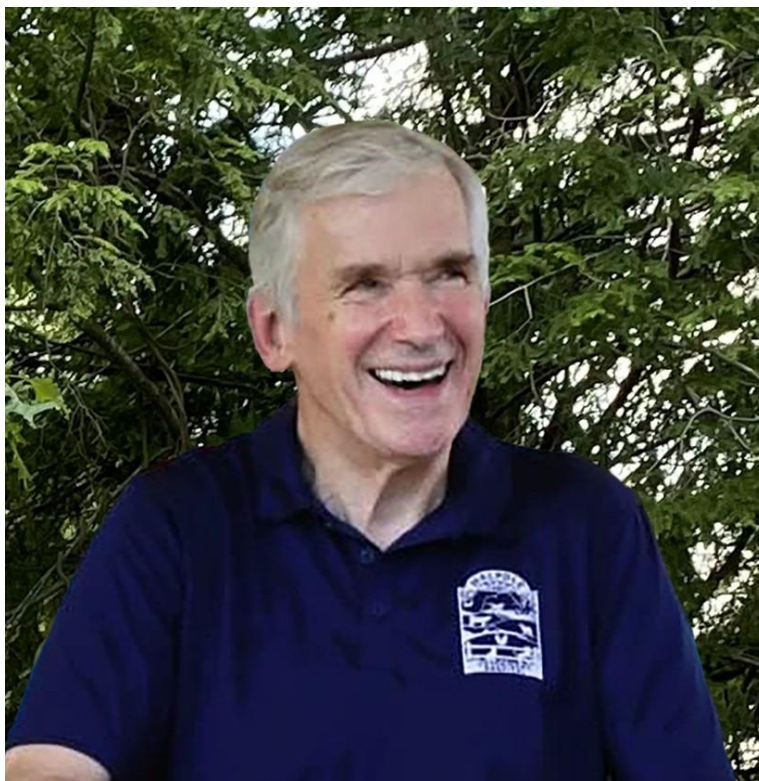


**Funeral Service of Worship
Celebrating the Life of**

Charles Park Shaw

October 5, 1945 – July 6, 2026



Saturday, August 8, 2026, 11:00 a.m.

**The First Congregational Church
Walpole, NH, United Church of Christ**

The Order of Worship

Organ/Musical Prelude

Greeting and Opening Sentences

Responsive Reading (based on Psalm 121)

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From whence does my help come?

People: **My help comes from God, who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: God will not let your foot be moved,
the One who keeps you will not slumber.

People: **Behold, the God who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

Leader: God is your keeper; and your shade on your right hand.

People: **The sun shall not smite you by day, nor the moon by night.**

Leader: God will keep you from all evil; God will keep your life.

All: **Our God will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and for evermore.**

Opening Hymn TWC #43 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Prayer of Invocation

Scriptures

Micah 6:8; Isaiah 40:28-31

Christine Boardman

1 Corinthians 13:8-13; John 14: 1-3, 18-19

David Stinson

Scripture Response

Leader: For the Word in scripture, for the Word among us,
For the Word within us,

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn TWC #353 vs 1,2 and 4 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Meditations

The Reverend Richard Malmberg

The Reverend Christine Boardman

The Reverend David Stinson

Letter from Chuck

Choral Anthem *Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen* Brahms Requiem

Friends from the Brattleboro Concert Choir

Matthew Shaw

Family Memories

Shared memories

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

Psalm 23 (unison)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil:

for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Song of Simeon (unison) Luke 2:29-32

Holy one,

now let your servant go in peace;

your word has been fulfilled:

my own eyes have seen the salvation

which you have prepared in the sight of every people:

a light to reveal you to the nations

and the glory of your people Israel.

Prayer of Commendation

Closing Hymn TWC #358 *Eternal Father Strong to Save*

Benediction

Postlude

Musician Dr. Keane Southard

Biography

Charles Park Shaw, age 80, of Walpole, died peacefully at home on July 6, 2026, after a long and valiant battle with ALS.

Chuck owned the Walpole Veterinary Hospital for 45 years. A skilled and devoted veterinarian, he had a gentle heart for animals and built lasting friendships with many of his clients.

He attended the University of Kansas on a Navy ROTC scholarship and flew A6 jets in Vietnam. Following his Navy discharge, he earned his DVM and a master's degree in pathology at Kansas State on the G.I. bill.

Chuck was deeply committed to his family, his career, and service to his community, serving as chair of the Fall Mountain School Board, the Walpole town health officer, a member of the NH Board of Veterinary Medicine, board member of the Walpole Foundation, and a trustee of the Savings Bank of Walpole. He was a devoted member of the First Congregational Church of Walpole, UCC, and served on numerous committees, including chair of church council.

Chuck was a valued friend, a patriot, and a man of honor. His family cherishes many happy memories: New Year's resolutions, games of Michigan, gator rides with the grandchildren, cigars, Snickers bars, stacking wood, homemade donuts and chili, cheering for the Kansas Jayhawks. He loved old things and traditions, and immersed himself in the natural world – skiing, fly fishing, ice hockey, canoeing, hiking, birding, and gardening.

Chuck met the challenges of ALS with great courage and grace. Many friendships were formed and nurtured during his illness, and his dance card was always full with scheduled visits. He was lovingly cared for by his caregivers, Christie and Eve, his physical therapist, Lynn and his massage therapist, Snow.

Memorial gifts in Chuck's honor may be made to:

The First Congregational Church of Walpole UCC,
15 Washington Street, PO Box 393, Walpole, NH 03608,
or to

Compassionate Care ALS, PO Box 1052, West Falmouth, MA 02574