



Charles Gill Beekley

September 28, 1945 - August 11, 2022

Charles Beekley was indeed a man of God who, by example, preaching, and counseling, brought Christian love to all who knew him. He died on August 11, 2022, after a nearly years-long struggle with various health issues.

Charlie was born in Good Samaritan Hospital, Dayton, Ohio, on September 28, 1945. The Beekley family, due to Reverend Eugene Beekley's vocation as a pastor and then a Chaplain in the Air Force, moved throughout Charlie's childhood, spending time in Ohio, Indiana, New York, Korea, and Sarasota until 1961, when the family, including mother, Margaret, and brother, Philip moved to Incirlik Airforce Base in Turkey. Before Charlie returned alone to Peru, NY, to attend his senior year with his past classmates, he traveled with the family from Turkey to visit Syria, Jordan, Jerusalem, Beirut, Egypt, and Cyprus. After graduating from high school in Peru in 1963, Charlie rejoined his family at Chaplain Beekley's new assignment at Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, from where Charlie enrolled at Ashland College (now University), Ashland, Ohio, graduating in 1968. Charlie received his draft notice immediately after graduating and joined the US Army as a medical corpsman. Before reporting to military training, Charlie married his fiance, Linda, on January 27, 1968, in Cleveland, OH, at Highland Christian Church in a service officiated by Rev. Eugene Beekley after a 4-month engagement. They enjoyed a 3-day honeymoon in Mansfield, OH, after which Charlie reported to Basic Training at Fort Knox on January 31st, followed by Advanced training at Fort Sam Houston. Charlie served during the Vietnam

War in Germany, where Linda joined him from August 1968 to Sept 1969. When Charlie returned home in November 1969, he returned to a new home with his wife in Ashland, OH, where he worked as a Professor in the Radio and Television Department at Ashland University. He would later work as an Announcer and Station Manager at WVNO in Mansfield before answering his calling from the Lord to begin seminary and a career in pastoral care. Charlie enrolled at Ashland Theological Seminary and worked as the Director of Christian Education for the Brethren Church. Charlie and Linda welcomed their son, Tim, on October 20, 1981, to their family while still in Ashland, OH. The Lord's calling to plant a Brethren Church in Maryland would bring them to Frederick, MD. In 1990 Charlie would continue his ministry at Trinity United Methodist Church in Frederick, MD, and later Bush Creek Church of the Brethren before his retirement due to health issues. In 2012, he and Linda joined now married adult son Tim and his family in Mooresville, North Carolina. In his retirement, Charlie continued to bless couples through the ceremony of marriage and counseling services. He also found a church home at the Cove Church, where he served on the Production Team and the Care Team, praying for and supporting countless of his brothers and sisters in Christ. In his final year of life, it was this church family that upheld Charlie and Linda through his final earthly struggle. Even illness and cognitive decline failed to lessen Charlie's faith that was apparent all around him. When words would otherwise fail him, Charlie still had lungs to sing praise and breath to lift others in prayer.

Charlie was predeceased by his father, Chaplain, Lt. Col. (USAF Ret.) Eugene J. Beekley; mother Margaret G. Beekley, infant brother John A. Beekley, and infant sister Cynthia L. Beekley. He is survived by his wife Linda, his brother Capt. (USAF Ret.) Philip C. Beekley and Philip's wife Lisa of San Antonio, Texas, son Tim and Tim's wife Amy, with grandsons Micah, Eli, and Caleb, all in Mooresville, NC.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM, Saturday, August 20, 2022 at The Cove Church, Mooresville.

Cemetery Details

Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 20. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

The Cove Church
197 Langtree Road
Mooresville, NC 28117

Tribute Wall



“ So many memories with Charlie as he worked with us on the National Brethren Youth conference. He also "taught" me how to fly while encouraging/arranging for me to attend each District conference to meet youth and parents. Love and peace to the Beekley family. Best, Gregg Brelsford

Gregg - April 24, 2024 at 06:51 PM



“ I have such lovely memories of Uncle Charlie from my childhood. And it's been lovely to see him over the years and watch his spiritual growth. I admire and respect him so much. My love and sympathy to Aunt Linda, Tim, Amy and the children. Love - Anna

Anna Cluxton - August 19, 2022 at 07:38 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles Gill Beekley.



August 19, 2022 at 07:36 PM

LB

“ We were so ecstatic to have Philip's dad and brother, Rev. Eugene Beekley together with Charlie Beekley officiate our wedding in 2010. It was the most beautiful and impactful ceremony that left many memories. The Beekley family will ALWAYS live in our hearts. Lisa Beekley of San Antonio, TX.



Lisa Beekley - August 17, 2022 at 06:42 PM

JM

“ Many thanks for the teaching, leadership, and fun given to me by Charlie and Linda in my years of the Brethren Crusader program and church in Ashland. Fond memories! We love you all! Prayers for you. 💕💕

Joyce & Phil Michael - August 17, 2022 at 06:18 PM

VA

“ Charlie was one of a kind. I have THE BEST memories of serving in the Brethren Crusader program. I had some of the best times serving and growing under the incredible leadership of Charlie and Linda Beekley. My life was forever changed by Charlie!

Vanda - August 17, 2022 at 05:13 PM

JM

“ Charlie was so kind and sensitive to me and my family as he took over the role of Pastor at Bush Creek. I will never forget him, and what a wonderful person he was. Jeff and Jane Musselman

Jane Green Musselman - August 15, 2022 at 10:25 AM

CS

“ *Difficult to not have Charlie. Loved his smile and story telling. Always a pleasure to hear from him and visit with him. My condolences to Linda and Tim. Cindy Stegle*

Cindy Stegle - August 15, 2022 at 08:03 AM