



Charles Murphy

November 10, 1932 - September 26, 2019

Charles R. Murphy, of Greenwood, died on September 26, 2019.

Born in Sparta Co., NC on November 10, 1932, he was one of six children born to Charlie Fred and Mary Rosema Moore Murphy. After high school, he attended Appalachian State College and then enlisted in the US Navy in 1951. Upon completion of basic training, Charles was assigned to Long Beach Naval Air Station, CA, then was transferred to Yokosuka Naval Station, Japan. In 1954, Charles was approved for Naval Flight Training at Pensacola NAS, FL, whereupon he graduated at the top of his class. In flight school, Charles was bunkmates and flew missions with Rear Admiral (Ret) Robert Shumaker, who was shot down over Hanoi, North Vietnam in February 1965, becoming one of the longest-held POWs of the Vietnam War (over eight years). Charles continued flying with the US Navy until he was released from active duty in 1963.

After the Navy, he owned and operated a flight school in Lompoc, CA, which trained private pilots while also performing contract flying operations for Vandenberg AFB and private aircraft companies. Afterwards, Charles was employed as a civilian pilot at the US Naval Missile Center at Point Mugu, CA. In 1969, he went to Alaska to live and flew as a pilot for Alaska Airlines for seven years. During this time, he owned an aircraft refueling company, K & L, Inc. In 1976, Charles moved to Greenwood County, SC to raise cattle. In 1981, he was employed with Grimes Aerospace for 15 years and was later employed as a school bus driver for Greenwood District 50 for nine years, retiring in 2016.

Charles is survived by his wife of 62 years, Mary Murphy, of Greenwood; his daughter, Lynn Faulkner; his son, Kenneth Murphy (Brian); two grandchildren, Kyle Faulkner and Tracy Seymour (Dalton) and two great grandchildren, Sephenia Rose and Atlas Ren, all of Atlanta, GA.

A memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. on October 5, 2019 at the Harley Funeral Home Chapel.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home immediately following the service.

Events

OCT Memorial Service

05:00PM

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Harley Funeral Home and Crematory

1025 South Main Street Post Office Box 777, Greenwood, SC, US, 29648

Comments



“ Chuck and I were good friends , we had many talks about flying and Lockheed Martin. He always knew about the things we discussed , which made it very interesting . He was easy to talk to and will be missed greatly by everyone whom knew him . I know I will miss his presence , because even though he was in SC and I was in Ga , we still had a bond through service .

He was very admirable , patient and kind .

My sincerest condolences to those left behind , his family , and friends .

Gary Gross
Acworth Ga

Gary - October 04, 2019 at 07:23 PM



“ Mary & family: Liz and Carl extend our sincere sympathies on the passing of Charles. His life's tribute you published extols his remarkable accomplishments. Again our condolences. He will be missed.

Carl Scarborough - October 02, 2019 at 07:11 PM



“ I'm pretty sure Uncle Chuck is in Alaska flying around now without the engine noise. What a beautiful world he must have witnessed as a pilot. There is no doubt this is what attributed to his confidence and generosity. I truly thank Chuck for opening a door to an outside world of risk and adventure that has helped me enjoy life. Hopefully, I'll get to fuel his plane again one day.

Wayne Johnson

Wayne Emerson Johnson - October 02, 2019 at 11:02 AM



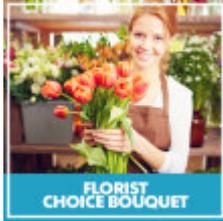
“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Murphy.



October 01, 2019 at 09:38 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Murphy.



September 30, 2019 at 03:51 PM



“ Carol Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Charles Murphy



carol carpenter - September 30, 2019 at 03:24 PM



“ Grumpy always had a smile and hug for me. A wonderful Grumpy to his grandchildren, who he helped take care of when Lynn traveled for work. Bonus, no one loved my chocolate pies more than Chuck! I know there is some in heaven waiting on you! Eat all you want, no more insulin to worry about 😊

Karen Dobbs - September 30, 2019 at 09:21 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Charles Murphy.



September 30, 2019 at 09:10 AM



“ This is how I'll remember Chuck - as a man who always loaded his wife's golf clubs into the car with a gentle smile on his face. For Mary and his children, I hope your memories will be an ongoing blessing, Beth Bethel

Beth Bethel - September 28, 2019 at 08:22 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Charles Murphy.



September 28, 2019 at 07:40 PM



“ Joy Gillian lit a candle in memory of Charles Murphy



Joy Gillian - September 28, 2019 at 06:29 PM



“ Mary Manley lit a candle in memory of Charles Murphy



mary manley - September 28, 2019 at 09:20 AM