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Chuck, 70, died September 2, 1989, in Columbus, Ohio. He was born October 29, 1918, in Akron, Ohio, where his father was practicing law at the time. Chuck was a member of the Mennonite Church and in 1940 was living at home working as a timekeeper at a rubber factory and had completed one year of college. Later that year he was living in Kokomo, Indiana, and was employed by the Delco Radio Company.

Chuck entered Civilian Public Service in 1941 and worked at Camp 19 in North Carolina and Camp 108 in Tennessee before reporting for smokejumper training at Camp 103 in Montana. He jumped the 1944 and '45 seasons getting at least two fire jumps each year. Chuck was discharged from CPS in 1945 and went on to complete his college education. Chuck is listed as having attended Montana State, University of Minnesota and Ohio State.

He retired in 1980 as a Research Physicist at Battelle Laboratories in Columbus, Ohio and was living in Cuyahoga Falls near Akron, Ohio at the time of his death.

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