



Charles J. Colgan

September 25, 1926 - January 3, 2017

Senator Charles J. Colgan, September 25, 1926- January 3, 2017

Charles J. “Chuck” Colgan retired in January 2016 as the longest-serving State Senator in Virginia history. Senator Colgan, whose home district includes Prince William County, Manassas, and Manassas Park, championed higher education around the Commonwealth for decades because he recognized that strong state universities make for a strong state and that world-class universities attract talent, which leads to innovation and growth.

Orphaned at age 5, Colgan grew up on his grandparents’ farm in Western Maryland. Following high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps Reserve as an aviation cadet. He was called into active duty during World War II, serving two years in the Army Air Corps and three years in the Air Force Reserves.

Dreaming of a career in aviation, he became a commercial pilot and licensed airframe and power plant mechanic. In September of 1964, his aviation career brought him and his wife Agnes to Prince William County, and in 1965 he formed Colgan Airways, Inc., which grew to operate one of the 10 largest flight schools in the country. Presidential Airlines acquired Colgan Airways, Inc., in 1985. Wanting to stay in the aviation business, he and his family established Colgan Air, Inc., in 1990. The airline served 53 cities in 16 states and had nearly 1,300 employees. Colgan and his family received the Turboprop Airline Executive of the Year Award before selling the enterprise in 2007.

Closely paralleling his aviation career was Colgan’s active community involvement and public service. Colgan entered elected office in 1971, when he was elected as the Gainesville District member of the Prince William Board of County Supervisors, serving one year as Chairman. At the urging of local business leaders, Colgan ran for and was elected to the Virginia State Senate in 1975. During his 10 consecutive terms in the Virginia Senate, Colgan introduced 560 bills and 120 joint resolutions, secured funding for the 234 bypass, the Prince William Campus of George Mason University, the Forensic

Science Laboratory, and buildings at the Woodbridge and Manassas Campuses of the Northern Virginia Community College and many more.

During his career, Colgan was named the “Most Influential Citizen in Prince William County” by Potomac News and “Man of the Year” by the Manassas Journal Messenger. The Virginia Transit Association named him Virginia Senator of the Year for his work on local transportation. He has been inducted into the Virginia Aviation Hall of Fame and the recipient of the Fox 5 Hometown Hero Award and Leadership Prince William’s Leadership Vision Award. In 2016, a high school in Prince William County was named in his honor. He was honored with a wonderful retirement party organized by a group of business and community leaders at the Hylton Performing Arts Center in September 2015. It was attended by more than 800.

In September on his 90th birthday, a bronze statue was dedicated to him in dedication of his commitment, leadership and extraordinary service to Prince William County, the cities of Manassas and Manassas Park, and the Commonwealth of Virginia. The statue sits in front of Colgan Hall that was recently renamed for him at George Mason University.

A true statesman, Senator Colgan achieved results based on principles and bi-partisan leadership.

He is preceded in death by his loving wife of 52 years, Agnes L. (Footen) Colgan, his parents, Ruth and Raymond Colgan, brother William Colgan and sister Catherine Bellows.

Surviving are his eight children and their spouses, Charles and Patricia Colgan, Ruth and Robert Willis, Michael and Julie Colgan, Raymond and Lisa Colgan, Mary and Pat Finnigan, Dot and James Chaplin, Patrick and Dee Dee Colgan and Tim and Colleen Colgan, 24 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, wife Carmen Alicia Colgan, sister-in-law Sister Maris Stella, brother Robert Colgan and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Transitional Housing BARN, 9541 Linton Hall Rd, Bristow, VA 20136, or Medical Missionaries, 9590 Surveyor Ct., Manassas, VA 20110.

Visitation on Monday, January 9, 2017 from 1-4PM and 6-9 PM at All Saints Catholic Church 9300 Stonewall Road, Manassas, where Senator Colgan served as an usher for 50 years. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at All Saints Catholic Church on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 10:30 AM followed by interment in Stonewall Memory Gardens. Arrangements by Pierce Funeral Home in Manassas.

