



## Charles B. Arnold

December 14, 1936 - September 12, 2016

Charles B. Arnold, 79, of Estero, FL passed away unexpectedly on Monday, September 12, 2016 at North Collier Hospital. Formerly of Dallas, TX and longtime resident of Charlotte, NC he had been a resident of Estero for the past month.

He was born December 14, 1936 in Minneapolis, MN a son of the late Bernard A. and Alice (Grove) Arnold. Charlie attended Jesuit College Preparatory School of Dallas where he was the quarterback of the football team and has been named to the Hall-of-Fame. He graduated in 1954. Following high school, Charlie earned his Bachelor's Degree in Business while playing football at Southern Methodist University. In 1956, while playing quarterback, he led the SMU Mustangs to a 19-13 victory over the 3rd ranked team in the nation, the Notre Dame Fighting Irish. His career started in 1960 with Fieldcrest Cannon Inc. He retired as Vice President of Sales in 1999. Charlie was an avid golfer who enjoyed traveling and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Survivors include his loving wife of 26 years, Kathleen (Wallace) Arnold; children, Ron (Marcia) Arnold of Tampa, FL, Cynthia (Patrick) Torpey of Midlothian, VA, Richard (Deborah) Arnold of The Woodlands, TX; sister, Dolores (Frank) Cass of Dallas, TX; brother, Michael (Alda) Arnold of Earlysville, VA; 7 grandchildren; and 8 great grandchildren. In addition to his

parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Barbara Arnold in 1985; his sister, Patricia Tilton in 1997 and grandson, Ryan Arnold in 2007.

A Memorial Mass to celebrate his life will be held Saturday, October 29, 2016 at 11:00 AM at St. Mark Catholic Church 14740 Stumptown Rd, Huntersville, NC 28078.

Memorial contributions may be made "In Memory of Charlie Arnold, Class of 1954" to Jesuit College Prep, 12345 Inwood Road, Dallas, TX 75244.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

OCT **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark Catholic Church  
14740 Stumptown Rd, Huntersville, NC 28078  
Huntersville, NC 28078

# Tribute Wall

CT

“ Boyd Waggoner

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*I knew Charlie, mostly for four years as SMU football players. Losing SMU teammates is hard on me, but losing Charlie seems extra hard. Seems like losing quarterbacks hurts a little extra. In 2010, when Don Meredith passed away I called Charlie, in North Carolina. Strangely, I told him I wanted to make sure there was still a QB around, in case I needed someone to throw to me again. I didn't know him before SMU, and very little after graduation, but we were together at SMU in 2008 for a reunion of that group, and most of us were teammates in the 1956 victory over 3rd ranked Notre Dame. He was a great teammate. We won that game because of Charlie. He played like an All-American. Threw a TD pass, ran for a TD, and called for a Statue of Liberty play that resulted in the winning TD, intercepted at least one pass, ran back punts, and made tackles. When Notre Dame tied us at 13-13 with about 3 minutes left, we had maybe 3 minutes to go for the win. Notre Dame kicked off to us. I had been in the game for our first two TDs, but not the last one. A teammate told me that in the huddle after we received the kickoff, that somebody suggested we run out the clock and go for the tie, but Charlie responded with something like "screw the tie, we were tied when we started, let's win it" And mostly due to Charlie's passing, running, and play calling, we did. And after we went ahead 19-13, Paul Hornung (Heisman Trophy Winner that year) completed a long pass down near our goal line, and as I recall, Charlie was in on the tackle, making sure the pass receiver stayed in bounds until the clock ran out. He was voted that week into what I believe they called the "National Backfield of the Week". He definitely outplayed the Heisman Trophy Winner that night. I won't be forgetting Charlie.*

*I am going to North Carolina for his memorial service on October 29-maybe to try to let him know what he meant to me.*

*Boyd Waggoner*

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CT - February 09, 2025 at 11:36 AM



“ Charles B. Arnold

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ Sure gonna miss you Uncle Charlie. You were one of the good ones.

*You can shed tears that he is gone,  
Or you can smile because he lived,  
You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back,  
Or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left.*

*Your heart can be empty because you can't see him  
Or you can be full of the love that you shared,  
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.*

*You can remember him and only that he is gone  
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on,  
You can cry and close your mind be empty and turn your  
back,  
Or you can do what he would want: smile, open your eyes,  
love and go on.  
~David Harkins*

*You will be in my mind whenever I raise my camera lens and you  
will forever be in my heart. Thanks for making my AK the happiest!  
XO, Megan*



Megan Van Pelt - September 27, 2016 at 06:06 PM

LM

“ Charlie was a first class person and taught me a lot in my career at Fieldcrest!! I hated when we both retired and didn't have a chance to visit anymore.

*After things settle down give me a call and we will get together for lunch!!*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you in theses difficult times.*

*Lawrence Mann*

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**Lawrence Mann** - September 23, 2016 at 12:57 PM

LH

“ Cathy we send our love to you at this difficult time. We can not imagine how we will celebrate the ay after Christmas without our O Charlies lunch with you all. I think it has been about 12 years that we have gotten together. Walt has so many wonderful memories of Charlie from Fieldcrest, golf get togethers, and lunches with Bury and the gang in Concord. We wish you the best and please know that we are keeping you in our prayers.

*Liz and Walt Hudson*

*lizziebhudson@gmail.com*

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**Liz Hudson Hudson** - September 20, 2016 at 04:38 PM

EW

“ Great friend and super co-worker, he will be truly missed by all. My deepest sympathizes to Kathy and family.

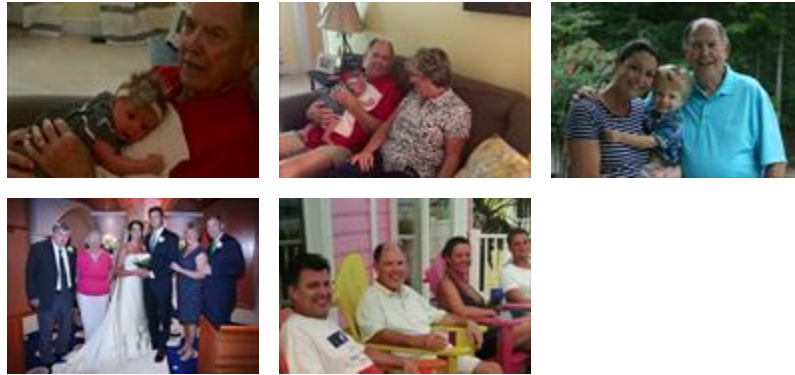
*Ed Waterman*

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**Ed Waterman** - September 20, 2016 at 11:37 AM

CP

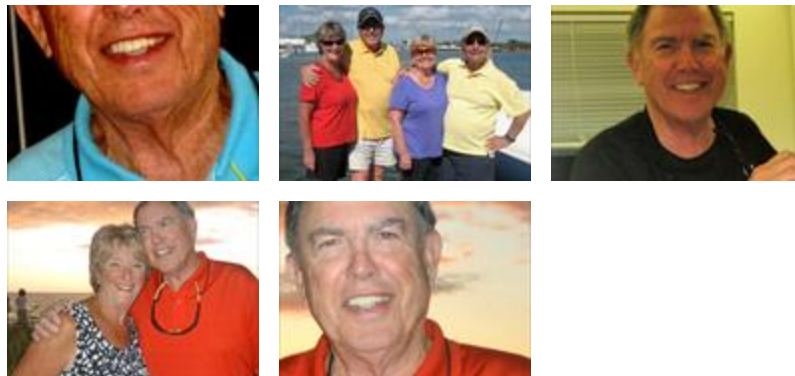
“ Your love for life and family was like no other. Couldn't have asked for a more caring, thoughtful, loving grandfather. Miss and love you so much DC.



Colleen Perry - September 19, 2016 at 04:01 PM

BM

“ After sharing a business association, golf vacations, and birthdays for 25 years, Charlies love of life will be solely missed. Yes, we'll keep the plans for his 80th birthday celebration.  
RIP good friend,  
Bob and Sue McEntee



BOB MCENTEE - September 18, 2016 at 06:57 PM

BM

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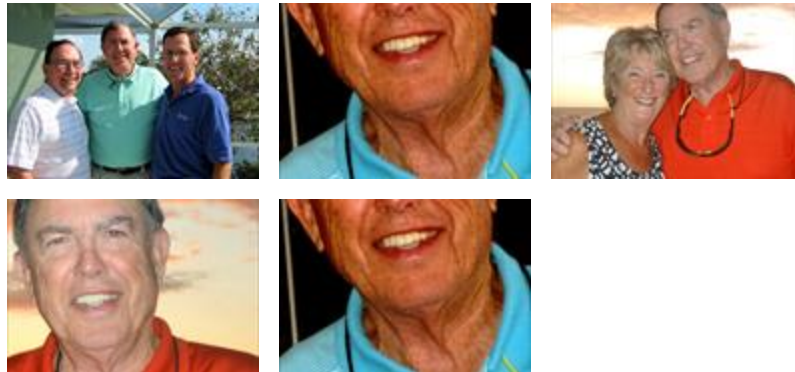


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**Bob McEntee** - September 18, 2016 at 05:55 PM

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**Bob McEntee** - September 18, 2016 at 05:43 PM

JM

“ Charlie filled the room with his presence. Music surrounded him, from jazz, country, rock and roll, appreciating the artists and their talent....always making mix cd's for friends. As a brother-in-law, Charlie grounded Patty and me in our single years. We sought his guidance and relied on Kathy and Charlie's unconditional love. Thankful for the Arnold Christmas cruise that Megan and I shared with the 3 generations. Honey-do lists awaited every visit. I'm thankful for his friendship with Don as we can share the memories. Charlie CELEBRATED LIFE spreading joy and love. I'm sure he arrived at the golden gates announcing.. "This place is TERRIFFIC!" Always and in all ways the gentleman, and loving husband to my sister. This picture was taken at Sunday Brunch in Naples only 14 hours earlier enjoying a Bloody Mary bar.... "Cheers, Big Guy"



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**Jean Moseley** - September 18, 2016 at 07:32 AM

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**Bob McEntee** - September 17, 2016 at 07:00 PM

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**Bob McEntee** - September 17, 2016 at 06:56 PM


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**Bob McEntee** - September 17, 2016 at 06:46 PM

 Susan  
Romeo-  
Sunder

“ *Aunt Kathy, We are so sorry for your loss! Charlie was a special Man! We are all thinking of you and sending lots of love! I had this picture from my wedding and hope it makes you smile!  
Love, Susan, John , Samantha, (Alexa) and all the Romeo's*



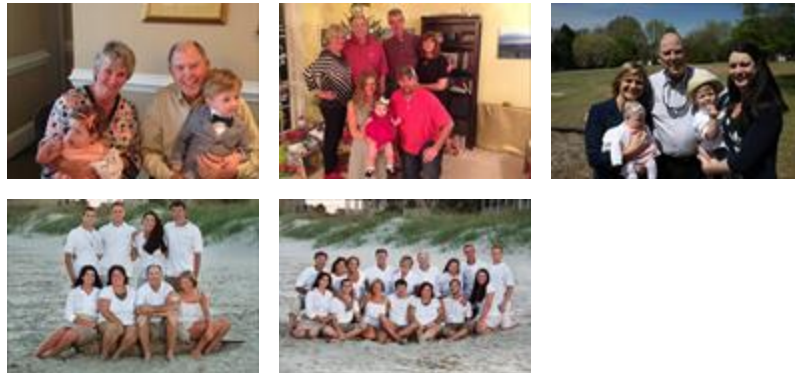
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**Susan Romeo-Sunder** - September 17, 2016 at 06:10 PM



“ Words can’t describe the heart ache I’m feeling and I usually don’t post things like this, but this man deserves it. DC (Daddy Charlie), my maternal grandfather, suddenly passed away this past Monday. I’m still in shock because he was a healthy 79-year-old man, who loved to golf, take pictures and travel. His name to his grandchildren when we were young was, Daddy Charlie (it’s so fitting because thinking back, he really was like a second father to me) when we got older we started calling him “DC”. Even though we never lived under the same roof, he taught me some of life’s greatest lessons such as giving, writing thank you cards, saving, investing, going to church, and that family is the most important thing in life. He was a leader in our family and his memories will never be forgotten. He was such an involved grandfather; making an effort to attend all of my important milestone events; such as baptism, first communion, birthdays, cheerleading competitions, my high school graduation, college graduation, engagement, marriage, and the birth of my first child. We spent every Christmas and Easter together and with his birthday being in December and mine in April, we made it a point to celebrate our birthdays together. Never would have I thought that his 79th candles would be the last he blew out, I always thought he’d live to be 100, at least. Thankfully, because he was such a family man, I spent time with him last month when he came to meet my new baby niece. I remember in elementary school we had to choose a “hero” and write a short story about them. All of my classmates were choosing super heroes or pro athletes, guess who I chose...yes, I selected DC and compared him to “the wind beneath my wings”, now, twenty some years later, he truly has become the wind beneath my wings and he will forever be my hero. I can remember crying as a child every time he left after visiting, and my mom would ask why and I said, “When’s the next time I’ll see him? What happens if I never see him again?” and she would assure me he’d be back. In a way, his death being an unexpected/ sudden one may be a blessing in disguise because there’s no way on earth, if given the opportunity, could I ever truly say goodbye to that man; and thankfully, he didn’t suffer at all. I have already witnessed some signs that he’s shining down on us throughout the

*week, and the little things in live such as Sprite, Oreos, Fritos, and vodka, will always bring back fond memories.*



**Heather Moore** - September 17, 2016 at 01:31 PM

FT

“ *Sincere Condolences To The Arnold Family, I hope you have peace, comfort and strength to face the days ahead. And loving memories to carry you through this sad time. "For everything there is an appointed time, even...a time to weep." (Ecclesiastes 3:1,4) With Heartfelt Regret,*



**F. Taylor** - September 17, 2016 at 09:31 AM

DH

“ *I only meet Charlie one time, but in that one time I knew that he and Kathy were made for each other. We are very,very sorry to hear ,it was too soon. Hank, Dan Remler*

**Dan Remler, and Hank** - September 16, 2016 at 09:39 AM

PH

“ You were the best brother-in-law a girl could ask for. Thank You for always being there for ALL the Wallace's. Your specialness meant everything to us. Love you lots, Patty

Pat Hanlon - September 16, 2016 at 09:29 AM

JM

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Jerry McCarthy - September 16, 2016 at 08:35 AM

MO

“ I had the pleasure of playing with Charlie in some Member/Guest tournaments at his Club and mine. The former QB was still apparent in his Golf demeanor .He was not only a Gentleman on the Course but one hellave competitor. Janice and I enjoyed so much Charlie and Kathy's company. Many nights of good Food, Drink and laughs. Time goes by so quickly but we are so gratified that we became Friends of the Arnolds. RIP my friend.love Dick and Janice Monaco

Monacos - September 15, 2016 at 09:30 PM

JM

“ My memories of Charlie will always be of his smiling face and his infectious sense of humor. But most of all I am grateful for how happy he made my very close good friend, Kathy. Their's was a romance to remember. Rest in peace, sweet Charlie.....

Judy Marshello - September 15, 2016 at 07:37 PM

MK

“ *My heart is broken but the memories just make me smile. So many years, so many tears, so many JOYS! My love to you, Kathy, as always!*

*Mary (Botti) Kelly*

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**Mary Kelly** - September 15, 2016 at 06:48 PM



“ *Kathy, Alice and I shocked! You and the family are in our daily prayers, we wish we were closer so we could share our support in person and often--Love to the entire family--*

*Carroll and Alice Rempe*

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**Carroll Rempe** - September 15, 2016 at 03:45 PM

GY

“ *Charlie was a great friend, a great quarterback, and a great classmate at SMU. He will certainly be missed!*  
*Gerry York*

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**Gerry York** - September 15, 2016 at 03:21 PM

BD

“ *A great friend and a beloved associate. Always had a smile and always ask about family. I recall his kind words to Ellen and his encouragement to me to take care of her. My love and sympathy to Cathy and all of Charlie's family.*  
*Bob Dellinger*

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**Bob Dellinger** - September 15, 2016 at 12:59 PM

 Gloria  
Lang

“ *Sharing Coffee with Charlie and Kathy many mornings at 60 W 40th Street are my fondest memories.  
The years go by so fast...His Children and Grandchildren have their memories.  
My sincere prayers to Kathy...His love will be with you always..  
Fondly  
Gloria Lang*

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**Gloria Lang** - September 15, 2016 at 12:25 PM

 Joel  
Nachman

*Those were precious days having coffee with Charlie and Gloria, we always laughed*

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**Joel Nachman** - September 15, 2016 at 04:44 PM

**BM**

*After 25 years of shared vacations and shared birthdays, our lives will feel the loss of Charlie's love of life. Count on a 80th birthday celebration. RIP good friend  
Sue and Bob McEntee*

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**Bob McEntee** - September 18, 2016 at 05:29 PM

**DF**

“ *Charlie was a member of Kappa alpha Order while at SMU. Very popular in the fraternity.*

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**Del frnka** - September 15, 2016 at 10:22 AM

LA

“ Always had a camera in his hand, a smile on his face and a heart of gold.



Lauren - September 15, 2016 at 09:50 AM

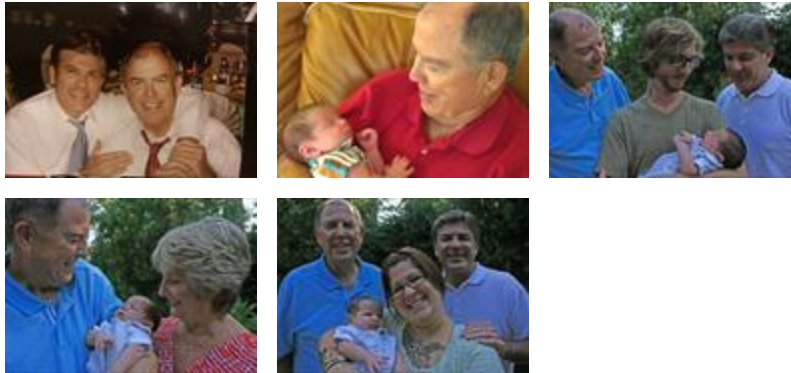
Joel  
Nachman

“ Back in 1978 we had breakfast every morning at our Fieldcrest lunch room and laughed our fannies off about the previous nights episode of Mork & Mindy  
Joel Nachmn

Joel Nachman - September 15, 2016 at 09:14 AM

CZ

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Cat zapps - September 15, 2016 at 08:51 AM

JN

“ Charlie and I worked at Fieldcrest Mills and back in 1978 we had breakfast every morning laughing about Mork for 5 days in a row. What a great way to start our say off.

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**Joel Nachman** - September 15, 2016 at 08:50 AM

CZ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall

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**Cat zapps** - September 15, 2016 at 08:48 AM

SP

“ What a wonderful man who will be greatly missed. Prayers of Sympathy to All  
Sheila Patterson

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**Sheila Patterson** - September 15, 2016 at 08:47 AM

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**Cat zapps** - September 15, 2016 at 08:18 AM

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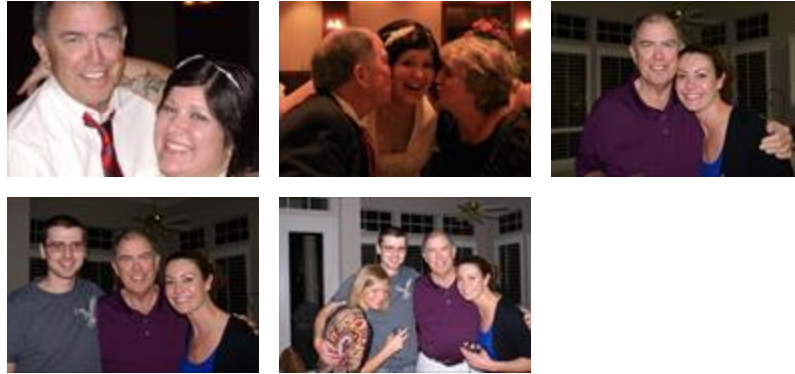
“ The thing I'll miss the most is that hug. "Hello sweet thing" and he held me so tight I could feel the texture of his polo shirt on my face and the faint smell of Brut cologne. If I could have just one more hug.....

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**Cat zapps** - September 15, 2016 at 08:12 AM

CZ

“ *The thing I'll miss the most is that hug. "Hello sweet thing" and he held me so tight I could feel the texture of his polo shirt on my face and the faint smell of Brut cologne. If I could have just one more hug.....*



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**Cat zapps** - September 15, 2016 at 08:09 AM

AH

“ *He helped me better understand Medicare--which is still giving me the willies.*

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**Art Hetherington** - September 15, 2016 at 08:07 AM