



## Charles Melko

April 10, 1929 - March 3, 2021

Charles Melko, 91, of East Peoria, passed away Wednesday, March 3, 2021.

He was born April 10, 1929 in Alverton, PA to Walter and Lottie (Smoczyski) Melko. He married Betty Moreland on June 2, 1951 in Peoria. She survives.

Also surviving are three children, Valerie (Mike) Salerno of Ft. Myers, FL, Sandra (Rick) Morgan and Gary Melko both of East Peoria; four grandchildren, Richard and Alex Morgan both of East Peoria, Stephanie (Kort) McCulley of Elmhurst, IL, and Michael Salerno of Milwaukee, WI; two great-grandchildren, William and Charlotte McCulley; and one sister, Gertrude Sharp of Sandston, VA.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and six sisters.

Charles served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and received a Purple Heart. He worked as an Inspector at Caterpillar Inc. for 45 years before retiring. He was an avid Cubs fan and was proud to see them finally win a World Series within his lifetime. Charles loved to bowl and was a member of the USBC and the Greater Peoria Bowlers Association. He received many awards through the years for bowling including a triplicate patch.

He was a wonderful husband, father, and friend. He was loved by everyone.

Cremation will be accorded and a memorial service will be held at a later date.  
Schmidt-Haller Burial and Cremation Services are in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Melba Moreland Lewis lit a candle in memory of Charles Melko*



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**Melba Moreland Lewis** - March 06, 2021 at 04:12 PM

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*Sending all our love and prayers to the family!*

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**Sherry Barnwell** - March 10, 2021 at 11:49 AM

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“ *I am very grateful that he was my uncle. He was a kind, knowledgeable, and caring soul. I loved sitting with him and just talking about life. I will hold my memories of our time together forever in my heart. Even though I know he is at peace & no longer suffering, I will miss him until I see him again in heaven.*

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**Melba Moreland Lewis** - March 06, 2021 at 04:11 PM