

Charles Gulden, 55, Finance Executive, on Board of Wee Burn Country Club

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Charles (Chuck) Frederick Gulden of New Canaan, who served on the board of Wee Burn Country Club, died unexpectedly on June 21. He was 55.

He was born on Nov. 22, 1961 in New York, NY and raised by his parents, Charlie and Katherine Ann (K.A.) in Rye, New York.

Chuck is a graduate of The Hotchkiss School, Class of 1979, and Denison University, Class of 1983. At Denison, Chuck was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity as well as President of the Interfraternity Council.

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He had a distinguished career in the money management industry. He was an early employee at Templeton (now Franklin Templeton Group) where he rose rapidly based on his intelligence, insight, work ethic, gregarious nature and generous and joyful spirit.

— [an obituary](#) from Hoyt Funeral Home

Following Templeton he served as a founder and held leadership roles at Hansberger Global Investors, TIG Advisors, and finally Boomerang Capital. Chuck was well known as a leader in his field.

Chuck was an avid golfer as well as a truly devoted friend and a tireless volunteer. He always gave generously of his time to causes and institutions for which he was passionate.

He served as a member of the Board of Trustees of The Hotchkiss School and President of the Hotchkiss Fund. He was an elder and active volunteer at the First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan and served on the board of Wee Burn Country Club in Darien.

Chuck was most proud of his 30-year marriage to the love of his life, Jennifer Wentzel Gulden and of their cherished daughters, Whitney Gaynor, 23, and Abigail Perry, 22. Jen, Whitney and Perry were the light of his life. In them he found immeasurable joy.

He was always surrounded by friends and family. While an only child, he had more brothers and sisters than one could count as he made friends quickly and kept them close for life.

Chuck was predeceased by his father, Charlie, in 2006, and his father-in-law, Alan Wentzel, in 2004.

In addition to his wife and daughters, Chuck is survived by his mother, K.A., of Ponte Vedra Beach, Fl.; his mother in law, Barbara Wentzel of New Canaan; his brothers-in-law: Jeffrey Wentzel (Rachelle) of Newtown, Steve Wentzel of Portland, Ore.; and his sister-in-law, M.E. Wentzel O'Connor (Chris) of New Canaan.

Chuck was a favorite uncle to all of his nieces and nephews including Jack, Sarah Jane, Maggie, Cate, Christopher and Annie O'Connor of New Canaan and Skylar Wentzel of New York City. He was also loved dearly by numerous cousins including the extended Keogh family of Old Lyme and the Wallace family of Charlotte, N.C., and an endless number of close friends.

In lieu of flowers donations to the [Alzheimer's Association](#), or the [New Canaan First Presbyterian Church](#) would be warmly received.

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A memorial service was scheduled for Saturday, June 24, 2017 at the First Presbyterian Church.

For online condolences and directions visit the [funeral home website](#).