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Semper Fi

Charles "Charlie" Leo Kiper died peacefully on Monday, August 1, 2016 at Novant Hospital-Huntersville after a brief illness from pulmonary fibrosis.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 PM Sunday, August 7 at James Funeral Home located at 10520 Arahova Dr, Huntersville, NC 28078. A private burial at Salisbury National Cemetery will be held at a later date.

Charlie is predeceased by his parents Coleman and Marie Kiper, and daughter Cheri Kiper. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth "Liz" Kiper of Charlotte, NC; his daughters Cindy (Mike) Stauffer of Charlotte, NC, and Amy (Don) Cook of Huntersville, NC; grandchildren Cayla and Chloe Stauffer, and Reagan and Jake Cook; siblings Fayette Bohaning Georgetown KY, Marietta Dennison, Falls of Rough, KY, Helena Perry and Ina Fondern, Louisville, KY, Cletus, Nashville, NC, Leona Crain Campbellsville, KY, Regina Miller, Clarksville, IN.

Charlie was born in Grayson County, Kentucky on May 29, 1936. After graduating from high school, he joined the Marine Corps where he faithfully served his country for 20 years. He retired as a Chief Warrant Officer (W-3) and was a Vietnam Veteran. "Once a Marine always a Marine." Charlie was known as "Mr. Fix It," a mentor to young men, was highly involved in his community and worked closely with the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department North Division to keep the neighborhood safe. He was also known as "Mayor of Wedgewood North."

Charlie was a loving husband to Liz for 32 years. He enjoyed being a father and a Pop Pop, and treasured the time spent with his grandchildren. At the time of his death he was spending many hours at the Birkdale Golf Club.



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In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society – www.cancer.org or to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society – www.lls.org. James Funeral Home is serving the family. Condolences can be made at www.jamesfuneralhomelkn.com.



Tribute Wall

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GR

Gail And Billy Reynolds posted:

We had the pleasure of knowing Charlie for 16 years that we lived in wedgewood north, we will miss him, god bless your family

August 7 at 9:48 AM

EM

Eleanor Salchak & Joe Myers posted:

Joe and I are so sorry about Charlie. He was a wonderful man. Our lives crossed with his (and yours Liz) in many different ways. I remember taking paint, etc. to the recycling center when he worked there - I think that was where I first met him. Of course, there was the safety patrol that Joe was a part of. But most of all, I remember times at the playground with our Grandson and yours. If yours weren't there Charlie was enjoying all the kids, esp. his "adopted" granddaughter. He will be missed by a lot of people.

August 7 at 7:19 AM

JH

Jamie Hammack posted:

I had the pleasure of knowing Charlie as a neighbor, a friend and fellow board member. I always admired the way Charlie knew how to get things done. He consistently made good decisions for the benefit of his neighbors and his community. He was always two steps ahead of all of us. He had tremendous foresight. He also had a lot of fire in the belly. He was not afraid to fight the good fight and say the things that needed to be said regardless of whether they were politically correct. Charlie was a true patriot. And that lawn!!!!

August 5 at 3:14 PM

MK

Mary Ann Kennedy posted:

Amy and family, I am so sorry for the loss of someone who was obviously a great man. I appreciate his service and devotion to our country and to his family. I pray God will give you peace, comfort, and strength in the tough days ahead. Mary Ann Kennedy

August 5 at 12:38 PM



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WB

Wendell Butcher posted:

I will always cherish the memories Charlie and I shared. Working together for 15 plus years greatly enriched our lives. He was a trusted friend, like a brother. Liz, Olivia and I will like you to know our sympathy is with you and your family.

August 4 at 2:17 PM

MW

Marie Purucker (Amy's Co-Worker) posted:

Amy (and mom Liz and all of your family) Thinking and praying for you all. Glad to see that Charlie was a proud Marine and served his country with pride. Wishing you loads of prayers! Marie Purucker Amy's co-worker from CA Technologies United States Air Force - Veteran, Desert Storm

August 4 at 10:39 AM

RN

Richard Norman posted:

Liz, I was sorry to hear of Charlie's death. Cancer is a terrible disease and we have witnessed its effects on several members of our extended family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. We remember many good times with you at HRSD. Richard & Nancy Norman

August 4 at 8:29 AM

BD

Beth Desrosiers posted:

I had the pleasure of getting to know Charlie while living at Wedgewood North. He was one of the nicest people I've ever met. Always willing to lend a helping hand and he worked tirelessly to make our neighborhood the best that it could be. Charlie, it was a pleasure to get to know you and you will be missed so much! A lot of great memories were made in that neighborhood for so many people because you helped make it a fun, safe place to live. My heart goes out to Liz and the whole family and may you cherish all the good times you shared with this great man. Rest in peace, Charlie. You will never be forgotten.

August 4 at 1:45 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Charles by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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