



Charles Webster Coale Jr.

October 3, 1935 - February 13, 2021

Charles Webster Coale, Jr. of Blacksburg, passed onto glory February 13, 2021. He was born on October 3, 1935. Most people knew him as Charlie. He never knew a stranger, was always a friend, and always wanting to help. He served as an excellent role model to all and made a forever impact on our lives. His passion was his family, friends, and work. He was preceded by Ellen, his loving wife, of 60 years and his brother, Richard M. Coale. He is survived by his children, grandchildren, and relatives as listed. Marjorie (daughter) and Tommy Lawson and children, Thomas, Zachariah, Jeremiah, and Rachel; Roger (son) and Melissa Coale and children, Carson and Taylor; and James (son) and Meaghan Coale and children Jacob and Katie; Cynthia and J. C. Raffety, and their daughter, Jennifer Moss, children Lindsay and Mallory, and son, Robert and Colleen Raffety. He also has extended family in Hartford County Maryland.

Charlie was born to Charles Webster Coale, Sr. and Marian Phillips Coale in a farmhouse near Cooptown, Maryland. He was determined to get a great education. He even walked a mile and a half to catch the school bus each day to go to Jarrettsville Elementary School, and then to North Harford High School. While at North Harford High School, he was a 4-H'er and won a trip to the National 4-H competition. This is where he found his passion for a career in agriculture. With his gift of planning and organization, he received a BS in Agriculture Education and a MS in Agriculture Economics from the University

of Maryland. After serving in the US Navy, he then returned to Penn State to earn his PhD in Agriculture Economics.

In 1959, a weekend after he was married, Charlie served as a Lieutenant in the US Navy aboard the USS Conway, DDE5507, from 1959-1962, during the Bay of Pigs. He was second in command in the beach jumper unit in Little Creek, VA, during critical times. He loved his Conway Reunions, even taking on the role of President. In addition, he reconnected with his ancestry by joining and proudly serving in the Sons of The American Revolution, serving as President once again. He loved the USA and appreciated all that serve.

In 1969, Charlie began his 33 year career with Virginia Tech, with a majority of those years serving as a Full Professor. He enjoyed serving many industries - Agra Business Corps in Virginia and the Mid-Atlantic states, Seafood Industry, Food Science, Farm Supply Industry, Farm Equipment Industry, & even as far away as Haiti. In addition, he loved working with graduate students in marketing and research. He served on numerous committees, programs, and was the president and chair of several various groups. He greatly appreciated each person.

Charlie loved the Lord and joyfully served at Blacksburg United Methodist Church in many capacities. He was Chairman of the Board, served on the finance committee, utilized his strategic planning skills to help the church reach many people locally and abroad, enjoyed helping kids of all ages through VBS & Adopt A College Student. He cared for as many people as he could with his wife Ellen by sharing his time, talents, and finances. He loved the church & it's people.

A life cannot be expressed by the mere words on a page. It's expressed by how many lives were touched. Charlie's reach was far and wide. We cannot possibly list all the impact he had on this world. His focus was always on

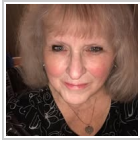
relationships and how to help others. Charlie and Ellen set up endowment funds to help with the education needs of those not in his family at University of Maryland, Penn State and Virginia Tech. His legacy will on through his children and grandchildren with integrity and generosity and to serve others. Charlie will be greatly missed, and we are grateful and thankful for the time we had with him. His favorite passage was Psalm 23. Donations in lieu of flowers can be given to Blacksburg United Methodist Church
A private service will be held at McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Gardens of the New River Valley

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BLACKSBURG, VA 24060

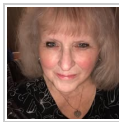
Tribute Wall



“ *Eva Treece lit a candle in memory of Charles Webster Coale Jr.*

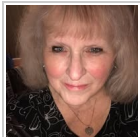


Eva Treece - February 21, 2021 at 03:48 PM



My sympathy goes out to family and friends. God be with you all

Eva Treece - February 21, 2021 at 03:53 PM



“ *I enjoyed what time I spent with Charlie. It was short but sweet. He introduced me to many places in Blacksburg Va. and I was there when he moved to his smaller home. He will be greatly missed*



