



Clayton D. "Corky" Charlesworth

November 30, 1943 - August 21, 2025

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Corky, 81, of Towanda, PA, passed away peacefully at home on August 21, 2025.

Born and raised in Beaver, Pennsylvania, Corky went on to graduate from Penn State University with a bachelor's degree in metallurgical engineering in 1965. Soon after graduating from college, he began his career at Sylvania in Towanda, PA, where he served in various roles, including plant manager of wire and phosphor until his retirement. He often expressed his deep admiration for American workers, believing firmly that he had worked with some of the best workforce in the world.

Corky and his beloved wife, Pamela, made Towanda their home, where together they raised their children. He found great joy in coaching his young sons' sports teams and often looked back on those memories with pride. A devoted Penn State and Pittsburgh Steelers fan, Corky's greatest happiness came from cheering on his grandchildren at their games.

Just days before his passing, Corky and Pamela celebrated 58 years of marriage. Their time together was filled with cycling, hiking, skiing, and many spirited games of cards. Corky will be remembered for his love of family, his devotion to friends, and the joy he found in life's simple moments.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Bertha Charlesworth. Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Pamela Charlesworth, of Towanda, PA; his sons, Clayton Charlesworth of Saratoga Springs, NY, and Matthew

Charlesworth (Jennifer) of Asheboro, NC; and his grandchildren, Lillian, Paige, and Gavin Charlesworth, who affectionately knew him as “Pop,” as well as his sister, Priscilla Skarada of Bonita Springs, FL, and his brother, Phillip Charlesworth (Michele) of Plantation, FL.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Blood Cancer United or the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research. For those who wish, planting a tree in Corky’s honor would also be a meaningful tribute to his life and legacy.

A private remembrance will be held by the family, and a celebration of life may be planned at a later date. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall

LM

“ Just hearing of corky's passing. Working together in the wire plant, many discussions that ended with life's lessons. We'll miss seeing Cork and Pam walking through the neighborhood, stopping for a chat and talking about family.. great memories ❤️

Laura Morelli - September 20, 2025 at 03:27 AM

KR

“ Pam and family , we are deeply saddened to hear of Corky's passing. He was an amazing man who will be greatly missed. You both took me under your wings back in the 80's when Rick started at the plant and when he took over Corky's role after retirement. I have many fond memories of waiting on Corky at Bishops restaurant over the years, he was always asking about my boys and sharing stories of his boys. He always had a smile on his face and truly cared for everyone!! You worked with my father in law Joe Raupers and there are many stories of sports and fun times to talk about always. May God Bless you and comfort you in this time of sorrow. Kyle & Kathy Raupers

Kathy Raupers - September 07, 2025 at 08:25 AM

BO

“ Corky was the best athlete with whom I ever shared a basketball court.
He was the coach on the floor.
Off the floor he was a person I respected for his humanity, caring attitude, intellect, sense of humor, comradery, ability to solve complex issues and rock-solid personality.
I have had the upmost respect for him since the first we met and through the years I often thought of him and wondered how he was.
As I might have guessed he was fine.
I am sorry for your loss.
May God Bless him.

Bob - September 02, 2025 at 11:04 AM

DM

“ R I P -- Cork.

Dick, and Chris McGuire - September 02, 2025 at 07:17 AM

DH

“ I played alot of Basketball with/against Corky in the the Towanda City League "back in the day". He was a great athlete and competitor. Also, always enjoyed talking with him when we crossed paths while out and about. RIP Corky

Doug Hicks - August 31, 2025 at 08:33 PM

RV

“ Corky and I
worked together in the 70's and 80's. He was a great friend, and engineer ..I will keep him AND his family in my thoughts, and prayers..

Rick Vogel - August 31, 2025 at 06:45 PM

MD

“ Dear Pam and family, was totally blindsided by the obit of your Corky. To see his smiling face on the wrong page. I feel so sad by his loss to you and his boys. Remembering all the younger, foolish, fun things done in the good days. When we were so healthy, illness was nothing we thought about until we were no longer young. With love and prayers, Mary Alice Demangone

M. Demangone - August 31, 2025 at 10:05 AM

JF

“ Sincere condolences to Cork's family, Pam, Clay and Matt. Worked with Corky at Sylvania (GTE) for many years. Cork was not only a great engineer/manager but also a great person. He surely will be missed, RIP

John Fedorchak - August 31, 2025 at 09:35 AM

DL

“ So very sorry to hear about Corky. Always enjoyed seeing and visiting with him and Pam on their bike rides out our way and sharing updates about both of our sons who were school friends. Our sincere sympathy to Pam, Clay and Matt and all of your families. Hold tight to your special memories.

Duane & Janet Lewis - August 30, 2025 at 08:51 AM

DB

“ Pam and the entire family. Please accept my sincere condolences. We have such fond memories of working with Corky in the wire building and spending social time with you both. God bless you all and my Cork RIP!
Donna and Jim Brown

Donna Brown - August 30, 2025 at 08:49 AM

DF

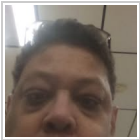
“ Sincere condolences to the family. Corky was a co-worker for years and always had a smile and exhibited exceptional work ethics. Whenever meeting by chance locally, he always asked about our family and how we all were doing. Rest in peace. God Bless!

Diane Fowler - August 30, 2025 at 06:33 AM

PS

“ Growing up in Beaver, PA with Cork was such a joy. From camping trips to everyday adventures, life with him was always full of fun and laughter. He truly was the best brother, and later in life, the best father, husband, and friend anyone could hope for. Always active, always giving, and always loving—his spirit will stay with us forever. Love, your sister Priscilla

Priscilla Skarada - August 29, 2025 at 03:07 PM



“ I went to school with Clay and when ever I saw Pam and corky they would always say hello even if I saw them out walking my thoughts and prayers go out to the family at this time you are all in my thoughts and prayers

Michelle Bull - August 29, 2025 at 06:34 AM

SI

Frank and I send our sincere condolences to Corky's wonderful Wife Pam and to your Dear Children. Corky was a Great Guy. He was smart, interesting, thoughtful, and fun! We are so sorry to hear of his passing. With our Sympathy, Susan & Frank Innes

Susan Innes - August 30, 2025 at 07:00 PM

GP

We are so sorry to hear about Corky. We have so many fond memories of watching our children grow up in Towanda. Our love to you all.
Ray and Gena Perry

Gena Perry - September 10, 2025 at 01:15 PM

AS

Deeply saddened to hear about "Corky". We were friends at PSU. He was unforgettable.

Al Skinner

Al Skinner - November 21, 2025 at 11:43 AM