



Charles Marshall Plummer

July 29, 1943 - July 7, 2019

Charles M. Plummer, age 75, of St. Augustine, passed away on July 7, 2019 at Flagler Hospital. Born in Middletown, Ohio he grew up in Monticello, Indiana. He received his undergrad from DePauw University and his doctorate from Indiana University, and served as a Captain in the Air Force. For many years he was a professor and research administrator supervising many millions of dollars in funding, much of which was advancing immersive, interactive teaching methodologies. His greatest passion as a professor was running the Simulation Systems Laboratory at Rochester Institute of Technology. Chuck also consulted with the Challenger Center for Space Age Learning, an educational outreach of NASA. In the service of which he got to represent that organization to President Bill Clinton and frequently got to wear a NASA jumpsuit while running simulated space missions for kids. He was passionate about the opportunities of simulation and gaming and advanced their use as an officer in the International Simulation and Gaming Association.

Chuck lead an active lifestyle enjoying building, bicycling, sailing, kayaking and traveling.

Chuck was an extrovert who would talk with absolutely everyone he met but loved to live in the solitude of the woods and took great solace in proximity to a natural body of water. He always had an image of a better world in his head that continually drove him forward in small and big ways. And he always embraced the big ways. He passed that imagination, desire and commitment to action to both of his sons and countless collaborators and students.

He is survived by his wife, Jane Plummer; sons, Christopher Plummer (Amanda), Shawn Plummer (Trista); grandchildren, Katie and Andrew. He was predeceased by his parents, John and Maxine Plummer and sister, Susan Plummer.

A graveside service will be held at 9:00 am on Thursday, July 18, 2019 at Jacksonville National Cemetery.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Comments



“ Love, Rick & Susi purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Charles Marshall Plummer.



Love, Rick & Susi - July 17 at 12:20 PM



“ Chuck's ability to recall and share detailed information was amazing and second to none. However, what I remember most was his warm smile and kind heart. He always had a genuine interest in my family and we shared common feelings as caregivers to our wives during their battles with cancer. A fun memory was when my daughter Shannon was a toddler and Chuck was transporting us in his minivan during a Metzger family event. Shannon discovered that she could flip her sippy cup and squirt Chuck in the back of the head with whatever liquid was in the cup. (I believe she also had a little assistance from Shawn). Instead of getting irritated, Chuck just smiled and laughed. We were fortunate to have Chuck as a member of this family. Rest in Peace, cousin Chuck. We will always smile when we think of you.
- Rick, Susanne, Shannon and Nathan Lieberman

Rick Lieberman - July 17 at 11:18 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles Marshall Plummer.



July 15 at 12:53 PM



“ This is a loss for the world of conversation. Chuck was a raconteur who could talk and take interest in every subject. His presence will always be with us.

Mike Poccia - July 12 at 07:57 AM



“Chuck was an extrovert who would talk with absolutely everyone he met” may be a bit of an understatement! I always enjoyed my chats with Chuck, and will miss seeing him at Shawn’s dinner gatherings. My deepest condolences to the whole family.

Judge Zahn - July 09 at 08:06 PM



“Chuck was one of a kind and will be greatly missed.

Shirley Gonzalez-Day - July 09 at 09:08 PM



“Always looked forward to Chuck coming to Honeoye and I got a big hug and hello from him, he will be missed by the church member here.

Carol Ann May - July 09 at 10:28 PM



“Jane & family,

Wishing you all the peace of happy memories at this difficult time. Remembering Chuck and interesting conversations.

Marilyn & Jerry Passer - July 11 at 08:41 AM



“It was always so pleasurable to share time with my cousin Chuck. Always kind to me, always willing to share information freely. I will sorely miss him for he was special.

Steve Lieberman - July 18 at 11:20 AM