Eva Treece - February 21, 2021 at 03:46 PM



“ *White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Charles Webster Coale Jr..*



February 17, 2021 at 09:01 AM



“ My thoughts are with you all today as you remember Charlie, truly such a caring, wonderful friend and neighbor!!!! Prayers of thanksgiving to have had (and still have) such a special soul in our lives!!!! Phyllis Albritton

Phyllis Albritton - February 17, 2021 at 08:53 AM

KH

“ My son, Travis, was a best friend of Charlie’s younger son since they were in 3rd grade at Margaret Beeks Elementary School. Travis and “Jimmy” laughed and played and got into plenty of mischief. Charlie and Ellen were always patient and understanding of those little rascals. As the boys grew older, Charlie and Ellen welcomed Travis during many family weekends. I deeply appreciated their warm hospitality.

In addition to being intelligent, hard-working, and generous, Charlie’s gentle nature and easy-going personality were especially endearing. He was an exceptional role model. I am incredibly grateful that Charlie, Ellen, and Jim graced our lives.

Karen Holstein

Karen Holstein - February 17, 2021 at 12:06 AM

CJ

“ What a great uplifting guy. I have many fond memories of Emmaus with Charlie. He was truly a soldier for our savior, a man of God. It was an honor to know him. May our Lord grant you peace and comfort and may memories of happy, healthier times bring many smiles.

*In Christ's Love,
Charles and Donna Judy*

Charles R. Judy - February 15, 2021 at 10:45 PM

AM

“ *I have wonderful memories of Charlie from my time at Va Tech. Huge heart, so genuine, so caring and just so real. He was one of the very special ones! So much love to all his family and friends as we all grieve this loss.*

Anya McGuirk - February 15, 2021 at 01:04 PM

LG

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Lisa Garcia - February 15, 2021 at 12:24 PM

LG

“ *Charlie and his wife lived lives of generosity, servant leadership and hospitality. I always felt welcomed by them in whatever setting we saw each other. Always a smile to share and a positive attitude. I am grateful to have known both Charlie and his wife. Their family, friends and colleagues have my sincere sympathy for your collective loss.*

Lisa Garcia - February 15, 2021 at 12:10 PM

KB

“ Charlie had a warm heart who truly cared for his students, AAEC and VT. Charlie had retired when I arrived at VT as Department Head but he reached out to help my in the transition, which was sincerely appreciated. He and Ellen also reached out to me and my wife as friends as well. Sincerely, some of the nicest people I have me in my life.

Kevin & Nancy Boyle

Kevin Boyle - February 15, 2021 at 11:16 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White* was purchased for the family of Charles Webster Coale Jr..



February 15, 2021 at 10:11 AM

JS

“ *It was nice to meet a Nittany Lion in my neighborhood and to connect with him about the beauty of Happy Valley and western Maryland; especially Swallow Falls State Park. A kind soul, to be sure*

Joe Scarpaci - February 15, 2021 at 09:40 AM

DT

Charlie Coale was a real friend to many of the Virginia Equipment Dealers Association. Charlie professionally provided his knowledge to the farm equipment dealers for educational seminars, profitability models, as well as helping dealers by arranging programs that were enhanced by following Charlie's recommendations to incorporate other VPI staff members to share their expert knowledge. Charlie and his dedication was very popular with the value and growth of the knowledge they gained by partnering with the Virginia Equipment Dealers Association.

David Ottaway, Retired Executive of the - February 15, 2021 at 11:35 AM

GM

“ Charlie Coale was one of the good guys!!!

George McDowell

George McDowell - February 14, 2021 at 01:24 PM