



Charles Frederick Kramer

February 8, 1935 - May 2, 2026

Charles Frederick Kramer, 91, husband of the late Nancy Alfreds Kramer, passed away May 2, 2026.

A native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he was the son of the late John Frederick and Clara Rinck Kramer. As a Penn State alum, Charlie contributed as a mechanical engineer to the textile industry for over 53 years, retiring as the Director of Engineering at Steel Heddle and completing over 30 patents. Early in his career, he also served in the US Army Reserves. After his career at Steel Heddle, for 15 more years, he stayed busy designing jigs and spreading joy to customers while making deliveries for Remark, LLC.

Charlie's life was a testimony to his Christian faith. Two churches nurtured and supported his walk with the Lord: Saint John's Lutheran Church in Philadelphia and, since 1971, The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour in Greenville. He served faithfully for 70 years in the choir throughout his life, shared his gifts as a Sunday School Teacher and served on various committees and councils. He will especially be remembered for both his voice and love of singing.

Surviving are a sister, Elaine Bohanan; a sister-in-law, Ethel Alfreds; a son, David Kramer (Tracy); a daughter, Kimberly Jahn; four grandchildren, Chelsea Jahn Grotrian (Jon), Reece Jahn, Bradley Kramer (Caitlin), Natalie Kramer White (Foster); seven great-grandchildren (Kali, Jackson, Avery, Rhea, Ned, Noah, Oliver); nephews Brian Bohanan (son, Ryan), Jim Alfreds; and nieces Lynn Alfreds McIlvaine (husband, Jim, and daughter, Jennifer) and Christine

Bohanan Shubert (daughters, Vicki, and, Emily).

Memorial services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, May 16, 2026, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour in Greenville, South Carolina conducted by Pastor Beth Costlow.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 2600 Wade Hampton Blvd., Greenville, SC 29615, or the charity of one's choice.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 16. 10:00 AM (ET)

The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour
2600 Wade Hampton Boulevard
Greenville, SC 29615

Tribute Wall

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“ I recall meeting Charlie on numerous occasions, as our families were very close. His was a LIFE WELL LIVED, and no question his LIGHT WILL SHINE ON. Kenneth H. Galloway & family

Kenneth H. Galloway - May 11 at 03:20 PM

GK

“ Galloway, K. purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Charles Frederick Kramer.



Galloway, K. - May 11 at 03:06 PM

JW

“ Charles was a good man. I talked with him on my last day at Steel Heddle before retirement.

Johnny Waldrop - May 06 at 12:09 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles Frederick Kramer.



May 05 at 04:09 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles Frederick Kramer.

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“ Charlie was such a sweet, gentle man & gentleman. He always had a kind word for everyone & expressed a sincere interest in those around him. He will be missed by many. My sincerest condolences to the Kramer family; I am lifting you all up in my prayers for peace at this time of loss.

Debbie Rheume - May 04 at 03:03 PM



“ I offer this prayer for the family ... The Reverend Richard Galloway.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Charles. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock. Receive our brother Charles into the glorious company of the saints in everlasting light. May his soul, through the mercies of God, rest in holy peace and rise in glory. Amen.

Richard Galloway - May 03 at 08:36 PM