



## Charles Alan Hazzard

January 8, 1953 - October 12, 2019

Charles “Chuck” Alan Hazzard passed away at the age of 66 due to complications after open-heart surgery in Chico, CA, where he was a long-time resident. There will be a celebration of life on January 10th 2020, at 5pm at the Chico Women’s Club in Chico, CA.

Chuck was born in Long Beach, California on January 8, 1953 to Geraldine (Jones) and Donald Irving Hazzard. He grew up in Long Beach and graduated from Jordan High School, class of 1971. Chuck had a lifelong passion for photography and even had his own darkroom growing up. He attended the ArtCenter College of Design in Pasadena, CA before relocating to Chico, CA in 1979. He married his wife, Laura on October 1st, 1983 with whom he raised his two daughters Chantal (1989) and Kyra (1993). Chuck and his family are active members in the Chico community. Chuck found great enjoyment in photographing his family’s special moments. He owned a photo memorabilia printing shop “Picture This” in the Garden Walk Mall from 1989-1995. Chuck worked for the Chico Unified School District since 1997, for many of those years as a Special Education Instructional Aide throughout the district. He was often found doing special projects for the teachers and schools at which he worked; helping with class photos, school yearbooks and web development projects. Chuck loved working with kids both in the schools, as well as in his wife Laura’s home daycare for many years. He also worked with the special needs community, beginning in the early 90’s as a driver for the Work Training Center. Chuck was very involved in his daughters’ childhood, often participating in girl-scout events as “troop dad”. He loved walks and bike rides in Bidwell Park, people watching at the Farmer’s Market, and lounging and writing at local coffee shop Bidwell Perk where he was a “regular”. In 2004 Chuck graduated with his Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Digital Design, Magna Cum Laude, from the American InterContinental University. More recently he was an active student and member of Screenwriters University, traveling to LA for networking and writing events and more recently as he prepared for his retirement became a member of The RV Nomads. Chuck was planning to retire very soon and hit the road in his recently purchased RV, where he planned to spend his days writing screenplays and traveling. Chuck was a very proud father; and joyously walked his oldest daughter Chantal down the aisle at her wedding earlier this year in May. He was very

excited to become a grandfather one day, even laughing and teasing his oldest daughter, the very morning of his surgery, about when she might start a family. Chuck is survived by his oldest daughter Chantal Garcia and husband Francisco Garcia, younger daughter Kyra Hazzard and partner Ryan Costa, as well as ex-wife Laura (Cross) Kenney who amicably separated in 2010 after 27 years of marriage. He is also survived by his older brother Kenneth Hazzard and wife Sharon Hazzard (Casa Grande, Arizona), nephew Brett Hazzard (San Diego) and niece Pam Crist (Ramona) and their families, as well as dozens of cousins and extended family members in Texas whom he loved dearly. Chuck was big-hearted, and his love of life blessed his family and many friends. His warm smile, laugh and bear hugs will be missed by many. Chuck wished to be cremated and his family plans to scatter his ashes during a family RV Adventure in his honor and memory.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family in c/o 2198 Talbert Dr. Chico, CA 95928.

Anyone who would like to join in celebrating Chuck's life on January 10th at 5pm at the Chico Women's Club (592 E 3rd St) is welcome and encouraged to attend.

# Events

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**JAN**   **Celebration of Life**   05:00PM  
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Chico Womens Club

592 E. Third Street, Chico, CA, US, 95927

# Comments

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“ Chuck was my high school boyfriend. On my graduation on 72 Chuck and his mom and dad took me to Hawaii for an amazing vacation. I have so many memorable moments with Chuck. We loved going to the movies. I remember how excited he was when The Godfather hit the drive-in. He was the hottest senior at Jordan. Boy... I worked hard to get noticed by him. Chuck, I will miss you forever... you'll always have a piece of my Heart.

**Joamm Blayney** - January 07, 2020 at 11:24 PM

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“ My son Steven was one of the many kids Chuck and Laura cared for about 35 years ago. A house full of joy. Steve adored Chuck. What a privilege to have known him. He left a mark on a lot of grateful lives

**Paula Kanner** - December 31, 2019 at 11:46 PM

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“ TO THOSE I LOVE When I am gone, release me, let me go I have so many things to see and do YOU must not tie yourself to me with tears BE happy that I have had so many years. I gave you my love, you can only guess How much you gave me in happiness I thank you for the love each have shown But now it is time I traveled on alone SO grieve a while for me, if you must THEN let your grief be comforted by trust IT is only for a while that we must part SO bless the memories in your heart. I will not be far away, for life goes on So if you need me, call and I will come THOUGH you cannot see or touch me, I will be near MY love around you soft and clear AND then when you must come this way alone I will greet you with a smile and say Welcome Home May Jesus be with y'all now and ALWAYS I Love you all, even though some of us have never met. All my Love to Ken and Sharon. I have thought of my cousin in California all my life, and I love you all. To Kyra and Chantal, MY heart is with you, your dad was a real blast to be around!!!!!! My love to Laura, I love you Everyone Keep the Faith, and Stay Cool Love ALWAYS Your 2nd CUZ, and 1st Cuz Yolanda McCauley

**Yolanda McCauley** - December 27, 2019 at 11:30 AM

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“ I remember Chuck at every one of the events taking video footage of our children. I always knew that he would capture what I could not and keep it safe, our children's growth, talent, smiles and love.

**Michelle Barrett** - November 29, 2019 at 04:00 PM

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“ I worked for a short while at Chico High with Chuck. He was such a nice man and so supportive with the class we had. He will be missed. Blessings to his family.  
Chris Fisher



**Chris Fisher** - November 20, 2019 at 08:09 PM

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“ I'm super sorry to hear of Chuck's passing. He was so excited about his upcoming retirement plans of traveling and writing. I also meet Chuck at Bidwell where we pretty quickly realized we had a lot in common...mostly the Grateful Dead and traveling. It breaks my heart to hear his travel plans have changed but I'm sure the four winds will blow him safely home.

**Zane** - November 19, 2019 at 10:59 AM

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“ It's crazy because we talked a great deal this past year while he was working at Bidwell Jr. and we spoke of his upcoming surgery and he wasn't worried a bit. He was in the middle of writing a script (I can't remember if it was for a movie or a book) and wanted to know if he could use some of our sketches from class in it to show the urgency of getting your thoughts onto paper in a frantic yet complete way. He was full of ideas and shared them often. Despite all of the ups and downs of our world he was definitely always happy...

**J.R. Riggs** - November 18, 2019 at 09:23 PM

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“ I knew Chuck both as the parent of one of my students (Kyra) and an aide in our kindergarten classes at Hooker Oak. He was a gentle giant who would always take the time to listen to a student's concern or story. His big laugh was contagious, and his kind heart was a welcome addition to our classroom. My condolences to Kyra, Chantal and Laura.

Jennifer Rossovich



Jennifer Rossovich - November 18, 2019 at 06:35 PM

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“ Everyone in our class, staff and students alike, enjoyed and appreciated getting to know Chuck this year at Chico High School. His cheerful demeanor, positive attitude, a warm-hearted guidance will be sorely missed. Chuck was a true asset to our community. We were lucky to work with him, and offer our deepest sympathies to all his friends and family.

Tracy Hansen - October 21, 2019 at 09:38 PM

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“ Chuck was a trusted employee at Hooker Oak School during the nineties. He was a reliable supervisor of students on the playground and helped several years with our yearbook. I always found him personable and positive. So very sorry for his family at this time.

Merry Derington - October 16, 2019 at 10:36 AM