



Charles Edward McLane Sr.

October 30, 1940 - June 4, 2022

Charles E. McLane, Sr., 81, left his family and friends to go home to Heaven on Saturday, June 4, 2022. Born on October 30, 1940 to Irby Leroy and Annie Lou McLane, raised in Fairfax, VA.

In 1960 he married his childhood sweetheart Patti. A loving husband of 62 years was his greatest accomplishment.

Charles served twenty years on the United States Park Police force, retiring in 1980. He then went on to serve at the Environmental Protection Agency and then the United States Department of the Interior, where he served the Inspector General until 2011 with over 50 years of federal service to his credit.

Charles and Patti raised 5 children from the 60's through the 80's, reaping the benefits of 10 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren.

Never one to slow down, Charles spent the last several years as President of the Retired United States Park Police Association, (RUSPPA). Scheduled to pass the baton in just two weeks, Charles made another engagement instead, going home to meet his Savior face to face.

Charles is survived by his wife Patricia Jane McLane, His Children Pamela Jean Crouse, Cynthia Lee Vargo, Lisa Ann McLane (Michele), Dana Marie KostECKa (Tony), and Charles Edward McLane, Jr. (Natalie); Ten grandchildren, Timothy David Bowersox, Danielle Renee Tazza, Morgan Ashleigh Stevenson (Robert), Andrew Michael Crouse, Hayley Alexandra Crouse, Justin Michael Vargo, Kristen Ann KostECKa, Charles Edward McLane, III, Harrison Asher McLane, and Brooklyn Grace McLane; five great-grandchildren, Mia, Emma, Hudson, Owen, and Rebecca. Charles is also survived by his sister Barbara Ann Kaiser, of Arizona and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Services for Charles are as follows: Pierce Funeral Home located at 9609 Center Street,

Manassas, Virginia, 20110. Visitation Thursday, June 9th from 5pm until 8pm. Funeral at noon Friday, June 10th. Graveside service following at Stonewall Memory Gardens with reception to follow, address provided at graveside. Feel free to send flowers or in lieu of flowers, a donation to the American Heart Association and/or the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society.

Cemetery Details

Stonewall Memory Gardens

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 9. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Service

JUN 10. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pierce Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Charles Edward McLane Sr.*



Pierce Funeral Home - June 06, 2022 at 09:17 AM



“ *We are so very sorry to learn of Charles passing. He was a huge help with finding information for my Dad (Stepdad) after he passed. I wish we could have made it to the yearly meeting when Dad passed. Our prayers for his surviving family and friends.*

Donna Hays - October 09, 2023 at 11:19 AM



“ *Evelyn sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles Edward McLane Sr.*



Evelyn - September 30, 2022 at 09:35 AM



“ *Evelyn lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward McLane Sr.*



Evelyn - September 29, 2022 at 05:28 PM

“ Charles Edward McLane Sr.

Read this poem for years for his friends and families, so we of All American Center and the Tontine Group special task force would like to provide this to his memories,

HOW YOU SPEND YOUR DASH”

Charles McLane's passing on Saturday, June 4, 2022

Charles Edward McLane Sr.

DASH (-)

October 30, 1940 – June 4, 2022

Charles read this poem many times for his friends as the answered the final roll call in life.

We of All American Center provide this in memory of his great life.

*I read of a man who stood to speak
At the funeral of a brother and a friend*

As I stand here

*He referred to the dates on his tombstone
From the beginning – to the end*

He noted that first came his birth

October 30, 1940

And spoke the following date with tears.

June 4, 2022

*But he said what mattered most of all
Was the “DASH” between those years (1940 – 2022)*

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*For that dash represented all the time
That his brother and friend,*

Charles Edward McLane Sr.

had spent alive on earth....

*And only those who loved him
Know what that little Dash is worth*

*For it matters not, how much we own;
The cars...the houses...the cash;*

*What matters most is how we live and love
And, how we spend our DASH*

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*So, think about this long and hard....
Are there things that you would like to change?*

*For you never know how much time is left,
That can still be rearranged
If you could just slow down enough
To consider what is true and real,*

*And always try to understand
The way other people feel*

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*And be less quick to anger
And show our appreciation more*

*And love the people in our lives
Like we never loved before*

*If we treat each other with respect,
And more often wear a smile...*

*Remember that this special dash (-)
Might only last a little while*

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*So, when your eulogy is read
With your life's actions to rehash*

*Will you be proud of the things they say?
About how you lived your DASH?*

*As Director of The Tontine Group Task Force and All American Center We Can
Defiantly Say*

Yes, Charlie Your DASH Shined

You made a difference to those around you.

