



Louis "Champ" Mollenkamp

June 15, 1938 - January 15, 2015

Louis B. "Champ" Mollenkamp

Louis B. Mollenkamp, nicknamed Champ as an infant, 76, made his transition on January 15, 2015 surrounded by family and friends at Toledo Hospital after a challenging bout with Pulmonary Fibrosis.

Champ was born in Ft. Wayne, Indiana on June 15, 1938 to Mary Evelyn (Bain) and Louis S. Mollenkamp. They returned to Toledo a few months later where he resided the rest of his life. He graduated from DeVilbiss High School in 1956 and married his loyal wife of 55 years, Maryann Stegeman, in 1959. They raised their three children, Louis, Patrick and Heather as a close and loving family, living and working in the West Toledo area to this day. They have two grand-daughters, Chelsea and Emily (Patrick's daughters).

Heather's little dog, Lolita, was his faithful companion, as anyone who knew Champ, knew his pets were also part of his family.

Champ is also survived by his three younger siblings; his brother Dr. Jim and wife Michele and his sister Mary Ann Mollenkamp, both residents of Southern California, his brother, Al and wife Mary, (Sylvania); his in-laws, Jim and Barb Stegeman (Toledo), Elizabeth and Dr. Ray Goodman (Cleveland); special nephew Ted Tehensky and his many other cherished nieces and nephews. Champ treasured the time he spent with his family... rarely missing a college football game on weekends by his wife's side. Lou was a lifelong fan of the Ohio State Buckeyes and was able to celebrate the recent National Championship from his hospital bed at Toledo Hospital with his best friend

Maryann .He enjoyed weekly lunches he shared with his son Pat and brother Al always talking football, law, and finance. Lou was a small business owner and entrepreneur and enjoyed working and traveling along side his son Louis and daughter Heather. The many years of love and fun Papa Champ spent with his granddaughters and the annual trip he made with his wife to California to visit his brother Jim, Michele and sister Mary Ann along with his nieces and many friends.

Champ's animated blue eyes and warm smile would light up whenever he encountered a thing of beauty~ be it jazz or classical music, art or photography, gourmet food and chocolates, his love for clothes and Starbucks coffee. He loved to shop!

He took much joy in maintaining his lifelong friendships from his childhood on Sabra Road and Longfellow School to his cronies from DeVilbiss High School. He also developed many great friends from his years in business.

The family would like to thank Dr. Fadhil Hussein and Dr. Ronald Wainz for their support and personalized care. We also want to thank the staff of the Ninth Floor Respiratory Progressive Unit of Toledo Hospital for their outstanding comfort and attention.

Champ is donating his body to the University of Toledo College of Medicine in the hope that it may help researchers better understand Pulmonary Fibrosis. A memorial service will be planned for a later date. Coyle Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

To leave a special message to the Mollenkamp family please visit www.CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Tribute Wall

JO

“ To Lou's family -

I just saw this after looking for contact info only for him. Lou and I met and worked together on the Detroit Residential Sound Insulation Program, and it was always a pleasure seeing and visiting with him. He was a special person that I will always remember fondly.

*- James O'Neill
joneill@elsegundo.org*



James O'Neill - June 08, 2017 at 01:31 PM

DV

“ Dear Maryann,

This is Debi Vosdoganes from back in the Pablo's days. I just read of Champ's passing and wanted to send my sympathies to you and your family. I have fond memories of you and Champ from that time. Champ and I had a few interesting conversations! I am glad you had so many years together, and it sounds like you and yours have a good support system. Wishing you and your family peace and healing in this difficult time, and I know that Champ will be watching over you all.

Debi

Deb Vosdoganes - January 30, 2015 at 05:46 PM

AM

“ We miss you so much Uncle Champ.
All our love to the whole Mollenkamp family.
You are in our thoughts.
Amy (Mollenkamp) Chidiac & family



Amy - January 26, 2015 at 05:17 PM

TP

“ To Lou's Family,

My prayers, thoughts and deepest sympathies for your loss.

