



Charles Harry Maniscalco

March 4, 1931 - May 6, 2026

Charles "Chuck" Maniscalco, 95, of St. Augustine, Florida, passed away peacefully on May 6, 2026, of natural causes. Born on March 4, 1931, in Norristown, Pennsylvania, Chuck lived a full and vibrant life that touched everyone fortunate enough to cross his path. The youngest of his large family, Chuck was a standout all-around athlete during his school years in Norristown, where he also met the love of his life, Elaine. The two sweethearts married and shared just shy of 70 wonderful years together.

After serving his country in the United States Army, Chuck returned home and owned and operated the family grocery store in Norristown before making the move to Florida in 1957. Once in St. Augustine, he became a fixture in the community, owning and operating The Flamingo Bar and later Amigos Barber Shop, where he earned a reputation as an accomplished stylist. But anyone who really knew Chuck knew that his biggest passion was his time spent at the stables and his rodeo days riding bulls and broncs. His love for horses ran deep, and that cowboy spirit never left him.

Known as Pop-Pop to many, Chuck never met a stranger. He was loved by all, and his stories captured everyone's heart. He had a gift for making people feel like they had known him their whole lives, and his warmth and generosity were impossible to forget.

Chuck was a dedicated member of Cathedral Parish, where he served as Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus during the 1965 renovation of the Cathedral. He later joined St. Ambrose Parish. He was also a driving force

behind the yearly Heart Fund Golf Tournament and always gave his time to those who needed help.

A man of deep and abiding faith, Chuck lived his life in service to others, trusting in the Lord's grace every step of the way. He now rests in the arms of his Savior, reunited with his beloved wife, Elaine, and Charles, their infant son who preceded him in death.

Chuck is survived by his daughter, Bonne Jones, SON- in law Greg, granddaughter Lauren Giles, her husband Scott, great grandsons, Taylor & Drew and countless friends and loved ones who will carry his memory forward.

A memorial Mass will be held at St. Ambrose Parish on Friday, May 15, at 11:am., with a celebration of life to follow. Bust out your favorite boots, hats, denim, and western wear to celebrate a life well lived for our cowboy.

Come ready to share a story or two, because that is exactly what Chuck (POP-POP) would have wanted

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

MAY **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St Ambrose Catholic Church
6070 Church Rd
Elkton, FL 32033

Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles Harry Maniscalco*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - May 14 at 11:24 AM

RH

“ *Chuck and my dad, Ramon Highsmith were friends, and I met Chuck many years ago. When he and Greg built the cabin in Elkton, I followed the construction with great interest, because Chuck was passionate about every small detail, and I appreciated his devotion. When I visited him in the late 80's he surprised me with a 1960's Harmony Rocket, and a very early Martin mandolin. He was downsizing his collection, and I was able to place both pieces with grateful collectors. Many years later Chuck trusted me with a most valuable Martin guitar that was from the Stagecoach era. This guitar was a survivor, and it was made prior to the serial number guitars from the late 1890's. Chuck loved it, but he knew that it needed a major restoration and it was too expensive. I finally found the right customer, and after two years, I was able to sell it for him. I was worried that I had let him down, but Chuck was ever the gentleman and gave me his blessing for the sale. I was able to show him a video that the new owner commissioned, after the restoration, and he teared up a bit. What a man. We shared a bit of trade together, and he always asked about my guitar business when we broke bread at Thanksgiving. I'm better for having known him.*

Rod Highsmith - May 14 at 11:55 PM

GH

“Cowboy Chuck” and I met at the amphitheater farmer’s market and spent many a Saturday morning sitting next to each other listening to the Free Rangers.

As a steadfast patron, the band would often dedicate a song to him. He loved Saturday mornings and the obituary pays a wonderful to him.

One of the favorite stories he told me about was listening to Gene Autry at Madison Square Garden sing “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.” Gene Autry debuted the song at his rodeo performances at the Garden in 1949!

Whenever I would introduce friends and family to Chuck, I would tell them, “this is Cowboy Chuck...he was a bull rider and was in attendance at Gene Autry’s rollout of Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer at Madison Square Garden.”

What an awesome life and so glad he was able to share the love of our Savior with so many. Saturday mornings are already different with that empty chair.

I’ll be out of town for what I’m sure will be a wonderful celebration of life, but please accept my condolences.

Greg Hutson - May 14 at 08:57 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Greg Hutson - May 13 at 09:36 PM

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Chuck is to the left in this painting wearing a black hat and black shirt at the table.

Greg Hutson - May 14 at 07:52 AM

MC

“*Pop pop was pretty much a second father to me. We met in 1976 while I was attending Flagler college and stayed friends with him and his family till this day. Rest in peace Pop Pop, till we meet again.* ❤️🙏

mike Chimento - May 13 at 06:30 PM

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