



Charles Linwood Beckwith Tribute
The Rotary Club of Kent, Ohio
1927 – 2020

We, the members of the Rotary Club of Kent, unanimously express our sadness, deep affection and celebration of the life of our departed fellow friend and member, Charles Beckwith, who left us on November 30, 2020.

Charles was born the only child of Jay and Grace Beckwith on November 2, 1927. Raised on the family farm in Franklin Township, he was always an eager learner and an industrious lad. He graduated from Theodore Roosevelt High School in June of 1945 and was drafted into the U.S. Army in October 1945.

He returned to Kent and attended Kent State University on the G.I Bill, where he met the love of his life, Marilyn and together they had seven children. Together they travelled to 45 countries on six continents, living out their fondest dreams together.

Charles was a Dow Chemical representative servicing farmers in the field for 32 years. Concurrently he grew Beckwith Orchards with the help of Marilyn and their family. They provided many young children their first true glimpse of farm and orchard life. Their visit always ended with Charlie's parting comment. "Sunshine on You!"

Charles and Marilyn sponsored many school students from other countries who stayed with them for a year with the American Field Service Program.

Charles also gave freely of his knowledge, skills and abilities through public and civic service. He and Marilyn were inducted into The Kent City Schools Hall of Fame in 2017 received the Lifetime Achievement Award from The Kent Garden Club. Charles was an active member of The Rotary Club of Kent for many years. He loved the Rotary Club and the Rotarians.

On behalf of the members of the Rotary Club of Kent, this tribute serves to recognize the remarkable achievements of our friend and fellow member, Charlie, and gratefully acknowledge his many contributions to our community and our lives.

Now therefore, let it be known that the Kent Rotary Club unanimously approves this resolution recognizing the Rotary like qualities that have been a guide post for the life of Charles Beckwith, a Rotarian extraordinaire, whose life sets a wonderful example for the rest of us. We commit this resolution to the permanent records of the Rotary Club of Kent. A copy shall be commissioned and presented to his family.

David Myers, President, Rotary Club of Kent _____
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