



Charles R. Hughes

October 2, 1931 - April 3, 2014

Delmar-Charles R. Hughes went to the God he loves on April 3, 2014 surrounded by his loving family at the Hospice Inn at St. Peter's Hospital.

Charlie was born on October 2, 1931 in Brooklyn, New York, the son of Joseph and Margaret (Feeley) Hughes. He attended St. John's Prep in Brooklyn, and then began his college education at St. John's University. Before completing college, he joined the Navy and served during the Korean War on the USS Sicily. After his service, he returned to St. John's and graduated with his degree in history. He worked briefly for TWA, then began his long career with IBM until his retirement in 1987.

Charlie married the love of his life, Catherine Roletter Hughes, on August 25, 1956. With his two children, Kathleen and John, they moved to various places while Charlie worked at IBM, including Hicksville, NY, Manchester, CT, Yorktown Heights, NY and Lambertville, NJ. He moved to Delmar in 2006 following the passing of Catherine.

Charlie lived a life of service to others. While in Lambertville, Charlie and Catherine were involved in their parish, St. John the Evangelist, and also delivered meals-on-wheels to the homebound. When Charlie moved to Delmar, he continued his life of serving others in new ways. He volunteered at the Food Pantry at the Church of St. Vincent de Paul. He spearheaded a drive

at St. Vincent's to collect bicycles and sewing machines, resulting in 200 bicycles being delivered to Tanzania and over 100 sewing machines sent to Yemen for women owned businesses.

Charlie's greatest joy in service was his volunteer work at hospice. He visited with patients at home and later became a volunteer at the Hospice Inn. He was known for his quiet presence with families, visiting with patients who needed a listening ear, and sitting with patients who did not have visitors. Charlie believed that no person should die alone.

In addition to his wife, Catherine, Charlie was predeceased by his beloved brother Joseph Hughes and his little sister, Joanne Cardillo. He is survived by his daughter, Kathleen Hughes Burgess and his son-in-law and friend, Michael (Delmar), his two grandchildren, Joseph and Catherine (Manhattan) and his son John Hughes (Montclair, NJ). He is also survived by his devoted and loving sisters, Bernadette Jones (Woodhaven) and Margaret Schaffer (Guilderland), as well as a clan of nieces and nephews from here and across the Atlantic who will all miss Uncle Charlie's laughter and goodness.

A very special thank you to Charlie's second family, which was his family at the Hospice Inn, for their kindness, compassion and love that they so generously showered upon Charlie while he was a volunteer and especially during Charlie's final days. Thank you also for extending that same tenderness to his family during those days as well. Thank you also to Adessa Rice for her continued care and companionship to Charlie during his recuperation from his first stroke.

Funeral services Monday, April 7, 2014 at 8:45 am from the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany thence to St. Vincent De Paul Church, Albany at 9:30 am where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated.

Relatives and friends are invited and may call in the funeral home both

Saturday, April 5, 2014 4:00 to 7:00 pm, and Sunday, April 6, 2014 4:00 to 7:00 pm.

Interment is scheduled for 12:30 pm Monday, April 7, 2014 at the Gerald BH Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery.

To leave a message for the family, obtain directions or view other helpful services, please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com .

Contributions may be made in Charlie's name to the Hospice Inn at St. Peter's Hospital c/o The Community Hospice of Albany County, 445 New Karner Road, Albany, NY 12205.

Tribute Wall



“ *Charles R. Hughes*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *My sincere condolences. May the words at Isaiah 25:8 bring you comfort during this difficult time " He will swallow up death forever, And the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."*

Montana W. - December 01, 2015 at 01:26 PM



“ *"May Jehovah God the Father of tender mercies bring you comfort that there will be a resurrection and sickness and death will be gone forever. All mankind have the hope of seeing their love ones again." 2Cor. 1:3; Acts 24:15*

Tricia - April 22, 2014 at 12:18 AM



“ *I met Charlie when I volunteered at the Hospice Inn. He was generous with his knowledge, and I remember being grateful for the way he made me feel comfortable in my role as a somewhat nervous first-time hospice volunteer. It was obvious that he loved his work there, and was much loved in return. My condolences to all his family and friends.*

Gail Landsman - April 06, 2014 at 11:57 PM

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“ *Iliana Giacona lit a candle in memory of Charles R. Hughes*



Iliana Giacona - April 06, 2014 at 04:12 PM

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“ *I am privileged to have Charlie as an Uncle when he married to my Aunt Catherine. I loved you then and i will always love you.*

Karen Roletter Reilly

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“ *Old Brooklyn,photo taken where ,Hull St.or Aberdeen. My sincerest regards.He led a good life. ED AND ANN HUGHEs.*

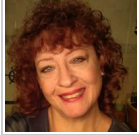
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edward hughes - April 05, 2014 at 03:53 PM



“ *My heart goes out to you all in this time of loss. Find comfort in knowing he is at peace and reunited with his loving wife. Cherish all the wonderful memories. My deepest condolences. Rest in peace cousin Charlie. My deepest condolences, Kathleen Buff Harrison (granddaughter of Isabella Carroll, daughter of Geraldine Hughes Buff)*



Kathie Harrison - April 05, 2014 at 12:12 PM