**Charles Joseph Obituary**

DECATUR, NY
Charles "Chuck" Lynn Joseph, 70, passed away unexpectedly early Thursday July 13, 2023 at his home in Decatur, NY.
Funeral Service were held 3 PM Tuesday, July 18 at the Heller & Skinner Funeral Home,155 Main St. Worcester, with meal that followed at the Worcester Fire Department.

Chuck was born to the late Charles and Rita Joseph of Potterville, MI in 1953. A passion for science lead Chuck to a Bachelor of Science from Michigan State University in 1977 and a PhD in Astro-Physics from the University of Colorado in 1985. He did his post-doc at Princeton University, and became an associate scientist at University of Wisconsin in Madison. In 1996 he became an Associate Professor at Rutgers University who did research with NASA. As an advocate for sustainability, he was an early adopter of rooftop photovoltaic solar panels for his house.

Around Christmas, he dressed as Santa and handed out candy canes to children. His enthusiasm for science was contagious and he often volunteered to teach, spreading his love of science to others. He had a silly sense of humor and loved to joke and laugh. He enjoyed the natural world, poetry, and writing. In his retirement, he moved to Decatur, NY and spent time at the Worcester Inn, gardened, and was a fun, playful, and loving grandfather. He was a dedicated father who cared deeply for his children and wanted to make the world a better place.

Chuck is survived by his children Mel and Sam, their wives Michelle McGowan and Laurel Balog; grandkids Jonathan and Aria; ex-wife Kathryn Joseph; sister Kathy Joseph; sister Julie and husband Jim Robertson; nephews James, Jeremy, Jacob and their wives and children.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Worcester Fire Department, 36 Church St., PO Box 430, Worcester, NY 12197, Worcester or the Emergency Squad, 36 Church St., PO Box 191, Worcester, NY 12197 or the Cooperstown Food Pantry, 25 Church St. Cooperstown, NY 13326.