I was a little too big but he told me no one was too big for Santa. I thought the world of him. Once summer I saw him in the Acme. A little boy started yelling & jumping up & down. He told his mother that now he knew where Santa lived in the summer. Charlie went over to him & made the little boy so happy.  
Love his wife. She is one of the nicest people I know. God bless all of them.

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**Sarah Lawrence** - November 25, 2018 at 04:11 PM

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“ I first met Mr Morris many years ago whilst on a visit to the UK - he was holidaying with his son Charlie (Jr). Charlie Jr told me he was coming to visit the school. As a teacher in a primary school, my over-riding memory is the joy on the children's faces when they saw Santa 'in disguise'. RIP Mr Morris, your son talked of you often and fondly.

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**Adil** - November 25, 2018 at 02:35 PM

KC

“ Wonderful neighbors of my family for many years. RIP Mr. Morris.

Kathy Carpenter-Wills - November 24, 2018 at 05:32 PM

JF

*He was always the Real Santa as my kids grew up. He loved the kids  
RIP Santa*

John Flitcraft - November 25, 2018 at 01:40 PM

SJ

*Mrs. Morris and family, so sorry for your loss. I missed seeing you  
every day at Golden after my mom passed. May he rest in peace. I  
always admired your dedication to him.*

Susan Leonard Johnson - November 25, 2018 at 02:22 PM