



Charles Olmsted,

April 15, 1944 - May 7, 2013

Bluefield, WV- Dr. Charles Morgan "Charlie" Olmsted II 69 of Bluefield, WV passed away of a sudden heart attack on Tuesday May 7, 2013 at Bluefield Regional Medical Center with friends and family by his side. Born April 15, 1944 in Orange, Virginia he was the son of the late John Bartow and Harriet Scott Olmsted. He spent most of his early childhood in Key Biscayne Florida before his parents located to Little Rock Arkansas. Charlie graduated from Hall High School in Little Rock in 1962 and the University of Arkansas Medical School in 1969. He went on to complete his internship, residency and postdoctoral studies in Biophysics and Radiation Oncology at LDS Hospital, University of Utah, Salt Lake City. He was a member of the Radiological Society of North America, American Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology, American College of Radiology, West Virginia State Medical Association and authored several medical publications. Charlie also served his country as a Major, Medical Officers ?" Utah Army National Guard. After appointments at The University of Missouri Medical Center, The Harry S. Truman Memorial Hospital, The Ellis Fischel State Cancer Hospital and Parkview Memorial Hospital, Charlie accepted an appointment in 1982 at Bluefield Regional Medical Center so he could be close to his family who had retired to Tazewell Virginia. Charlie was a beloved cancer specialist at BMRC for over 30 years and he was serving his patients until the day he died. He loved all animals great and small and would even stop to move woolly worms out of harm's way. He donated freely of his time and was a Paul Harris Fellow

of the Rotary Club, the past President of the local American Cancer Society and was a frequent presenter at various tumor conferences. He enjoyed his friendships and was a member of several social organizations. He was an avid snow skier, bicyclist (in his younger years) and scuba diver. Charlie also enjoyed gardening. Charlie is survived by two sisters; two brothers, three nieces, three nephews and many special friends: Robin Olmsted Hill, of Tazewell ; Mary McNeal Olmsted, of Culpeper; Dodge Olmsted, of Arlington; Garrett Scott Olmsted PhD, of Tazewell ; Wycliffe Scott Farquharson, of Asheville; Charlice Morgan Farquharson, of Tazewell; Virginia Olmsted, of Charlottesville ; John Bartow Olmsted M.D., of Lynchburg; CPT. Charles Morgan Olmsted III, currently serving in the US Marine Corp; James McCurdy Olmsted, of Richmond. Visitation will start at 1 pm Saturday at the Mercer Funeral Home with services starting at 2 pm. A celebration of Charlie's life and times will follow at Fincastle Country Club. Instead of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association or the Humane Society. Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Dr. Charles Morgan "Charlie" Olmsted II .

Tribute Wall



“ Charles Olmsted,

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“ I met Chuck in 1977 in Utah and the first thing he asked me was did I want to go skiing. He was a great skier and taught me a lot, always pushing me to try harder. We have been close friends ever since and have gone skiing almost every year. We traveled all over the US and Europe together. Always a kind, caring, funny and generous person, he will be missed. My deepest condolence to the family and friends.

Jim Fort - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ We were blessed to have Charles in our midst. He was generous and welcoming. He accepted everyone for who they are. He warmly welcomed folks from afar. He gave hope and succor to those who ailed. He lived life to its fullest and we should learn from his example.

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“ We were truly blessed to have Charles in our midst. He was generous and welcoming. He shared of himself and his home with folks from afar. He accepted everyone for who they are. We shall miss his presence and his friendship. He gave hope to people who ailed. He lived life to the fullest and we should learn from his example.

Carolyn and Jammy - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

PC

“ I met Charlie at the first of this year when he became a member of the Bluefield Area Shag Society. He loved to dance and danced as if no one was watching. Charlie, your smiling presence will be missed. My prayers are with your family and friends.

Patti Murphey Compton - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

LR

“ Charles brought joy into our lives. He was, in fact, the embodiment of living a joyful life. My memories of Charles go back to student days at the University of Utah in the mid-seventies. At that time we were aspiring Ph.D. students in the Department of Medical Biophysics and Computing. Charles had already earned his medical degree but wanted to contribute to medical research as well. He was a wonderful friend during these Utah years. We biked, hiked, double-dated, and helped one another suffer through and enjoy our graduate school years. Our friendship lasted through many years of job relocations and life's transitions. In fact, once a friend of Charles you were always a friend of Charles. He enjoyed staying connected. After we both left Utah in 1978 he became a regular visitor to my family's home in Columbus, Ohio. And later, after I retired to northwestern Michigan, he'd trek up for his annual north woods experience. A powerful intellect with wide interests wrapped in a deep attachment to his family and friends, that's how I will remember Charles. God bless you CMO and your family. With love always, Lou, Kathy and Bonnie Ricord

Lou Ricord - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

LZ

“ Although I didn't know Charlie well, he had recently joined our Shag club and was really enjoying dancing and having a great time with his friends . I and others in the club were saddened to hear of his passing. My condolences go out to his family. May he rest in peace .
Larry Ziegler, VP, Bluefield Area Shag Society.

Larry Ziegler - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

VC

“ Vicki and I met Charlie through our association with his sister, Robin over thirty years ago. We all traveled in the same social circle and there was some social event almost every weekend in our younger days. No one had more fun than Charlie. Charlie had an infectious enthusiasm that always made you feel good about being alive. He was never a downer. It is unfortunate that we will be out of town this weekend and cannot share in the celebration of Charlie's life. Party on Charlie, party on. We will miss you and will see you on the other side my friend. Andy and Vicki Cecil, Tazewell, VA Andy and Vicki Cecil, Tazewell, VA

Vicki and Andy Cecil - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

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“ My sincerest sympathy goes out to Doc Charlie's family and friends. Charlie was a pleasure to be around and one could not help but enjoy his company, intellect, and wit. We will miss him, but have many good times and memories to comfort us. I will not only miss Doc, but personally will miss our sharing mutual support, enjoyment, and kibitzing while watching and rooting on our favorite NASCAR driver. God Speed, Doc Charlie...

Tom Harris - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

BA

“ *To all the Olmsted family and Friends
You have our deepest sympathy and prayers in this time of sorrow.*

Bernice Ash/MA - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

DT

“ *Charlie was our neighbor for a time and what a great one.
Lighthearted, generous and a joy to be around. He will be missed by
many but leaves behind many wonderful memories.*

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