



Charles Joseph Airaghi

August 19, 2016

Charles Joseph Airaghi, 82, passed away on August 18, 2016. He was born in Johnson City, Illinois to the late Rosa and Battista Airaghi.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 59 years, Margaret Abernathy Airaghi; children Denise McGuire and husband Leonard, Mark Airaghi and wife Lynne; grandchildren Janae Butler, and Josh and Kayla Airaghi; and brother Louis Airaghi and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Albert Airaghi and his 4-legged best friend, "Bubba".

The family wishes to give a special "thank-you" to his wonderful caregivers Shelley, Phyllis and Faye for all their love and care.

The family will receive friends and family at Loving Funeral Home, 3225 Academy Avenue, Portsmouth, on Friday, August 26, 2016, from 6 to 8 pm. A service to celebrate his life will be held Saturday, August 27, 2016, at 2:30 pm. at Sweethaven Baptist Church, 5000 West Norfolk Road, Portsmouth, with pastor Cary Borkert officiating. He will be laid to rest following the celebration at Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens, Suffolk. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to Sweethaven Baptist Church.

Cemetery Details

Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens

4569 Shoulders Hill Rd.
Suffolk, VA

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 27. 2:30 PM (ET)

Sweethaven Baptist Church
5000 West Norfolk Road
Portsmouth, VA 23703

Tribute Wall

CD

“ Sending all of my love his family, as a child I would sit with my Uncle Charlie on the porch of his beach house perched up on the hill, and listen to opera and he sipping on a glass of red wine, and him telling me things to enjoy like opera and fine red wine, and to overlook the negative things that would be thrown in my path, he was my one of my favorite people in this world. He was my great uncle, but mostly my best friend in a very scary world that I was heading into. He will be greatly missed and will always be alive in my heart, and I will pass that down to my son.

I still listen to opera to this day and think of my beloved uncle charlie.

with all my love,

Christy Aydlette Dunn

Christy Aydlette Dunn - August 26, 2016 at 09:39 AM

LS

“ Our family is praying for comfort and peace in your loss.

Lonnie & Barbara Steadman - August 26, 2016 at 04:25 AM

CW

“ We are so saddened to hear of the death of Mr. Airaghi. I have wonderful memories of how he loved his family and friends. And he and Mrs. Airaghi opened their homes(beach) to share their love of a good time! He has left this world a better place. RIP. Our hearts and prayers are with you and your family. Love, Caralyn and Ray Wittersheim

Caralyn Wittersheim - August 25, 2016 at 10:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles Joseph Airaghi.*



August 24, 2016 at 10:41 AM



“ *Margaret and family. My deepest condolences on Charlie's passing. No matter how sick, it is never easy losing someone you love and who has been by your side for so long. I remember how Ed and Charlie would share their wit and Charlies' bigger than life laugh.*

Like Ed, he is at peace now and suffering no more. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you adjust to life without Charlie. One day at a time, one step forward and keep looking forward, while cherishing the wonderful memories of the past 59 years.

God Bless. Carolann Smith

Carolann Smith - August 23, 2016 at 08:05 PM

DT

“ As a graduate of the Maryview Hospital School of Nursing (class of 1961), my memories of years spent as a student nurse and then as an RN include Charlie from the Lab. My recollections include numerous newly arrived student nurses being sent to the lab (by upperclassmen) to obtain "Wharton's Jelly" or Fallopian tubes". Charlie was an insider on the joke and always played his role to the hilt. No matter how busy he was, or how stressed, he was unfailingly cheerful. Aside from that, I happened to marry a man who was born and raised just a few miles from Charlie's birthplace. He always teased me about those "Southern Illinois" men. Condolences to Abby and the rest of Charlie's family. Memories of him will always bring a smile and maybe a chuckle or two.

Darlene Tracy - August 21, 2016 at 07:52 PM

NB

“ Aunt Margaret, Denise and Mark, our family is so very sorry for your loss. Uncle Charlie will be missed. He always made bunny ears on our fingers when he took blood. He and Daddy are together again and will watch over us all. Love from Mom and the Murray family.

Nancy Baker - August 21, 2016 at 08:27 AM

BC

“ Our friendship with Charlie and his family goes back to the late 1960's when we lived a few blocks away in Churchland's Belvedere neighborhood. Many Sunday afternoons were spent on our backyard basketball court playing with our kids and the neighbors' kids and dads. Although Charlie called all the dads Moose, he was truly the moose on the basketball court. We moved from Belvedere in the 80's , but then a decade or so later - much to our pleasant surprise- were reunited with Charlie and Margaret as backyard neighbors in Sterling Cove for about fifteen years.

We moved to the OBX a couple of year's ago and truly miss our old neighbors, and we thank God for Charlie's many years of friendship. God bless Margaret and the family.

Sincerely, Bill and Dyan Crone

Bill and Dyan Crone - August 20, 2016 at 01:30 PM

SS

I was privileged to have had the opportunity to be Charlie's friend and care giver.He was always the jokester around the house. He loved everybody and was always grateful for everything you did for him. He was famous for giving people nick names " mine and a few of the other care givers " were Myrtle.Where in the world he came up with that name I will never know, but when ever I hear it I will always think of him. One of Charle's wishes before he passed was to drive again. Well Charlie you are no longer restrained by your human body, you are now behind the wheel and free to travel GOD"S MANY MANSIONS. I will miss your beautiful smile and great sense of humor. God has gain this Teddy bear of an angel that we have lost. We will meet again and I will look forward to that day. All my prayers go out to all that are missing you today. Love is being sent to you, Shelley Swindell

shelley swindell - August 25, 2016 at 06:17 AM