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# Charles Pete Fackler III

1935 - 2023



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**BORN** 1935

**DIED** 2023

**About** Harrisburg Christian School  
 Hershey High School  
 Susquehanna Township High School

**UPCOMING SERVICE** Celebration Of Life  
 Sep. 9, 2023  
 4:00 p.m.  
 Harrisburg Christian School  
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## Charles Fackler Obituary

Charles "Pete" H. Fackler, III peacefully went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Thursday, August 31, 2023. He was born on May 30, 1935, in Harrisburg, to the late Earl and Catherine Fackler. Charles was the husband of the late Richenda D. (Hauer) Fackler. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, a charter member of Community Evangelical Free Church, former teacher, coach and principal at Susquehanna High School, former principal at Hershey High School and Harrisburg Christian School, former member and executive director of PIAA, and inductee into the PA Sports Hall of Fame. He also attained rank of Staff Sergeant in the PA National Guard before being honorably discharged in 1964.

Charles was preceded in death by a brother, Earl Jr. He is survived by a sister Shirley (Fackler) Kramer. Charles and Richenda had five children: daughter Kathleen; son Charles, wife Donna; son Richard, wife Jaime; daughter Elizabeth (Fackler) Mark, husband Todd; son James, wife Courtney; grandchildren, Korie (husband Zach Fox), Kyle, Taylor, Ty, Katelyn, Joshua, Tanner, Jakolby, Aidan, Zoe, Cody and Toby; and great grandchildren, Grayson and Easton. ✕

Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."

"Far from a world of grief and sin, with God eternally shut in, thou shall rest forever and ever." Charles Spurgeon

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, September 9 at 4:00 pm at Harrisburg Christian School, 2000 Blue Mountain Parkway, Harrisburg, PA.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the "Pete" Fackler Memorial Scholarship fund. Please make checks or funds payable to Harrisburg Christian School and notate "Pete" Fackler Memorial Scholarship fund and mail to Harrisburg Christian School, 2000 Blue Mountain Parkway, Harrisburg, PA 17112. [www.pennlive.com/obits](http://www.pennlive.com/obits)

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## Memorial Events for Charles Fackler

**SEP** **Celebration of Life**  
**9**  
4:00 p.m.

Harrisburg Christian School

2000 Blue Mountain Parkway, Harrisburg, PA



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## Memories and Condolences for Charles Fackler

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I knew mr Fackler from STHS . HE WAS ALWAYS PLEASANT TO TALK TO.  
PRAYERS FOR THR WHOLE FAMILY. GOD BLESS AND REST IN PEACE MR  
FACKLER !

**CHERYL KNULL MARTIN**

School

September 6, 2023

I was privileged to know and to work with Pete as his high school/ middle school principal in his last year at Harrisburg Christian School. He was a mentor and friend. He gave me doughnuts at the district track meets! Deb and I have enjoyed getting to know the whole Fackler family.

**Bob and Deb King**

September 6, 2023

The best boss/principal I have ever worked for. He was kind, beyond understanding, and truly loved his job and all the students and teachers under his care. May his family and friends find peace. We were all so lucky to have him in our lives and, therefore, he lives in all our hearts forever.

**Wilma Spickler**

School

September 6, 2023

Mr. Fackler was the principal at Hershey High School when I attended school there in the 80s. He was so kind, a great leader, and a wonderful role model. Our deepest sympathies go out to his family and friends.

**Aimee Fasnacht**

School

September 6, 2023

Charles Fackler was a wonderful person. I knew him growing up on the hill in Hbg and all the family. I was friends with his sister Shirley and then we moved to Colonial Park. I knew him as Pete and my husband Bob Magnelli knew him too. My thoughts and prayers are with the family  
June Thompson Magnelli

**June Magnelli**

Friend

September 6, 2023

Our condolences and love to the Fackler family!

You all have been a blessing to us with our connections at Church, Sporting Events and Harrisburg Christian School. I first met Pete as my Sunday School Teacher at Grace Church and as my Basketball Coach at STHS over 65 years ago. We have many fond memories of your father over the years and so thankful for his Godly wisdom!

May God continue to bless you all with love and the fond memories of Pete!

**Bob and Annalee Matsko**

Friend

September 6, 2023

This man was a giant in the teaching and coaching fields and a mentor to many STHS students. He always took the time to answer questions, listen to concerns and generally supported his students. One more angel in heaven; or more star in the sky.

**Alice Mowry Kirkland**

School

September 6, 2023

My memories of Pete go back to John Harris high school where he was my catcher. He was principle at Harrisburg Christian school when my step daughters (the Watkins girls) attended. He was an example of a man who lived his salvation. See you in glory my friend.