You Did Good!

We were and are happy to have met you

And be able to testify to your

Dash!

The Tontine Group

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*Presented by Ken Cook the Director of The Tontine Group Task Force
and AllAmericanCenter.org*

Ken Cook - June 14, 2022 at 11:56 AM

DK

Thank you Ken, that was beautiful. Dad loved the Dash and he lived his well. Gob Bless!

Dana Kostecka - June 14, 2022 at 02:33 PM

SH

“ I was saddened to hear of Charlie's passing. I always thought of him as the energizer bunny and never thought this day would come. He thought a lot of my folks, Jim and Barbara Lindsey. After Dad died, Charlie would routinely check in on Mom, until her recent passing. He then switched gears contacting me to make sure I was doing okay. He always thought of others. Prayers and thoughts to his family, he will be missed by many.

Shelly Hill - June 11, 2022 at 09:11 AM

ST

“ So very sorry for your loss. Charles was a very kind man and loved by my father. His long time colleague and friend. Rest in Peace! Stacy

Stacy - June 10, 2022 at 01:40 PM

DM

“ Charlie and I first met 05/'63, as new officers on the U.S. Park Police. Ever since we worked the street, administration and as supervisors/managers, we've kept a close personal and collegial friendship, always being able to agree&disagree without being disagreeable. Charlie is a christian, good family man, human being and good peace officer. I know he's @peace with Jesus now. The funeral service was excellent.

To Patti and all family, we pray for God's Blessing, Comfort, Peace and Understanding, and know you will be reunited with Charlie in heaven. With our Love and Good Wishes.

Dave, Shirlee and family McAllister, and for the Rocky Mtn. Chapter, RUSPPA.

David Frank McAllister - June 10, 2022 at 01:31 PM

JE

“ I would like to offer my sincerest condolences to the family of Mr. Charles McLane. As a former member of the Office of Pay and Retirement Services team, I have so many fond memories of Mr. McLane. I will always remember Mr. McLane's laugh because it was so infectious. I will remember how Mr. McLane stood steadfast in making sure that the widows receive the pension benefits that we do to them, how he checked in to make sure that the retirees and survivors received their cost of living increased on time. He was the epitome of someone who fought for those who could not fight for themselves.

I will always remember how Mr. McLane's face would light up when he talked about his wife Patty and how they met. He loved his wife with his entire heart and soul.

But most importantly I will always remember that Mr. McLane love his lord and savior, Jesus Christ and wasn't afraid to let you know that he loved the lord. I'm sure that when Christ welcomed you with open arms he whispered in your ear, "well done my son, now it is time to rest".

I am honored to have served you sir.

Jaininne Edwards - June 10, 2022 at 12:03 PM

DK

Thank you so much for your sweet words about dad and for always being there for him. We heard wonderful things about you... God Bless!

Dana Kostecka - June 14, 2022 at 02:44 PM

TF

“ The Thompson Family. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Charles Edward McLane Sr..



The Thompson Family. - June 10, 2022 at 12:03 PM

CW

“ My first contact with Charlie was to notify him, as President of RUSPPA, of my father’s passing in August 2015 (my dad retired from the USPP). Charlie called me regularly after Dad passed to see how I was doing and offer any help that he or RUSPPA could give, and went so far as to invite my husband and me to the RUSPPA Get Together the following year, at which my dad would be memorialized.

Patti and family, please accept my sincere condolences. Charlie was a gracious man who showed he cared about others. I pray that God would comfort you as you grieve his loss.

Cindy O’Neill Wayland - June 09, 2022 at 10:58 PM

JC

“ Uncle Charles’ passing has already and will continue to leave a void in the lives of all those he loved and who loved him. He was a true gentleman and very compassionate to all. He was a leader in any situation and always made the correct decisions. Uncle Charles certainly made a difference in this world. A life well-lived. My deepest sympathy to Aunt Patti. Love, Joan Custer

Joan Custer - June 09, 2022 at 09:19 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles Edward McLane Sr..



June 09, 2022 at 06:33 PM

KB

“ On behalf of everyone at the Office of Pay and Retirement Services, I would like to offer our sincerest condolences to the family of Charles McLane. He was a tireless advocate on behalf of retirees and survivors and a valued and trusted partner to our organization. He will be sorely missed. May he rest in peace and may his memory be a blessing.