Lou was a very special caring man. He will truly be missed by many of his work contacts. He was the type of man that could always find items that were uncommon.

I never knew his nickname was "Champ". The name fit him well!

RIP Lou!!

Teresa P.

Teresa Pokorny - January 26, 2015 at 08:08 AM

ME

“ Subject: A letter to Champ:
From: lou222kb@gmail.com
To: Lou@whisperlike.com

My dear friend champ

I was just thinking how as kids we used to play up and down Sabra road.

Years and years of true friendship.

You were always available to have some fun, any hour day or night. God, you're right here right now bigger than life.

"Say" as you hitched up your pants.

You were Toledo.

I always admired your incredible resolve and the great story of your last drink. This is one of my favorite stories of all time and I'll continue to tell it.

You were always ready with kindness, it just came naturally to you. Gee, we really shared a lot of musical events together.

Oops, I was just going to ask you a question.

You always had an opinion and there was always some truth in there somewhere.

We can still travel together in my mind and we can talk about stuff. Did that clearing of your throat mean something?

You would come up with favors that reflected a special thought and planning. That was always very nice.

You had the best of friends and it was interesting meeting them.

There isn't a location in Toledo that I can't visualize you at. That is your town man.

You had a genuine concern for other people. Like my mom. Thanks Champ.

And ideas, you had a million of them...fresh and interesting and I loved having you tell me about them.

I've got so many more things I want to tell you...I guess I'll tell you on our travels.

I'm so glad I got to tell you on the phone "I love you" and you, in your last breaths, could tell me you loved me.....that will continue till the end of time.

*Well, Champ I got to go now.....I'll see you later.
As you always called me,
LJ
Louis Archambeau
Lou222kb@Gmail.com*

Megan - January 26, 2015 at 07:49 AM



“ *Aida Mollenkamp lit a candle in memory of
Louis "Champ" Mollenkamp*



Aida Mollenkamp - January 25, 2015 at 11:07 PM



*Uncle Champ is very much missed and I'm so sorry I couldn't be there
with you all to celebrate his wonderful life. Hope to see you at the
memorial. xo aida*

Aida Mollenkamp - January 25, 2015 at 11:08 PM

A blue square profile picture with the white letters 'JB' inside.

“ *To the Mollenkamp family,*

*I am sorry for your loss. I never met Mr. Mollenkamp but I have
known Pat for 30 years and have recently had the pleasure of
meeting Chelsea. I am sure that the apples don't fall too far from the
tree. How noble of Louis to give of himself even in death. May all
your great memories of all the many years you had together comfort
you in this time of sadness. God Bless you all.*

Julie Boney

julie a boney - January 25, 2015 at 05:00 PM

AL

“ To the family of Mr. Mollenkamp,
I am so sorry for loss of Louis, He was kind loving and very sweet man. I took care of he for 3 days a Toledo Hospital in room 1940. He is not suffering no more and he is with the good Lord and He got to see his Ohio State beat the crap out of oregon. I in the 3 days that I got to take care of him I really got attached to him. May God be with you all in this difficult time.

Alicia - January 24, 2015 at 08:56 PM

AF

“ Maryann, Pat, Dayna, Chelsea, Emily and the rest of your family,
Please accept our deepest sympathies for your loss. Champ always had a smile on his face. I know he will be missed.

Always,
Audrey & Peter Friedman

Audrey Friedman - January 22, 2015 at 05:56 PM

KW

“ Our condolences to Maryann and family. He was a good friend since high school and will treasure our memories forever.

Ken Wise (and Barbara)

Ken Wise - January 21, 2015 at 04:48 PM

JL

“ Chelsea and Emily, my deepest sympathies on your loss. I think of you girls often.

Love,
Jill Lane

Jill Lane - January 21, 2015 at 02:12 PM

RS

“*Maryann, We lost a good one! My heart goes out to you and the family. He was the best of friends. I loved him dearly and will cherish his memory.*

Rick Schliebner

Rick Schliebner - January 21, 2015 at 11:01 AM

SF

“*Maryanne,*

Just read Champs obit, Pat and I were very sad to hear of his passing. We were not aware that he had been ill. Wow, it seems like yesterday when we were all at the ideal! Lots of memories Maryanne. If there is anything you or you family needs, please let us know. Love Pat and Sharon Feeley

Sharon Feeley - January 21, 2015 at 10:46 AM

ME

“ From: jack lenavitt <jacklenavitt@gmail.com>

Date: January 21, 2015 8:27:12 AM EST

To: jack lenavitt <jacklenavitt@gmail.com>

Subject: Champ

Sometimes names are distributed before they are earned.....not so with Louis. He was a champ in everything he did.

The champion smile of understanding and bonhomie so freely given when meeting friends. Never a bad word to say. Always upbeat: making good better and bad good.

In high school, minorities went their separate way, and sometimes were subjected to prejudice. Champ traveled both roads, and defended physically and emotionally, those that needed a " champ " .

Didn't get to see Champ much but he had a place in my heart and, I suspect many people felt the same way. Today, I'm sad to have lost a true personal icon.

My condolences to the family and MaryAnn.

Jack Lenavitt

megan - January 21, 2015 at 10:02 AM



Jack, What a wonderful tribute to a wonderful man. It fits him to a tee! It's very touching and beautifully written.

Sandy Neidlinger Monroe

Sandy Monroe - January 29, 2015 at 12:14 PM

NT

“ Just heard of Champs passing. We have lost a wonderful individual. I and many others will miss him dearly. Wishing you our deepest sympathy, Norm and Norma Tanber



norman tanber - January 21, 2015 at 08:58 AM

CZ

“ All of you, my sincere condolences. Champ was One of a Kind; and I feel truly blessed that I could call him my friend.
Much Love and Peace to you all,
Carol Zeller

Carol Zeller - January 21, 2015 at 08:45 AM

JN

“ Al and Mary:

I am very sorry to hear about Champ. I know that you have a lot of wonderful memories to get you through this difficult time.

My thoughts and prayers are with you both.

Jackie Blackmar Nelson

Jackie Blackmar Nelson - January 21, 2015 at 08:29 AM

PC

“ Pat,
Sorry for your family's loss , our thoughts and prayers to the family .
Phil & Marsha Case

Phil Case - January 21, 2015 at 06:33 AM

HP

Condolences from Hank Pauly and Toledo Mirror and Glass

Henry Pauly - January 21, 2015 at 06:51 AM

JB

*Mary Ann,
I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your brother. Hold your lifetime of memories close.
Jan Fought Brown*

Janis Brown - January 21, 2015 at 08:19 AM

GB

So sorry to hear about Champ, it seems like I've known you guys forever. You all have our deepest sympathy and love. I recall when I lived in NYCITY in the 60s, and I came home for a visit, Champ would see some sweater or shirt he liked that I had on. He wanted to know the name and address of the store in NY. Sharon and Greg Barbour

greg barbour - January 21, 2015 at 09:17 AM

BK

Many fond memories of Champ and the gang, he will be dearly missed!!

Bunny Kern & Family

Bunny Kern - January 22, 2015 at 08:21 AM

MM

Thank you for all the kind words..Champ made everyone feel special and important with his quick smile and gentle manners. He was beloved brother and friend to his family and lifelong friends. It's good to read so many heartfelt descriptions of knowing Champ. Mary Ann

Mary Ann Ann Mollenkamp - January 25, 2015 at 04:23 PM

DB

Jack beautifully stated what I was thinking, choosing wonderful & very fitting words. Champ, that warm smile of yours has been imbedded in my memories for over 50 years... & will remain there. Don Basch

don basch - February 22, 2015 at 12:56 PM