



Charles Allen "Charlie" Stott

August 25, 1948 - August 12, 2023

In his own words, he had "a wonderful life." That life ended for Charlie Stott on August 12, 2023, at his home in Blacksburg, VA. Born August 25, 1948, the middle son of George W. and Sue Daniels Stott, he grew up in northeast Tennessee and graduated from Jonesboro High School in 1966. He pursued studies at the University of Tennessee before enlisting in the Army, serving in Vietnam and at the National Security Agency in Laurel, MD.

On his return from Vietnam in 1970, he married his love, Patsy Lavender. Classmates since elementary school and with brothers who were best friends, they had their first date at the county fair. From the start of college on, they were partners in every sense of the word, standing together through life until Charlie's death.

After his military enlistment ended, Charlie enrolled at the University of Maryland to finish a degree in journalism, a field he chose because it allowed him to follow his innate curiosity across multiple areas. He knew there would always be something new to learn and interesting stories every day. It was during his time in Maryland that he became an avid Baltimore Orioles fan. After graduation, he worked as a writer and editor for a chain of local Maryland newspapers including The Howard County Times, then as a general reporter at The Morning Herald in Hagerstown (MD), and at The Anniston Star (AL) as a sports writer. Time spent at the Talladega Racetrack made him a

NASCAR fan too.

In 1984, Charlie and Patsy settled in Blacksburg, VA, when Patsy joined the faculty at Virginia Tech. Here, their beloved children Erin and John were born. As the kids arrived, Charlie joined Virginia Tech, first as a writer with the Sea Grant Program under Dr. George Flick, then writing and directing communications for the College of Agriculture & Life Sciences and for Cooperative Extension. The last decade of his career at Tech was spent in the President's Office preparing speeches for President Charles Steger through some of the best and worst times for the university. As a staff member, he was involved with establishing a voice for staff in university governance, which led to the creation of the Staff Senate. In 1992, he received a President's Award for Excellence for that work.

He was preceded in death by his parents, parents-in-law (John and Mildred Lavender), brother-in-law (J. Brice Lavender), aunt and uncles (Val, Pat, Bill, and Jack Daniels), and dear neighbor-friends (Dot and Pietro Reck). He is survived by his wife, Patsy; children Erin of Brookings, SD, and John (Diane) of Philadelphia, PA. Also surviving him are brothers Mike (Leslie) and Danny (Barbara), aunt Eva Daniels, nieces and nephews Jeff, Chris, Kelly (Glenn), and Anna, plus grandnephews and grandnieces Jake (Michaela), Carmen, Hank, Cole, Molly, and Scout.

A public celebration of his life and family visitation will be held Saturday, August 19, 2023, from noon to 2 p.m. at McCoy Funeral Home, 150 Country Club Drive in Blacksburg. The family thanks the staff of Good Samaritan Hospice for assisting him and the family through his last days.

Everyone who knew Charlie speaks of him as kind and caring. The family would like you honor him by doing acts of kindness for others, by cheering for the underdog, or by donating school supplies as we start a new academic

year.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **19**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home
150 Country Club Dr. S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060
(540) 552-3211
mccoyfuneralhome@verizon.net
<https://mccoyfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall

TP

“ Charlie was a wonderful boss, mentor, friend. When he hired me it changed the trajectory of my life and I owe him a debt of gratitude. It was a honor to know him.

Tim Poff - August 19, 2023 at 09:03 AM

PL

Thank you, Tim, for the kind words. Charlie always liked working with you. - Patsy Lavender

Patsy Lavender - August 22, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles Allen "Charlie" Stott.



August 17, 2023 at 07:46 PM

SR

“ Patsy, Erin, and John, and all of Charlie's extended family -- We are holding you in our hearts and sending all our love and sympathy for the loss of beloved Charlie. Such a dear, wise, witty and kind man, and what a full and meaningful life he made. He will not leave you, he will live in you. with love, Susanna and TJ

Susanna Rinehart - August 17, 2023 at 03:32 PM

PL

Thanks, Susanna, for all your support. - Patsy

Patsy Lavender - August 22, 2023 at 03:10 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Charles Allen "Charlie" Stott.*



August 15, 2023 at 10:56 PM



“ *Charlie was a great man, writer, and humanitarian; with a great mind, laugh, wit and mustache! Rest in peace friend. Gordon Groover*

Gordon Groover - August 15, 2023 at 03:40 PM



Thanks, Gordon, and thanks for coming to his celebration. - Patsy Lavender

Patsy Lavender - August 22, 2023 at 03:08 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Charles Allen "Charlie" Stott.*



August 15, 2023 at 02:41 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Charles Allen "Charlie" Stott.*



August 14, 2023 at 04:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles Allen "Charlie" Stott.

August 14, 2023 at 04:56 PM



“ *Natasha Staley and Chris Johnson purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Charles Allen "Charlie" Stott.*



Natasha Staley and Chris Johnson - August 14, 2023 at 04:06 PM



“ *A life well lived! I remember him fondly from my time in Blacksburg! I'm thinking of you, Patsy, and your family, and sending you lots of love!*

Best, Katherine Keefe

katherine keefe - August 14, 2023 at 02:25 PM



Thank you, Katherine, for the kind words. - Patsy

Patsy Lavender - August 22, 2023 at 03:12 PM

LF

“ Leslie and Mike Stott and Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Charles Allen "Charlie" Stott.



Leslie and Mike Stott and Family - August 14, 2023 at 11:56 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles Allen "Charlie" Stott.



August 14, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles Allen "Charlie" Stott.

August 14, 2023 at 11:33 AM

DS

“ You will be missed my brother Dan Stott

Dan Stott - August 14, 2023 at 11:27 AM

HD

“ Helen D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Allen "Charlie" Stott.

Helen D. - August 14, 2023 at 11:09 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles Allen "Charlie" Stott.*



August 14, 2023 at 11:07 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Charles Allen "Charlie" Stott.*



August 14, 2023 at 07:43 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles Allen "Charlie" Stott.*

August 14, 2023 at 07:43 AM



“ *My brother, you fought the hard fight, now Go rest high on that mountain!!!*

Mike

Mike Stott - August 13, 2023 at 05:19 PM



Charlie and I were office mates in Hutcheson Hall. My daughter also worked for him. He was a very nice person. The family is in my thoughts and prayers. Diane Bolling

Diane Bolling - August 14, 2023 at 04:48 PM



It was my pleasure to work with Charlie when he was writing for the Sea Grant Program and CALS. We shared a mutual love for East Tennessee. He was so proud of his family, and I know you cherish your memories of him as a husband and a father. May God comfort you in your time of grief and sustain you in the coming days.

Suella Wolfe

Suella Wolfe - August 15, 2023 at 03:53 PM

LD

Dear Patsy and family, Charlie brought so much fun and understanding to many people. I will miss his good stories and bright smile. I hope good memories will comfort the family. Larkin Dudley

Larkin Dudley - August 19, 2023 at 09:40 AM