



Charles "Charlie" Andrew Cates

June 20, 2021

Charles "Charlie" Andrew Cates, 74 of Dumfries, VA, formerly Texarkana, TX, passed away on Sunday, June 20, 2021 after a sudden illness.

Charlie was a loving husband, and active father to his six children and nine grandchildren. He was a longtime resident of Northern Virginia, dedicating his professional career to public service with the Federal Government. His time in the Government took him around the world and sparked his love for travel, which he did extensively with his wife by his side. He developed a particular connection with Germany during their European tours and brought back a love for a good cold 'brewski'. He received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Texas A&M University and was a dedicated 12th Man, and on most days Charlie could be found enjoying old Hank Williams records while watching his beloved Aggies play.

Born on Friday, May 2, 1947 in Sulphur Springs, TX, he was the son of the late Albert Andrew Cates and late Dessa LaDell Frost Cates.

He is preceded in his death by his beloved wife, Patricia Joan Dodge Cates of Dumfries, VA. He leaves behind his children, Stacey Fetz and husband Thom of Borden, IN, Jody Cates and wife Rita of Borden, IN, Heather Fulkerson and husband Nathan of Fredericksburg, VA, Andrea McCary and husband Patrick of Austin, TX, Brandon Cates of Dumfries, VA, and Brittney Cates of Arlington,

VA; grandchildren Todd Jordan Adams, Evan Adams, Ryan Adams, Austin Cates, Dustin Cates, Abram Fulkerson, James Fulkerson, Miles McCary, and Drew McCary.

A memorial gathering will be held for friends and family at the Cates's Dumfries residence on Saturday, June 26, 2021 at 2:00 pm.

Tribute Wall



“ *Charles "Charlie" Andrew Gates*

January 12, 2023 at 12:00 PM



“ *I was saddened to hear about Charlie's passing. I knew Charlie professionally and personally for more than 25 years. I enjoyed working and travelling with him over those many years. He was a good friend. I will miss him.*

Jerry Ward

Jerry Ward - June 24, 2021 at 05:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles "Charlie" Andrew Gates.*



June 24, 2021 at 03:28 PM



“ *I also worked with Charlie years ago and really enjoyed his intelligent insights & view of life.*

He had amazing stories to tell.

It was an honor to have known and worked with him.

He will be missed by many.

I would like to offer sincere condolences to his family.



Paula Dolan - June 23, 2021 at 08:08 AM

ZA

“ I worked with Charlie for about 10 years or so. It was a pleasure working with Charlie. You always knew what you were going to get from Charlie. An honest answer.
May he rest in Peace.

Zoran

zoran avramovic - June 23, 2021 at 07:36 AM

JC

“ Charlie was a true friend. He will be missed.
My deepest condolences to his children and grandchildren.
Ecclesiastes 13.

Jo Covino - June 22, 2021 at 09:01 PM

NI

“ Charlie was a kind man. I met him at the gym 2 years ago. My sincere condolences to his family.

Lana

Nick - June 22, 2021 at 07:51 PM

NI

“ I knew Charlie from meeting him at the gym a couple of years ago. He was a friend and a good story teller who was an all around good person. Charlie, you will missed my friend. Thoughts and prayers to all the family!

Nick - June 22, 2021 at 07:46 PM

W

“ Charlie was my friend! We spoke frequently and for long periods of time. I met Charlie and Pat at the Gym Eleven years ago and enjoyed the company of both. Rest In Peace, my friend. Bill

William Reid “Bill” - June 22, 2021 at 07:26 PM

RA

“ We are gonna miss his humor, hugs, discussions and that smile he'd get watching his grandsons playing sports or competing in swim, and when he started talking about one of his children. Such a special and loved friend and family member that will be very missed.



Robert & Angel - June 22, 2021 at 06:16 PM

ND

“ Charlie was a very sweet man, Prayers for all of you. HUGS

Nancy Dodge - June 22, 2021 at 05:04 PM

CJ

Charlie was a one of a kind guy. I learned a lot from working with him and appreciated that he, in turn, valued my work for him. Fair winds and following seas, my friend.

Cynthia Jackson - June 24, 2021 at 05:58 PM

JG

I always appreciated Charlie's friendship and sense of humor while working with him for several years. My condolences to his family. May he rest in peace.

Jeff Grant - June 28, 2021 at 05:20 PM