



## Charles B. Church

November 5, 1948 - April 28, 2019

Shirley- Charles B. Church, 70, of Shirley, died Sunday, April 28, 2019, in Emerson Hospital in Concord.

Charlie was born in Niagara Falls, NY, on November 5, 1948, a son of the late William and Helen (Bryan) Church and grew up in Delaware. He graduated from high school there and attended the University of Delaware.

He joined the U.S. Navy and served aboard submarines during the Vietnam War.

Following his honorable discharge from the Navy, Charlie settled in the Boston area, taking classes at Boston College and Northeastern University. He worked as a software engineer, privately contracting with the U.S. Government and several area Corporations.

Charlie was a longtime member and past commander of the Shirley Legion Post 183 and volunteered as the Shirley Veterans Services Chaplin. Charlie devoted his time to area Veterans making sure they would receive their overdue commendations. Charlie also had a passion for photography and for several years took photographs for the former Shirley Volunteer Newspaper.

He leaves his wife, Jean T. Baskin of Shirley, and a sister, Jane E. Church of

Columbia, MO.

Calling hours will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2019, from 4 to 6 PM in the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd. (Rte. 2A) Ayer. Full military honors will be rendered at the conclusion of the calling hours at 6 PM.

In lieu of flowers please consider making a memorial contribution in Charlie's name to your favorite charity

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

MAY 7. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Ayer  
25 Fitchburg Road ~ Route 2A  
Ayer, MA 01432  
(978) 772-2355

## Military Honors

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# Tribute Wall

JQ

“ So saddened to hear of Charlie’s passing, my family and I will forever be grateful for Charlie going way above and beyond helping My dad and Mr Robbins of Pepperell Recieve their long over due WW 2 Submarine combat medals .

Charlie was a giving careing person, The world has lost a great man.

Peace and prayers to all.

*Jim Quatrale and Family*

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**James Quatrale** - May 27, 2019 at 03:41 PM

NH

“ I was so saddened to hear about the passing of Charlie. He was so such a genuinely compassionate person. Always put others first. I’ll never forget how much the friendship between my father and Charlie meant to my father especially when my father’s health was failing. Charlie’s participation in my father’s funeral made it that more comforting. I’m so sorry for his family’s loss because it is such a great loss. He will be somebody I’ll never forget.

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**Nicole Gionet Hunt** - May 07, 2019 at 07:39 AM

MQ

“ So sorry for your loss. Charlie was always very friendly and kind to my family. He shared a common experience with my dad Tom Quatrale, both being proud submarine veterans. Peace to all from Mike & Joanne Quatrale.

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**Mike Quatrale** - May 05, 2019 at 03:11 PM

MQ

“ Charlie was a dear friend to our family especially my father Marcel Gionet. I'm grateful and thankful for everything he did for dad, especially his often visits. Rest In Peace dear Friend. Prayers and love out to you and deepest condolences to beautiful Jean. God Bless

Monique Quinn - May 01, 2019 at 04:53 PM

DS

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Dina Samfield - May 01, 2019 at 01:26 PM

TE

“ Charlie went above and beyond during my father's graveside service to insure that all military honors were in place. I'm hoping that he receives the same well-deserved benefit.

Tim Elmer - May 01, 2019 at 09:09 AM

KW

“ Charlie was a great friend and neighbor to my mother and brother. He visited sporadically and offered me help to get information on my grandfather's service in WW1. He will be missed. Rest In Peace, Charlie. Thank you for your service ❤️🇺🇸  
Karen Hartman Weir

Karen Hartman Weir - May 01, 2019 at 09:02 AM



Salvatore  
Emma

“ It was a privilege to be a friend and neighbor to Charlie for almost 20 years. He watched my children grow, since we lived directly next door. He and Shari welcomed us as friends from the moment we met them and we grew to love them as family. We will forever miss his wit, the DAT parties, sipping tequila together, drive-by dinners, and pondering various projects around the house. Charlie was a giver. He always checked in on my father-in-law before his passing and he took special care of veterans he never even knew. He encouraged my son and daughter to always be learning. He was a spectacular conversationalist and a brilliant mind. He was a man of integrity. I feel like I have lost a brother. Rest In Peace Charlie. We love you and my family will never forget your kindness.

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**Salvatore Emma** - May 01, 2019 at 04:10 AM

AB

“ Having known Charlie since “disco days” it’s always amazing when you can maintain a dear friendship through current days. With Charlie that was easy to do. He was always there for his friends and somehow always made you feel extra good about yourself. His kind heart will be remembered and missed. Wishing strength to his loved ones. Audrey & Greg

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**Audrey & Greg Bergee** - April 30, 2019 at 04:44 PM

JC

“ We're so sorry for your loss Jean. Charlie will be dearly missed by all who knew him. He has done so much for so many people.  
Jerrie & Paula Coates

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**Jerrie & Paula Coates** - April 30, 2019 at 04:35 PM