



Charles "Charley" Franklin Martin II

November 10, 2023

Charles "Charley" Franklin Martin II, 78, passed away peacefully, surrounded by friends and family, in his Triangle, Virginia home on November 10, 2023.

Charley was born on December 7, 1944 in Washington D.C. at Sibley Memorial Hospital. In 1962, he graduated as Valedictorian of Saint Andrew's School for Boys in Saint Andrews, TN. In 1966, Charley graduated Magna Cum Laude from Princeton University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics, and was commissioned in the U.S. Navy. In 1968, he graduated from the University of Michigan, Phi Kappa Phi, with a Master's Degree in Physics before being summoned by Admiral Hyman G. Rickover, the Director of Naval Nuclear Propulsion, to join his staff. In 1969 he graduated 1st in his class at Bettis Reactor Engineering School. He proudly worked with Admiral Rickover for 31 years, first, as a LTJG then later as an Executive Service 4, before eventually requesting a demotion in 1983 to become a GS13, and follow his passion to work on direct energy conversion technologies. Charley co-authored and published the paper entitled, "Detour Transitions in Internal Bremsstrahlung" with G.W. Ford in 1969.

Charley married Linda Lee Thompson on April 13, 1970. They moved to Triangle, VA in 1983, where he worked on direct energy conversion until he retired in 2000. In 2000, Charley became the Physics Teacher Extraordinaire, first at Potomac High School and at Woodbridge Senior High School in Lake

Ridge, VA. A passionate physicist, Charley took a difficult subject and creatively taught his students the principles of mechanics and gravitation by treating them to Kings Dominion theme park each year to learn the effects of propulsion on gravity while riding roller coasters. Charley selflessly gave his time and energy to teaching, tutoring and inspiring students for more than a decade.

Charley and Linda became members of Saint Margaret's church in 1983 and presently with Immanuel Anglican church. He was an indispensable member of the choir and Hand Bell Choir, a former vestry member, altar guild director and prayer minister, youth group leader, junior warden and friend. Charley strived to live every day of his life in service and honor to Jesus Christ.

He is survived by his beautiful and loving wife, Linda; his sister, Katherine Martin; and brother, the Reverend Hallock Martin. He is preceded in death by his parents, Franklin and Margaret Newton Martin.

A burial service will be held at Immanuel Anglican Church on December 9, at 1030, burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Falls Church, Virginia. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Immanuel Anglican Church, 7075 Hoadly Road, Manassas, VA 20112.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

401 N. Roosevelt Street
Falls Church, VA 22044

Previous Events

Service

DEC 9. 10:30 AM (ET)

Immanuel Anglican Church
7075 Hoadly Road
Manassas
Manassas, VA 20112

Tribute Wall

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