

# Charles L. “Chick” Supplee



Charles L. Supplee, a former long-time resident of Vero Beach, Fla., passed away at his home in Bowling Green, Ky. on Monday, February 6, 2023. He was born July 26, 1937, in Philadelphia, Pa.

Before starting a family, Chick served in the U.S. Army, stationed in Honolulu, Hi. Once honorably discharged, he went on to become a general contractor in southern New Jersey before moving his family to Vero Beach, Fla. in 1977.

For the next 35-plus years, he was a successful general contractor and, with his son Steve Supplee, built a well-known and respected construction company, serving clients throughout the Treasure Coast. In 2015, he retired to Bowling Green, Ky. with his wife, Carole.

Chick was the life of every party or get-together with his sharp wit and snappy comebacks that drew everyone of all ages into his company. He was also a dedicated golfer and loved playing the game with his family and friends. Even after “retiring,” Chick was never idle. In recent years, he took on home remodeling projects for local relatives, and oversaw the construction of his grandson Chris’ first home in Florida.

Chick is survived by his beautiful wife of 33 years, Carole Owen Supplee, of Bowling Green, Ky., son Russ Supplee (Bobbi) of Denver, Colo., son Steve Supplee (Paula) of Sebastian, Fla., daughter Suzi Bird (Brian), of Winter Haven, Fla., and daughter Kimberly Roberts (Kevin) of Brandon, Fla. He was lovingly known as “Papa Chick” to grandsons Nick Supplee (Chelsea) and Chris Supplee (Michelle), of Sebastian, Fla., Brandon Bird (Kaley) of Winter Haven, Fla., granddaughters Lisa Neill of Bellview, Fla. and Brie Bird-Reichenbach (Matt) of Winter Haven, Fla., and to his six great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his first wife, Barbara Ann Grier, the mother of Russ, Steve, Suzi and Kimberly.

His was a life well-lived, full of good friends and a loving family. A family celebration of Chick’s life will be held in Vero Beach. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to the Treasure Coast Humane Society. Otherwise, play a round of golf – he’d like that, too.