



## Charles T. Hardwick Jr.

June 5, 2013 - June 5, 2013

Charles Chuck T. Hardwick Jr. died on May 30, 2013. Chuck was born in Washington, D.C. Chuck's father was career Navy and Chuck lived in Gitmo Bay, Cuba, Yokosuka, Japan and Naples, Italy. Chuck's favorite childhood accomplishment was climbing Mt. Fuji and graduated from Fort Sherman High School in Naples, Italy.

Chuck graduated from the University of Missouri, School of Journalism on a Hearst Scholarship. He served four years in the Air Force at Scott Air Force Base at Bellevue, Illinois and Westover at Chicopee, Massachusetts. Chuck worked as a reporter for the Wichita Eagle and Beacon Newspaper and the Courier in Champagne-Urbana where he specialized in covering the Chicago Board of Trade. He worked for the communications department for the University of Illinois, Department of Agriculture as well as in public relations at The Soybean Association in Creve Coeur, Missouri, and Ralston Purina in St Louis. Chuck loved his freelance writing business, The Word Smith, in Kirkwood, Missouri.

Chuck was a resident of Kirkwood for fifteen-years and a room mother at Keysor Elementary School for his youngest daughter. Often calling himself, Mr. Mom, Chuck could be found smoking his pipe and walking the family dog, Smudge, around Kirkwood high school. Chuck loved to play board games with his children, pop black popcorn and watch mid-west summer storms roll in.

Chuck worked for nine years as a family court mediator at the Community Mediation Center in Norfolk. He enjoyed writing his memoirs and taking classes at the Muse Writers Center. Chuck always had a new kitchen gadget and enjoyed cooking in his various croc. pots. His humor and resilient spirit will be missed by his family and friends.

Chuck is survived by his mother, Mildred May Barton of Norfolk, Virginia, his sister, Shannon E. Hardwick of Chesapeake, Virginia, his brother, James Hardwick of Virginia Beach, Virginia and three children: Melinda Hardwick, Thomas Hardwick, and Rebecca Hardwick. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Muse Writers Center, Norfolk, Virginia.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dad, you are missed greatly. I will hold our memories close to my heart always. Love, Becca* *Hardwick* ”

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June 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *I will miss you you being in my life. As my big brother, you were always there.* ” *Shannon Hardwick* ”

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June 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dad,*

*Your creative wit and spirit will be missed every time I sit down to write.*

*Love,*

*Mindy* ”

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June 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM