



Charles Simon Yust Obituary

April 30, 2014

Charles Simon Yust, 83, of Oak Ridge, died Wednesday, April 30, 2014, due to complications of lymphoma. Charlie is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Carole Bland Yust, children John (Linda Dicus), Laura (Ruth), and Carla Bouvy (Chuck); grandchildren John Wesley Springer, Lennon Springer, Cassady Yust, Julia Mann Clem (Jay), and Christiana and Daniel Bouvy; great-grand children Oswin and Natalie Springer; and nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents Nathan and Jeannette Newman Yust and sister Juliet Savarese.

Charlie was born in Newark, New Jersey. He earned a Bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the Newark College of Engineering (now the New Jersey Institute of Technology), where he was a member of Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society. He earned a Master's degree in metallurgy from the University of Tennessee, where he was a member of Sigma Xi scientific research society. Charlie was a Fellow of the American Ceramic Society. He worked as a chemical engineer at the K-25 Gaseous Diffusion Plant from 1952 until 1960 and then at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in the Metals and Ceramics Division from 1960 until his retirement in 1994. A highlight of his career was a year spent working at the Kernforschungsanlage in Jülich, Germany from 1973 to 1974. The whole family still has wonderful memories of that year abroad and maintains contact with friends they met there.

A resident of Oak Ridge since July 1, 1952, he moved briefly to Florence, Alabama to work in the Scientific and Professional Personnel with the Army Corps of Engineers from 1953 until 1955. While in Florence he first met Carole on April 18, 1954, and they married on October 30, 1955. Charlie and Carole celebrated the 60th anniversary of the day they met with family, friends, and hospital staff while he was at Methodist Medical Center.

Charlie was an avid music lover who enjoyed attending concerts frequently. He was also active in the Oak Ridge Civic Music Association and served as president of the association for several years. He enjoyed reading about history and philosophy, traveling, and hiking in the Great Smoky Mountains, and he took a great deal of pleasure in creative pursuits, specifically crewel embroidery and stained glass. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather who cherished his family. He always said that one of the most important things in life was to keep learning, and he was admired for his intellectual

honesty.

Charlie participated as a volunteer with Mended Hearts at Methodist Medical Center in Oak Ridge. He was a member of the Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church, where he served on several committees and taught high school students in the religious education program. Charlie was very fond of his many four-legged friends, especially the family cat Lela Mae, who barely tolerated anyone else, but spent lots of time in Charlie's lap.

Charlie always joked that he wanted it listed in his obituary that he was a safety patrol officer at the Ivy Street Elementary School and that he was Chief Sleeping Lizard of the Y Indian Guides (to son John's Leaping Lizard). Friends and family will miss his sense of humor, quick wit, and way with words.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 10 at 3:00 p.m. at Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church, 1500 Oak Ridge Turnpike. The Rev. Jake Morrill will officiate. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Foothills Land Conservancy, 373 Ellis Avenue, Maryville, TN 37804; the Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church memorial fund; or the Free Medical Clinic of Oak Ridge.

Comments



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Kim Dunbar - Saigon #1 Noodle House - Oak Ridge, TN - May 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Carole, Carla, Laura and John, I'm very sorry for your loss and the loss of our whole community. Charlie was a special person to me and many others. I worked with him while producing the Ceramic Technology Newsletter and other projects for the High Temperature Materials Laboratory and the Metals and Ceramics Division. He was so courteous and helpful to me that I never hesitated to ask him questions. He was always willing to explain technical material and provide me with access to information or people who could facilitate my contributions. I pray you will receive a flood of wonderful memories that will help bring you peace and understanding in your grief. You are in our prayers,
Judy and Larry

Judy and Larry Wyrick - Oak Ridge, TN - ORNL coworkers - May 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Carole, Carla, Laura and John, I know Charlie's death was expected, but it's still a shock to realize we'll never see him again. He'll be alive in our memories, though.

He lived a full life and his dry sense of humor kept him chugging along. I know he loved you all very much. One memory I have is that he decided to buy an expensive and treasured piano for Laura which she was fairly young, because he realized what an important part of her life that would be. And I'm grateful to have had Carla as an excellent cello student for many years. She was the joy of my cello herd! (And she was Doc's Tuba Runt, too.) Not only Music Arts, but ORCMA was blessed by his support.

Charlie was there for all of you, through thick and thin, and you were there for him. What a solid, graceful and perceptive man. I'm glad I got to see him at Kroger's Lobster Tank a few months ago, and give him a big hug.

Nancy England - Oak Ridge , TN - friend - May 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ I have always attributed my involvement in ORCMA to Charlie's recruitment efforts. He called one night and asked me to be on the board....then proceeded to tell me I had to be a member of ORCMA to be on the board. He had a very unique way of raising money for ORCMA, indeed.

Will miss his wonderful smile and his friendship.

My thought are with you, Carole, and your family. Take solace in the fact that he and you are so loved.

Martha

Martha Wallus - Oak Ridge, TN - Friend of Charlie and Carole - May 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Carla and Laura,
I'm so sorry to read of your father's passing. You and your families will be in my prayers.

John King - Brentwood, TN - May 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Laura & Carla,

So sorry to hear about your dad. Last time he and I talked was at the polls one election day in Oak Ridge some years ago. Both of you, and all your families, will be in my family's thoughts and prayers in the days ahead.

Milton Stanley - Mud Creek, TN - May 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ So very sorry for your loss. Charlie will be remembered for his zest for life. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Norma Woy - Oak Ridge, TN - Friend - May 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM