



## Lt. Col. Charles C. Barbera, USAF, Ret.

June 9, 1919 - March 13, 2016

Charles C. Barbera 96, died quietly March 13, 2016 at Bentley Village Care Center. He was born June 9, 1919 in Brooklyn, New York the youngest son of Josephine (Arnoldi) and Theodore Barbera. Charles had been a resident of Naples since 1986 having come from Glen Ridge, New Jersey.

Charles was a graduate of the University of Nebraska, Omaha as a history major that led to a lifetime interest in geopolitical affairs. He was an avid reader, loved classical music, and played golf and tennis till age 90. Woodworking was an important hobby as was sailing summers on Lake George, New York. He served as Senior Warden at Christ Episcopal Church in Glen Ridge, New Jersey.

Charles enlisted before Pearl Harbor serving in the Pacific Theater until 1945. Called back to active duty in 1950, he then chose to make the military his career. Favorite postings took him to Germany and Greenland with his last assignment in Iran as a member of MAG (military advisors) to the Iranian Air Force. Upon retirement, he became a partner in Intrend, Inc. a New York export firm.

Col. Barbera leaves his wife of 40 years, Audrey Brady Barbera; sons, Peter (Eleanor) of Queens, NY and John (Kathleen) of Scarsdale, NY; daughters, Monica Eckertz of Munich, Germany and Donna (Martin) Haeberer of Venice,

FL; sister, Ines Sainz of Manassas, VA; two step sons, Donald Brady of Mobile, AL and Blair Brady of Rosburg, WA; five grandchildren and one great grandson.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Dr. Edmund Barbera of Ryebrook, NY, Joseph Barbera, Esq. of Pelham, NY, Dr. Raymond Barbera of Worcester, MA and his sister, Joan Barbera of Vero Beach, FL.

Interment will be at Mt. Grove Memorial Garden, Huletts Landing, New York at the convenience of the family.

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

# Cemetery Details

## **Mt. Grove Memorial Garden**

Hulett's Landing, AK

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lt. Col. Charles C. Barbera, USAF, Ret.*

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October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Dear Uncle Charley,  
I haven't seen you in years but the memories you created for me will last until my time too has come. You were a very funny man and you always found something funny in just about everything we did. I will always remember, and I even use this to this day, the way you would say words and names backwards to form bizarre sentences and just generally mess with peoples heads, loved it, still do. I regret not spending time with you in your later years because I think we could have had a good time and have created more crazy memories. I want you to know that you are in my mind, entertaining it, forever.*

*Love,  
your nephew Andrew*

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**Andy Sainz** - March 25, 2016 at 01:24 PM

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“ Dear Audrey,  
I was very saddened to read about Charles yesterday. Since I left Wiebel's there hasn't been a tax season that I didn't pause to wonder how you two were doing. He was a fascinating man and it was always a pleasure to work with him. My memories of Charles will last forever, including his wise advice to me -- "take care of your teeth". I am not quite sure why that came up in our conversation...dental deductions?...but I pass that on to everybody.  
Sincerely,  
Stan English

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Stan English - March 17, 2016 at 01:34 PM