



## Charlie Ward Trussell

July 16, 2020

Charlie Ward Trussell Jr. Age 77

Of Woodbridge, VA on July 16, 2020 at Sentara Northern VA Medical Center.

Ward attended Walterboro High School. After graduating from Walterboro, he attended Clemson University from which he graduated in 1965. After Clemson he went on to attend the University of Virginia from which he graduated in 1969. Ward retired from US Army Night Vision Lab as Chief of the laser technology team.

He was an avid soccer coach. Loved astronomy and enjoyed photography. He was a member of the Northern Virginia Astronomy Club. He enjoyed traveling, ice cream, and was a master of funny faces.

Ward met the challenge of his ALS diagnosis with a sense of dignity and calm.

He is survived by wife Sharon W. Trussell, Daughters Beth L. Trussell of Burbank, CA and Susan (Joe) Collet of Richmond VA, Sister Paula T. Bailey of Orangeburg, SC, Brothers E. Eugene (Mary Nell) Trussell of Lexington, SC, Donald E. (Etta) Trussell of Orangeburg, SC, and Calvin Trussell of Barnwell, SC, Grandchildren Addison and Gavin Collet, 1 niece, 3 nephews, and 4 great nephews.

All services will be private

In lieu of flowers: Donations maybe be made to the ALS [www.als.org](http://www.als.org)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Charlie Ward Trussell*

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January 12, 2023 at 12:00 PM



“ *In the 1990's I worked with Ward in his quest to make the latest technology affordable and available to the soldiers. I was a young engineer then and learned a lot from Ward. I remember him as a true professional and someone that was always available to teach me about the technology and answer my many questions. My condolences to the family.*

*William Salazar*

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**William Salazar** - August 25, 2020 at 03:50 PM



“ *Ward was my branch chief through the early part of my career (1980s). Also reconnected recently at the NOVA Astronomy Club. Fond memories of a very good man. Condolences to Sharon and the family.*

*Jay Sonstroem*

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**Jay Sonstroem** - August 17, 2020 at 11:46 AM



“ *Ward was the Laser Branch Chief when I came to the Night Vision Laboratory. He impressed me as being an effective manager, and a quintessential gentleman - always friendly and helpful.*

*Stephen Chinn*

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**Stephen Chinn** - August 11, 2020 at 06:33 AM

DA

“ My sympathy to Ward Trussell's entire family for your loss. I knew Dr. Trussell at the Night Vision Laboratory in the late 1980s and early 1990s. He always impressed me as being a gentle and even-tempered man -- always dignified.

David S. Anker  
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David S. Anker - August 06, 2020 at 04:50 PM

JL

“ Ward was my supervisor for my first job out of college. I appreciate that he helped to teach me the way of the laser.

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Jeffrey Leach - August 06, 2020 at 10:50 AM

GC

“ Sharon and Family,  
Sending you and your family love, hugs and sincere condolences. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you all.

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Gale Childress - July 20, 2020 at 11:40 PM

LS

“ Dear Sharon,

I am so very sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to you and your family. Sending love and prayers. I hope to see you again soon.

Love,  
Linda Clore Sims



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Linda Clore Sims - July 20, 2020 at 06:44 PM

BG

“ Our condolences to you, Sharon, my cousin, to Beth and Susan, and the rest of Ward’s family. Ward was always there when you needed him. I know it has been a stressful time for all of you over the past year. I wish you the best in struggling with your loss. Remember the good times and all the astrology trips to gaze at the stars and beyond. Remember each time you look up, he is looking down on you! He will definitely be missed by all.

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**Beverly Gouldman** - July 20, 2020 at 01:48 PM

WF

“ For over thirty years, I was a neighbor and co-worker of Ward at the U.S. Army's Night Vision Laboratory. During that time, I knew him not only as a good friend and neighbor but as a highly professional and accomplished physicist. His numerous publications, patents and other professional accomplishments attest to his dedication and motivation to achieve important goals. He also served as mentor to other technical personnel at Night Vision Lab. Brief comments cannot do justice to Ward's character. He will surely be missed by many.

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**Woodie Fox** - July 20, 2020 at 09:50 AM

AJ

“ So sorry about Ward. We had many good times in school. He was a dear friend and will always be remembered. I send my prayers to the family, I know he will be missed.

*Alice Fishburne Joye*

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**Alice F Joye** - July 19, 2020 at 09:02 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Charlie Ward Trussell.



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July 18, 2020 at 04:55 PM



“ "So sorry to hear of Ward's passing. I remember our working together for SC Electric and Gas Company in the summer between our college years. He was the first person I ever played tennis with."

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Henry Knox - July 18, 2020 at 04:44 PM



“ Sharon and family.  
Ward was such an asset to our family. Such a gentle easy going person. I know he was a great husband , father, brother, uncle and grandfather especially . He was also a dear husband to my cousin, you. Ward was so brave and courageous dealing with this disease. He handled it with great dignity and you were by his side all the way. God bless you all with comfort and peace. We will truly miss his kindness and gentle presence.



Deepest sympathy,  
Debbie and Lin Bourne

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Debbie Bourne - July 18, 2020 at 03:14 PM

DF

“ *Debbie Huffmyer and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Charlie Ward Trussell.*



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**Debbie Huffmyer and Family** - July 18, 2020 at 10:09 AM

BD

“ *The 1961 Class of Walterboro High School sends it's condolences to the family of C. Ward Trussell. After 59 years his classmates still see the shining example Ward set out to accomplish, achieve and by doing so, he succeeded as a husband, father and was a highly productive individual with sound work ethics. .*

*Ward.....GOD SPEED form your Classmates of the 1961  
Walterboro High School*

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**Bob Dunn** - July 18, 2020 at 09:14 AM



“ *I grew up with Ward from birth through High School. Shared many good times and worked together at Winn Dixie. I Know his family will miss him.*

*Tommy Price*

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**Tom Price** - July 18, 2020 at 08:21 AM

DH

*I went to school with Ward at Walterboro High. He was a good friend. Sympathy and prayers to his love ones. I know you will miss Him terribly. Jean Jones Hodges*

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**Denna Hodges** - July 19, 2020 at 10:09 AM

BC

*Ward was on my first team at NVL in 1979 and also a expert source and collaborator when I moved to ARO in 2000. He was a first rate scientist and a good friend for over 30 years. I'm so sorry to hear of his passing. Debbie and Lin Bourne said it very well – we will miss his kindness and gentle presence.*

*Bill Clark*

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**Bill Clark** - August 06, 2020 at 02:52 PM