Cemetery Details

Stonewall Memory Gardens

12004 Lee Highway
Manassas, VA 20109
<http://www.stonewallmemorygardens.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 9. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

All Saints Catholic Church
9300 Stonewall Rd
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 368-4500

Visitation

JAN 9. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

All Saints Catholic Church
9300 Stonewall Rd
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 368-4500

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 10. 10:30 AM (ET)

All Saints Catholic Church
9300 Stonewall Rd
Manassas, VA 20110
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Tribute Wall

DW

“ *Debra Ward lit a candle in memory of Charles J. Colgan*



debra ward - March 07, 2017 at 03:36 AM

HO


“ *"Deepest Sympathy to your family God's Word says, "He will swallow up death forever, and wipe away the tears from all faces " Isa. 25:8.....*

Holland... - February 21, 2017 at 09:01 AM

LC

“ *Our sincere condolence to the children and families of our dear Senator Colgan. I will never forget when he was assisting my family with a VDOT problem and he had to go out of town on business. He took the time to call me several times to make sure things were being done according to his directions. Will always smile whenever I see or hear SENATOR CHARLES COLGAN HIGH SCHOOL which is located in my community. We will surely miss him. LIL CROPP and family*

LIL CROPP - February 02, 2017 at 10:59 AM

 Sylvia Haydash

“ *I have deep sorrow for the passing of a great man and friend. Chuck was an advocate for the less fortunate in our community and I was honored to have worked with him during Prince William's Indochinese refugee resettlement crisis, as he served on CARING's board. Later, when I was director of SERVE he helped draft and pass legislation that gave much needed assistance to marginalized citizens. He will be greatly missed in our community. Sylvia A Haydash.*

Sylvia Haydash - January 11, 2017 at 08:34 AM

KL

“ *Our condolences and prayers to the Colgan family. Senator Colgan was such a kind and thoughtful man who cared about humanity. His bright light will be remembered by all.*



The Lovett Family

kimberley Lovett - January 11, 2017 at 06:59 AM

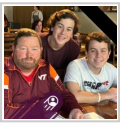


Chuck Colgan was one of a kind, an original. He was my friend for nearly half century and a friend to so many more. Senator Colgan was a legend in his own time and his works on earth will live forever. As his desk mate for many years in the Senate of Virginia, I heard him give many speeches which were always for the little guy. He once did an article for the press about me and praised this ole country boy (his desk mate) who had risen from from being a Georgia plow boy to the Virginia Senate without ever receiving a college degree. He thought that my success like that of Harry Truman with a similar background was worthy of mention.

I attended many campaign events for Senator Colgan through the years and he always requested I do a country song which I always obliged. One was "Will The Circle Be Unbroken".

In time Chuck's family and friends may become accustomed to not having him among us but we shall never forget his good and cheerful way of life. Our deepest sympathy to the Colgan Family.

Charlie Waddell - January 12, 2017 at 01:30 PM



Thank You Senator Waddell

Tim Colgan - February 28, 2017 at 08:50 PM



“ *My condolences to all of the Colgan family. I know my sister, Valerie LeBlanc would have been there with bells on. She may be welcoming him home. I will never forget how kind and humble a man Mr. Colgan was when I met him. He always seemed to make time for people. Prayers are with you.*

Debbie Oliver



Deborah Oliver - January 09, 2017 at 05:15 PM



She certainly would have

Tim Colgan - January 09, 2017 at 10:35 PM



“ *Our sincerest condolences to the entire Colgan Family. Our family is thankful for having known the Colgans in many different situations. He was our very able Senator for 40 years, our children were comparable in age, and most of all, Mr. Colgan was our husband and father's employer for many years. We are especially appreciative of the care and understanding at the time of Ed's heart attack in 1981, October. He was off from work for nearly 4 months during which time with no loss of income and his job was waiting for him following recovery. Chuck was a true, caring gentleman.*

Jeanne Heltibridle and family

Jeanne E Heltibridle - January 09, 2017 at 04:14 PM

BL

“ KUDOS: Senator Colgan was instrumental in getting my Mom into Annaburg Manor Nursing Home. I had tried but because of bureaucratic red tape, I could not do this. After contacting Senator Colgan, my Mom was put in Annaburg Manor within 2 weeks. Also Tom (my husband) worked for United Airlines 31 years & was only 57 years old when United outsourced his job & ended his career. Senator Colgan again stepped in & gave Tom a job with Colgan Airways where he stayed for 8 plus years & finished out his career . This remarkable man made a difference in all individuals life, rich or poor. My family & I could never have done this on our own. This man was a person to emulate in life..... ..

Brenda Weinkam Long - January 09, 2017 at 11:21 AM

BL

Brenda Weinkam Long for the above. Thanks

Brenda Weinkam Long - January 09, 2017 at 11:23 AM

CM

“ Peace be with the family. Prayers for strength for all.

carrie morgan - January 09, 2017 at 11:19 AM

W&

“ With Deepest Sympathy;Karen (Clark) Denale &Family purchased the A Full Life for the family of Charles J. Colgan.



With Deepest Sympathy;Karen (Clark) Denale &Family - January 09, 2017 at 08:29 AM

CF

“ He was truly a special man. A man of honor and a good friend to our father and mother Al and Jennie Paolucci. They all have left this mortal world and reunited in heaven. They will remain forever in our hearts.

The Paolucci Family: Christina Fisher, Paula Gilbert, Al Paolucci and Connie Velsistas

Christina Fisher - January 08, 2017 at 06:37 PM



Thank You we all loved your Mom and Dad..

Tim Colgan - January 09, 2017 at 10:39 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles J. Colgan.*



January 08, 2017 at 04:35 PM



“ *My heartfelt condolences go out to the Colgan family. Senator Colgan was a legend who was revered as a statesman and also as a family man. I remember my mother working with him on his campaign when I was in high school at SJHS. His name was on the ballot at the first election in which I was eligible to vote. Of course, he has always had my vote. I remember when his wife Agnes and my mother were in the same nursing home and he would stop on to say hello. He was a humble, gracious man who always had a smile on his face. His presence was larger than life and he will be remembered for his greatness and contributions to humanity. We can rest easy that he is reunited with many lost loved ones.*

Bonnie Darden - January 08, 2017 at 01:56 PM



“ *Senator Colgan,
A wonderful and kind man.
You will be missed.*

*Fred & Ellen Penar
N. Fort Myers, FL
(Formerly of Haymarket)*

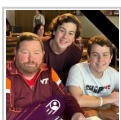
Fred & Ellen Penar - January 08, 2017 at 09:49 AM



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Charlie Waddell - January 07, 2017 at 12:04 PM



WOW! Brinkley, Bagley and Bell. Thanks for Sharing Senator Waddell

Tim Colgan - January 08, 2017 at 12:12 AM



Tim, I always thought this was a good picture at the front door of Dulles (circa 1978 or '80) The only 2 now living are David Brickley and me. My deepest sympathy to you and the entire Colgan Family---

Charlie Waddell - January 08, 2017 at 09:40 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Charles J. Colgan.



January 07, 2017 at 10:41 AM

VN

“ Velma, Michael (Balentine) & Nicholas purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Charles J. Colgan.



Velma, Michael (Balentine) & Nicholas - January 07, 2017 at 09:19 AM

SW

*“ To the Colgan Family, I would like to share my sorrow with you, as even though 40 some odd years ago, as Ray would attest, I wasn't the best of people. But saying that, Mr Colgan was always very kind to me and I never forgot it. Hopefully, he would be proud of the way I turned out and I, for one will miss him very much. Ray, I knew you the most, and thank you for the breaks you gave me, and to you and the entire Colgan family, I am sorry for your loss. We all know he is in Heaven with our Savior. With love and admiration,
Steve And Debbie Ward*



Steve Ward - January 07, 2017 at 09:03 AM

DC

“ Dan Coffey purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Charles J. Colgan.



Dan Coffey - January 06, 2017 at 08:31 PM



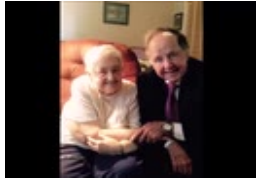
“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Charles J. Colgan.*



January 06, 2017 at 08:30 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Tribute to Charles J. Colgan by Ryan Keane*



Ryan Keane - January 06, 2017 at 05:59 PM

AK

Senator Colgan was a very special man, loved by all. Our deepest sympathies to all of you.

With Love, The Keane Family

Anna Keane - January 06, 2017 at 07:30 PM

SW

just beautiful. a great tribute . we just loved it, we was such a great man he will greatly missed , our deepest sympathies to all and our prayers are with the family. we have a new angel watching over us now

Steve Ward - January 07, 2017 at 09:15 AM

CH

“ *I love you Poppy. I couldn't ask for a greater Grandfather. Your children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren will for ever remember the amazing love you showed us all.*

Your loving grandson Chris Colgan

chris - January 06, 2017 at 12:46 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Charles J. Colgan.*



January 06, 2017 at 11:39 AM

TF

“ *The Lane family purchased the Memories to Treasure for the family of Charles J. Colgan.*



The Lane family - January 06, 2017 at 10:54 AM

PH

“ *GOD-SPEED MY FRIEND PEGGY S. HAMM*

PEGGY HAMM - January 06, 2017 at 07:41 AM

MS

“ *Senator Colgan was a very sweet man and when you ran into him as I did even at the grocery store....he seemed to have all the time in the world to chit chat. I grew up with his children, we had classes together but mostly saw him and his sweet wife Agnes at church...both of them smiling with those kind eyes. My parents and sister were very politically active and loved helping and supporting him in those early years as much as they could until their permanent move to Florida. It is a loss for all of us to lose such a good man but I know he is happy to be with his loved ones in Heaven. My deepest condolences to his family.*

*Maureen Alanna Sullivan
Warrenton, VA*

Maureen Alanna Sullivan - January 05, 2017 at 10:42 PM

LC

“ To all the Colgan family. I am deeply saddened about the passing of your Father. He was and Allways will be a great man. My 10 plus years working for him and his family were great years. We accomplished so much because of his vision of what a great airline should be. He was an innovative and brilliant leader of Aviation professionals, because he was one of the best. God bless you sir. Fair winds and following seas Senator Colgan.

Semper Fidelis

Lonnie Collazo

Lonnie Collazo - January 05, 2017 at 05:21 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles J. Colgan.



January 05, 2017 at 05:14 PM

SW

“ Senator Colgan was and still is truly a magnanimous yet humble public servant and friend to all. I met him as a child at Manassas Airport in the sixties where my father kept a plane and we all flew. Some members of the family worked for Colgan Airways and some learn to fly there. He always seemed to be around and always had a kind word even for us kids. As the years passed and whenever I saw him and Agnes they always always remembered themselves to me and my family and were the most genuine personable people you could ever meet. Despite his wonderful achievements in the Legislature, he was as has been said here, a kind and wonderful man devoted to God Family and Country. He passed that same devotion to all his children that I know. In the last few years I would see him attending Agnes' resting place as I was also attending my parents' closeby. We spoke rarely at those times leaving each other to our thoughts but sharing the same bond of love of family, and aviation too I suppose. The world is not quite as bright with him gone now, but Heaven must be that much brighter. My thoughts pour out to his children and grandchildren during this time of mourning.

Steven P. Woodside

Steven P. Woodside - January 05, 2017 at 04:19 PM

JK

“ *Senator Colgan was a true leader and statesman who was of immense help to Prince William County. In addition, he was a humble and gracious gentleman in the best traditions of Virginia. It was an honor to know him. He will be sorely missed.*

*Jeff Kaczmarek
Executive Director
Prince William County Economic Development*

Jeff Kaczmarek - January 05, 2017 at 03:47 PM

DU

“ *We were sorry to hear of your loss! Prayers for comfort to the days to come!*

Mayor Onley A Brawner ritired and family

Dumfries Va

Duane - January 05, 2017 at 03:36 PM

PM

“ *Senator was always a part of the Public Safety world and he attended so many events to many to name. But I will always remember him coming into the Prince William County E911 center and just talking with everyone and he attended our awards banquet several times. You will be missed, our prayers go out to all of the Colgan family. Sincerely Pam Mollenauer*

Pam Mollenauer - January 05, 2017 at 01:56 PM

JL

“ *It is hard to put into words, The Love Chuck Colgan had for God, Family and America. He absolutely the most honest, trustworthy politician and sweetest person Jo and I ever met. He would pass you on the street and always speak to you, He always had time to talk with you. We were blessed to have called him our neighbor for many years, I was also blessed to have gone to school with some of his children. Who also all showed his and Agnes traits. Truly a dedicated leader and friend to all. We have all lost a dear friend but he is in heaven now with the love of his life and the mother of his children until she passed away years ago. God Bless the entire Colgan Family during this sad time. We all know he is watching over everybody with his humor, smile, dedication, love of God, Family and Country.*

*Sincerely
Joanna and Lester M. Leonard*

Jo and Lester Leonard - January 05, 2017 at 01:29 PM

S(

Senator Chuck Colgan was one of a kind, an original. The Waddell Family extend our deepest sympathy to the Colgan children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of this great man. I had the honor of serving in the Senate of Virginia with Chuck Colgan for some 26 years. We became fast friends when he entered the senate in 1976 where I had already served for 4 years. Chuck was a man of his word and his word was his bond. We worked together on many issues through the years but perhaps the most memorable was joining with Senator Virgil Goode of Franklin County to adopt a power sharing arrangement to allow republicans in a 20-20 senate in the 1990's to share power. This wasn't absolutely necessary because we had a democratic Lt Governor who could break all ties and allow the democrats to organize the senate and retain power of all committees etc. but Virgil Chuck and I thought it was the fair thing to do. Chuck and agness were a special couple with a passel of great children, some of whom became friends with our three sons.

Attached is a treasured photo of Chuck standing along side me and the famous three B's, Delegate Earl Bell, white coat, Delegates David Brickly and Floyd Bagley on far right. The picture was a campaign photo made at Dulles where I worked with American Airlines for 25 years. Thus another bind that tied us together, aviation.

In time Chuck Colgan's family and friends may become accustomed to not having him among us but we shall never forget his good a cheerful way of life.

Senator Charles L. Waddell (retired) - January 06, 2017 at 05:45 PM



Would like to add a couple of pictures of Chuck and me on the senate floor but I'm 84 and can't figure out how to do it---

Charlie Waddell - January 07, 2017 at 11:58 AM

SJ

“ In the Fall of 2001 I came up with an idea of a Virginia Lifetime Trout License. Lifetime fishing and hunting license were already in effect but not lifetime trout license. I called Senator Colgan and told him of my idea and he thought it to be a good one. To make a long story short, he introduced Bill # 74 to legistration where it passed both the House and the Senate. Govenor Warner signed the bill and it went into law on July 1, 2002. Thanks to Senator Colgan and his efforts I am the proud owner of the very first Virginia Lifetime Trout License to ever be issued. This is definitely a memory of Senator Colgan that I'll never forget. My wife and I want to extend our sincere condolences to the Colgan family on the passing of Senator Colgan. He will be missed. May the peace of God surround each family member during this time of transition and change. Sincerely, Sam & BJ Beachy.

Sam Beachy Jr - January 05, 2017 at 01:06 PM

DC

“ The words that come to mind when I think of Mr. Cogan include caring, diplomatic, fair and responsible. Not to many people invoke such a heartwarming memory. Thank you for your support, dedication and committment to our community. May you rest in peace and God bless your family.

Debbie Coleby - January 05, 2017 at 11:48 AM

RA

“ *Senator Colgan was a treasure. He was always a statesman, a gentleman and humble man of God. Whenever I was in Richmond on official business and people would ask me where I was from and I would say Prince William County, almost every time the response would be "isn't that where Senator Colgan is from." I was very proud to answer in the affirmative. He was a lion; the leader who led with quiet resolve, a focused purpose and always having the best interest of those he served at his core. He will be sorely missed. My prayers are for Senator Colgan's just and earned reward and for his family as they celebrate his life and mourn his passing.*

Judge Rossie Alston, Jr.

Rossie Alston - January 05, 2017 at 10:46 AM

BS

“ *Bob and Cathy Sylcox purchased the Thoughts & Prayers for the family of Charles J. Colgan.*



Bob and Cathy Sylcox - January 05, 2017 at 09:49 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles J. Colgan.*



January 05, 2017 at 09:49 AM

BD

“ *Of the nearly endless list of contributions he has made for the betterment of the Commonwealth of Virginia and its citizens, it may be that the most significant is Senator Colgan's legacy as a politician who acted in what he believed was truly the best interests of his constituents (vs. his own self-interests), with class, civility and common sense -- every single time. The proof is in the extent to which he is universally loved by just about anyone he ever served and those who served with him. Although we will not see his like again, I pray that this near-perfect model of public service will not be lost with his passing. Thank you Senator Colgan, and to the Colgan family my deepest and most sincere condolences.*

Betty Dean - January 05, 2017 at 09:12 AM

RC

What a man! What a loss. So sorry.

Robin Crabtree - January 05, 2017 at 09:30 AM

AE

“*Chuck was instrumental in getting Volunteer Emergency Families for Children (VEFC) started in Prince William County, and later helped us with many legislative and other efforts that helped our organization which provided emergency shelter care to abused, neglected, runaway and homeless children and youth. I was honored to work with him on numerous projects over many years, and always appreciated his interest in our work, in his dedication and commitment to the citizens of the Commonwealth, and his caring and professionalism at every level. I have nothing but good memories of him and his work, and hope that your good memories help ease your loss and grief.*”

Anne Earle - January 05, 2017 at 08:33 AM



“*Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Charles J. Colgan.*”



January 05, 2017 at 08:32 AM

RB

“*Sending love and prayers to you Ray and your entire family. So many fond memories of all of you growing up and so much fun and laughter. One memory of Mr. Colgan I hold close to my heart was 1975 when I worked on his campaign for Virginia State Senator and was very pregnant (that's an understatement) and he said "Robin I don't want you to over exert yourself maybe you should cut back on your campaigning and get some rest". And I remember thinking no way I'm in for the long haul. He thanked me with a kindness I will never forget. Little did I know he would become the longest serving State Senator in Virginia. He loved God, Family, and his country, and in that order. May God's perpetual light shine upon him always.*”

*With deepest sympathy,
Robin Bast and family*

Robin Bast - January 05, 2017 at 07:51 AM

MW

“ With a life time of memories its hard to pick just one. I remember spending the night and he would give all the kids an "airplane ride" to bed. You never heard so much kid laughter. I remember thinking how lucky the Colgan kids were to have such a great dad!

I will also never forget the kindness he expressed toward my mother. After Mrs. Colgan passed he would check on her from time to time, telling my mom "Agnus would never forgive me if I didn't".

A better man there has never been.

Melanie Wright - January 05, 2017 at 07:03 AM

AB

“ Ninety amazing years, and what an incredible legacy left by the HONORABLE Senator, and carried on by his dear family. Thank you kind sir for all you did for our local community, the state, and Our Nation.

Amber Bateman - January 05, 2017 at 05:53 AM

VO

“ He was a great statesman who truely cared about the community he represented. He will be missed.

Vernon Charles O'Neal - January 05, 2017 at 12:07 AM

CP

“ Virginia has lost a great statesman. My parents were very proud to call him friend. His was the only campaign sign Mom would allow in the yard! The 8 of you have lost a Dad. I know the depth of that grief. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

God bless you all,

Christine Purtell and Family

Christine Purtell - January 04, 2017 at 11:29 PM

WS

“ Chuck was a great man; a servant to his fellow man, and to God. He was always kind and courteous to everyone. He served as usher at All Saints Catholic Church for so many years. I got to know him more during the flood of '72; and met his lovely wife Agnes. My wife and I met them when we volunteered to help flood survivors. They were doing whatever they could to make things go as smoothly as possible. We will miss him, and we offer our prayers to his loving family. We send our love.

Bill and Bernice Severe

William Severe - January 04, 2017 at 10:22 PM

SM

“ Sincerely, Sharon Bailey Miner purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Charles J. Colgan.



Sincerely, Sharon Bailey Miner - January 04, 2017 at 10:10 PM

BH

“ 2 files added to the album New Album Name



Brigitte Heifner - January 04, 2017 at 09:31 PM

BL

“ I am honored to speak on behalf of the Lee Family. Those of us who are native to the Manassas and Prince William County area, when things were still simple and beautiful, a local man, Chuck Colgan, rose to the scene representing the people of the Gainesville district, with all his heart and ability. He could always be counted on to represent the "people" not the establishment, committed to doing the right thing. He would always answer the phone at his home, listen to "His People", and try to make things right on the board. I remember Joe Reading, the Brentsville district supervisor at the time, always holding his friend Chuck, in high regard and never speaking a harsh word towards him, even though they were sometimes in disagreement on the issues, they always found equal ground and moved forward to better the county they represented. Oh, the good ole days!