**Richard Rodgers**

Friend

September 6, 2023

I knew both your parents as well as all of you when you were growing up. In later years I would see your dad at Peachtree and we had lovely a good time reminiscing. They were both well liked. I remember telling them you kids were so well mannered, you were welcome in the office anytime.



So sorry for your loss. I'm sure you will miss him immensely.

Audrey Garnet (Dr. Kase's office)

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Other

September 5, 2023

Mr. Fackler was my teacher at STHS. He was a wonderful teacher and kind man. May his memory give comfort and peace to his family.

**Tracey Tobin Farner**

School

September 5, 2023

Mr. Fackler lived across the street from me in the very early 60s. He was a great coach at STHS and an even better teacher and mentor. I still remember the pride, and to be honest I think the relief, when he showed our class his finished Masters thesis. My condolences to the Fackler family. I can still hear the crowd, 'Pete's got a good thing goin.'"

**Neill Trout**

School

September 5, 2023

A wonderful friend and a great man of God. His whole adult life was spent serving the Lord.

**Fred Culver**

Friend

September 5, 2023

May angels walk with you and your family today and always. Wish you and your family strength and peace.

**Carl and Esther Robinson**

September 5, 2023

I remember him as a friendly and solid assistant principal at Susquehanna. He was an excellent basketball coach and I look forward to seeing him again one day because of his faith in Jesus Christ!

**Dennis**

School

September 5, 2023

Expressing my sincere condolences to Mr. Fackler's Family. An awesome person and professional. I spoke with him a few years ago and we had a great time reflecting on years gone by. Rest

**Kathy BurneyPoole**

School

September 5, 2023

Coach Fackler was my Coach. God Bless the whole family.

**Jan R. Garrett**

September 5, 2023

Pete was a very kind and considerate man. I was blessed to know him. I trust God to give his family peace and comfort during this time and in the days ahead. Have joy in knowing that Pete is with our Savior.

**Marty Bowman. : Former coach at Mount Calvary Christian School**

September 5,  
2023

My heartfelt condolences to the family. Mr Fackler was my teacher when I attended STSHS. Remembering him with fond memories, he was a great teacher and dedicated to his calling/profession as a teacher. May Our God of comfort be with you all to strengthen you in the days ahead.

**Marcella Burney**



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**jan mehaffie**

School

September 5, 2023

I'm so sorry for your loss. Mr. Fackler was one of my favorite high school people when I attended STHS

**Betty Bauer**

School

September 4, 2023

Dear Biz,

I wanted to extend my condolences to you and your fam on the passing of your father. I know you have the comfort of knowing you'll see him again in heaven. Please find healing in sharing all the good memories of your dad with your family.

With sympathy,

Wendy Nunemacher

**Wendy Nunemacher**

September 4, 2023

Kathleen,

Sending my condolences to you and yours.

**Lynne Hutson Palmer**

Other

September 4, 2023

We're so very sorry for your families loss.

**Ken & Sandy McCall**

Other

September 4, 2023



You may now turn in your rucksack for a cross. A job well done fellow veteran. America thanks you for your service to our country in the defense of freedom. The final bugle has sounded and taps is about to sound ending a successful career as a nation's defender. Farewell fellow veteran. A Navy Vietnam Veteran.

**Robert J. Miklas, AT2AC, USN, 1963-1967.**

Other

September 4, 2023

We loved Mr. Fackler so much. He brought Debbie and through that me to Harrisburg Christian and was such a great mentor about athletics, education, etc. We are sorry for your loss but are happy that he is reunited with Ricki in heaven.

**Jon and Debbie Bassoff**

September 4, 2023

I'm so sorry to hear about Mr. Fackler's death. I remember from summertime at Glenwood school, working with Miss Carter. He was always very pleasant as very tall. My condolences to the family. I'm sure he will be missed.

**Lenora Jordan**

School

September 4, 2023

Great Man. Great Friend. May God Bless Pete's Soul and Loving Family.

**Bob Schellenberg**

Friend

September 4, 2023

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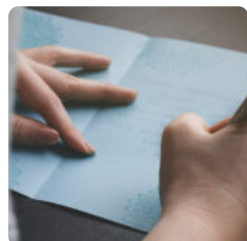
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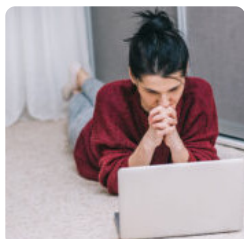


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