



Charles Edwin "Tenny" Tennyson

August 26, 1926 - July 17, 2020

Charles Edwin "Tenny" Tennyson left this world on the evening of July 17th 2020 surrounded by his loving family. He was preceded in death by his father Clyde M Tennyson Sr, his mother Mamie N Tennyson, his brother Clyde M Tennyson Jr, his granddaughters Melanie E Tennyson, Brenna M Currie, and his son in law Peter F Jacobs. He is survived by "his bride" of 67 years Mary Aileen Tennyson, his children Teresa Jacobs, Jo Ann Currie (Larry), Joe Tennyson (Janet), Kevin Tennyson (Paula), and Brian Tennyson (Sandi). His grandchildren Ben Currie, Michael Tennyson, Nichole Carr, Christopher Tennyson, Caroline Laws, Sydney Tennyson, Julian Tennyson, Natasha Tennyson and his niece Pat Blackstock. Charles worked for 60 years as an outside sales associate in the steel industry working primarily for Bethlehem Steel and Mapes. Charles was a veteran of the US Army Air Corps in World War II. He began his training in a Stearman biplane. Charles was a member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church for over 60 years. He was a 4th degree member of the local chapter of the Knights of Columbus. He was instrumental in raising funds for additions to the OLG School. Charles lived for his family and never met a stranger. He loved to travel and shared many adventures both domestic and abroad with his family and friends. His hobbies included drawing and crabbing at the beach. He enjoyed playing golf and tennis into his 90s. He enjoyed many memorable activities shared with the Sunset Hills neighborhood families (one of these activities was rumored to be racing empty beer cans down one of the neighborhood hills). The family would like to thank the many friends who visited and provided meals and comfort during these past weeks. We thank Sheila, Nancy, Monique, and Virginia for the loving care they provided to him. A mass of Christian Burial will be held at Our Lady of Grace Church Wednesday July 22 at 2:00 pm. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Voices Together <https://VoicesTogether.net/donate> .

For Charles the glass was always half full, always a hug instead of a handshake, and those in his presence felt welcome and comfortable. Until next time.

Forbis & Dick Funeral Service North Elm Street is serving the Tennyson family.

Online condolences may be made at www.forbisanddick.com.

Events

JUL **Mass of Christian Burial** 02:00PM

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Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church
AK, US

Comments



“ My name is John Hagood. My father, also John Hagood, worked for Bristol Steel in Virginia until his death in 1985. He had occasion to meet with other salesmen from various steel manufacturing companies with Charlie being one of them. I was about 20 years old when in roughly 1981 or 1982 I had the pleasure of meeting Charlie on one such visit. He was such a hoot and had such an impressionable personality I have never forgotten his name over the past 40 years. I happened to be thinking of my dad this afternoon and Charlie popped into my mind. On a whim I googled his name and I stumbled across his obituary. While I was very sorry to hear he had died I was also glad to see that he had lived a very long and what sounds to be wonderful life ! Isn't it funny how some people just stick in your memory? Charlie did and for all the right reasons.

John Hagood - September 25, 2020 at 03:38 PM



“ My most wonderful memory of Mr. Tennyson will always be of all of us sitting around a newspaper covered table at Long Beach teaching us (Yankees) how to open and eat steamed crabs after a day of teaching us kids how to catch them. He was one the kindest people in the world and I know how much he will be missed by all of you.

Jennifer (Boggs) Oakley - July 22, 2020 at 06:40 PM



“ Great memories indeed, special times. Thank you Jennifer- Brian

Brian Tennyson - July 24, 2020 at 08:14 PM



“ Maryetta Elliott lit a candle in memory of Charles Edwin "Tenny" Tennyson



Maryetta Elliott - July 22, 2020 at 03:15 PM



“ Charlie was a special person with a great faith, a loving and dependable friend. I met him through my life partner, Bob Schaff and also had the privilege of meeting his family, even his mother. I haven't seen him since I lost Bob in 2015, but what a comfort to see him at the funeral. He was so proud of his family and loved them all so much. Please accept my most sincere condolences. The world will be darker without Charlie.

Maryetta

Maryetta Elliott - July 22, 2020 at 03:14 PM



“ Tennyson Family,

It is with a heavy heart that we send our condolences for Charlite. You are right that the glass was always half full. What a positive attitude! I loved to run into him wherever that might be. He will be missed!

Love,

Kathy and Margie Haines

Kathy Haines - July 22, 2020 at 12:05 PM



“ my life was better because Mr T loved me!

marygrace Llewellyn - July 22, 2020 at 08:20 AM



“ Such a beautiful family! I have admired them for many years at Our Lady of Grace Church! They were givers to our church community! They were friendly, loving and dedicated to our parish! My prayers are with their family! God Bless all of you!
Much Love, Betty Tarantelli

Betty Tarantelli - July 21, 2020 at 07:32 PM



“ Joe, Kevin and the rest of the Tennyson family,

I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you as you go through this difficult time. Your Dad was always there with a smile when I delivered your morning paper and I greatly appreciated it!

Dawn Williams-Kogutkiewicz

Dawn Williams-Kogutkiewicz - July 21, 2020 at 03:13 PM



“ Brian and family: so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Jim Edmonds - July 21, 2020 at 10:48 AM



“ Thank you so much Jim, very nice to read your note

Brian Tennyson - July 22, 2020 at 10:56 AM



“ Charlie was one of my favorite people. When I was transferred to the Greensboro Sales Office Charlie welcomed me with "open arms" and helped Irene and me get established. He was, not only a great salesman for Bethlehem but more importantly a tremendous person. I'll always remember our years together. My sympathy and prayers are with you and family

Joe Mnick - July 21, 2020 at 07:00 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles Edwin "Tenny" Tennyson.



July 20, 2020 at 06:50 PM



“ One of the sweetest people to inhabit this planet.
Charlie was great friend to my father and always so kind to me. I'm grateful to have known him almost my entire life. Rest in peace Mr. T.
Alice

Alice Bissell - July 20, 2020 at 04:04 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Edwin "Tenny" Tennyson.



July 20, 2020 at 03:57 PM