Even after Mr. Colgan moved on to bigger and larger things, Virginia State Senator Colgan, still answered his home phone from his longtime Gainesville district residents regarding local issues that they hoped he could move along in the right direction. Mr. Colgan and my father were friends and even though I was young, I saw the person that he was, the caliber of a representative of the people he was, and the true compassion he had for the people he represented, whether it be on the local level or on the state level, he always thought things through and placed us first, regardless of party affiliations.

I'm sure Manassas, Prince William County, The State of Virginia, and all of the constituents Mr. Colgan has represented through all his years, we will never find another man more devout to "His People" than he was.

My condolences and prayers go to the family. Rest assured that you have the bloodlines of a true Virginia Gentlemen.

Chuck Colgan was a member of " The Greatest Generation" and he will never be forgotten!

Sincerely,
Bobby Lee

Bobby Lee - January 04, 2017 at 08:19 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles J. Colgan.



January 04, 2017 at 07:39 PM

TS

“ *I always admired Chuck for his strength of character and his faith. I will continue to be inspired by the actions he took and the things he said while he was alive. He will always live in my memories.*

We will pray for your family during this difficult time and will ask God to give you comfort, strength and peace.

Terry & Sheila Spellane

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Fishersville, Va 22939

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Terry & Sheila Spellane - January 04, 2017 at 07:27 PM

KO

“ *To The Colgan Family, I am very sorry to hear of the loss of you Dad He was a great man that I always liked an admired.*

His passing is a very big loss to all that knew him and the community he live in and served.

I have some really good memories of when our parents use to get together in the early Westgate days.

It always saddens me when another of the greatest generation passes like your dad, they are my heroes and I am grateful for all they have done and wish I could thank them for their service to our country

He will be missed by all, and has left a par of shoes that will never be filled again.

I pray that God will give you his peace, and that the good memories you have of him will give some comfort in this sad time.

Kevin & Alice O'Donnell - January 04, 2017 at 07:20 PM

TS

“ *Terry & Sheila Spellane purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Charles J. Colgan.*



Terry & Sheila Spellane - January 04, 2017 at 07:09 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles J. Colgan.*



January 04, 2017 at 07:07 PM

BB

“ *Rest in Peace, Dear Friend. Thank you for all you have done for the Baggan family, Prince William County and the State of Virginia. You were a special man, loved by many. You loved your family and they adored you. God Bless You. Prayers and blessings to the Colgan family.*

Bonnie Baggan - January 04, 2017 at 07:04 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Charles J. Colgan.*



January 04, 2017 at 06:46 PM

BJ

“ *I was honored to travel with Senator Colman on his inaugural trip to the General Assembly Session in 1976. I was a high school Legislative Aide for Delegate Dave Brickley. My parents drove me to meet Senator Colgan in Manassas and he took me with him to Richmond. Over the years he often remembered me and my family in public and I have always felt honored for this experience. RIP Senator Colgan, a tribute and everlasting mark in our Commonwealth's history. Respect and Condolences to your family.*
Brad Jacobs

Bradley Jacobs - January 04, 2017 at 06:39 PM

BJ

I apologize for the misspelling in the opening.

Bradley Jacobs - January 04, 2017 at 06:47 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Charles J. Colgan.*



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PB

“ *I am so sorry to hear of your father's passing. I have always had the deepest respect for your parents. They are together again. I bet they even have those big smiles on their faces that they always seemed to have when ever they were together.*



Phyllis Belcher - January 04, 2017 at 06:18 PM

MG

“ *Our Manassas, Prince William and Manassas Park community have lost a truly dedicated servant and friend. Our deepest sympathy to the Colgan family and our sincere appreciation to them for sharing such a wonderful man with us.*
Maury & Vera Gerson

Maury & Vera Gerson - January 04, 2017 at 04:57 PM