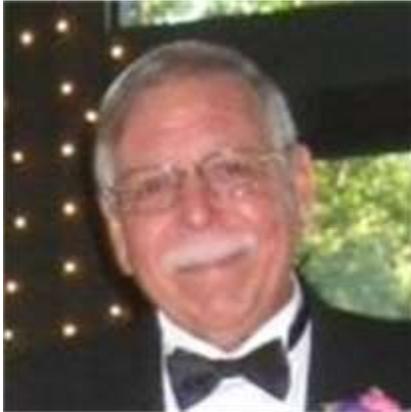


Charles E. Christopher



Charlie Christopher passed away October 4, 2016 in hospice care after adamantly fighting lung cancer for 2 years.

Charlie was born in West Virginia, raised in Tuscaloosa, Alabama and lived in a variety of cities throughout his lifetime (Monterey, CA, San Diego, CA, Alexandria, VA., Milford, MI, Hilton Head Island, SC, Asheville, NC and Columbus, Ohio. He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Cordelia Christopher and his three children: Greg (Nathalie) Christopher of

Groveland, FL, Hillary Christopher (Mike) Dunlap of Columbus, Ohio, Peter Christopher of Oakland, CA, 4 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren as well as other extended family members and close friends.

Charlie enjoyed spending time with his children, his grandchildren and recently his great grandchildren. In retirement, he became the family chef in particular following his guru, Jacques Pepin. He loved expanding his pallet by frequenting great restaurants throughout his travels - including Asheville, NC, Hilton Head Island, SC, Chicago, Columbus and most recently in Anna Maria Island, Florida where he enjoyed family meals with his children and grandchildren.

He loved history, particularly military history including the Napoleonic era. He was a fan of old movies, particularly films from the 1930's and could tell you the whole plot from just the first few scenes.

He loved a wide variety of music including classical symphonies and choral works, the Beatles, of course, folk music, and in our Asheville years, he enjoyed many Blue Grass Festivals.

He loved his cars from his TR-3 to XKE Jaguar in the 1960's, his Mercedes and Rover Sedan in the 70's, and his 2 Land Rovers in retirement. (It's OK. Ford owned Land Rover at the time). He and Cordelia loved to travel with their motor coach and winter on Hilton Head Island. He was particularly fond of his most recent purchase -- a burgundy Lincoln MXZ.

Charlie was a 1960 Naval Academy graduate, attended the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, CA in 1966, and received his MBA from George Washington U. He served in the Navy on a number of ships including the USS Canberra off the coast of Viet Nam. In his last 4 Navy years he worked at the Pentagon in the office of Navy Satellite Communications.

Charlie's next 30 years were spent as an engineer for Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn, Michigan where he retired as Principal Engineer for Crash Safety. He became known at Ford for being able to physically duplicate every movement a crash dummy makes in a 25 mph head on collision :-)

He also enjoyed singing in church choirs and Ford Motor Co. Chorus and was asked to be Chairman of the Milford Township Planning Commission where he served for a number of years.

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