Karon Brown - June 09, 2022 at 03:13 PM

CC

“ Our condolences to the family during this time.

Carl and Laurie Crawford - June 09, 2022 at 02:35 PM

CU

“ I met Charles when we were about 14 years. His family and my family were friends and went to church together. After high school, we lost touch although I did follow his career. He was always an honorable, respectful man. I will keep his family in my prayers during his transition. Rest In Peace Charles.

Carrol Hurley Ullrich - June 09, 2022 at 11:59 AM

JM

“ Cindy: I will never forget that snowy winter in the early 1990's of a Bobcat back hoe slowly coming up Hood Road to clear our cul de sac! He cleared about a foot of snow from the driveways for hours, then flashed a big smile, and rode that thing back to the rental place on Wellington Road. He was a wonderful man, father, and friend.

john myers - June 08, 2022 at 07:35 PM

MF

“ Mike, Josh, and the Scherer Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Charles Edward McLane Sr..



Mike, Josh, and the Scherer Family - June 08, 2022 at 07:19 PM

RL

“ To the McLane crew...
Dear Patti, Pam, Cindy, Lisa, Dana & Charlie, Jr
Please accept my deepest condolences for the loss of Charlie...A Wonderful & kind man, husband & father & although I never witnessed him as a grandfather or great grandfather, I can only assume he gave the same kind love he did when his children were growing up. I'll not be in town or I would be there in person to see him off. Please reach out as I'd like to know where he is buried in order to pay tribute when I visit mom & dad at Stonewall.

Ruthie Lynch-Dodson

Ruth Lynch-Dodson - June 08, 2022 at 06:30 PM

DK

Hi Ruthie....you can reach out to me at danamkostecka@gmail.com and I can meet you there. We can say hi together. Thanks so much! xoxo

Dana Kostecka - June 14, 2022 at 02:47 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Edward McLane Sr..



June 08, 2022 at 04:21 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Edward McLane Sr..



June 08, 2022 at 12:53 PM

BA

“ I am sorry to hear the news about Charlie’s passing. He was like a big brother to me and my sisters. We met over 75 years ago as we were neighbors on Braddock Rd. A true friend to all and a Southern Gentleman. Love and prayers Tootie

Betty Stringer Anderson - June 07, 2022 at 07:25 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Edward McLane Sr..



June 07, 2022 at 05:18 PM

MS

“ Mathea Shane lit a candle in memory of Charles Edward McLane Sr.



Mathea Shane - June 07, 2022 at 04:20 PM

MS

“ I wish that Curtis could express his feelings in writing but he cannot, so I just have to say that since the moment I met Charles he impressed me with his presence of leadership, a voice to be heard and not reckoned with; he shared his opinions but listened to others. Everything he believed in he lived by and all that he did in his life was out of compassion and caring; he always thought about others before himself. What an incredible job he did as President of RUSPPA ! How we wish we had taken the time to see you just one more time. I guess that Heaven gave you a promotion and probably some wings to go with it! I told Curtis that even though I only knew Charles for 12 years and Curtis knew him much much longer, that I had come to love "that man and feel a whole in my heart" . If Curtis could type out a story I know it would be full of wonderful stories about Charles. Our deepest sympathy to Patti and the family; our hearts mourn for your loss of such a great man.

Mathea Shane - June 07, 2022 at 04:19 PM

CS

“ Curtis and Mathea Shane purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Charles Edward McLane Sr..



Curtis and Mathea Shane - June 07, 2022 at 03:31 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles Edward McLane Sr..



June 07, 2022 at 09:43 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles Edward McLane Sr..



June 06, 2022 at 01:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles Edward McLane Sr..*



June 06, 2022 at 12:57 PM

LD

“ *Love: Rich, Rose and Brody DuVall purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Charles Edward McLane Sr..*



Love: Rich, Rose and Brody DuVall - June 06, 2022 at 12:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles Edward McLane Sr..*



June 05, 2022 at 11:50 PM




JV

“ *My Papa will be missed so much ❤️ I could never thank him enough for all the love he showed me throughout my entire life. Raising me as a little boy - We would turn music on in the living room and dance together. We would play with a toy baseball and bat as he would act as the umpire, he would yell “SAFE” as I would slide into the floor 😭 All the way until now I cherish those moments 20+ years ago. He was an amazing husband to my Grandma for 62 years. A father of 5 beautiful children who are all so Blessed by the Lord. Through this pain and grief, please remember he is in a better place 🙏 Papa will remain in our hearts forever.*






justin vargo - June 05, 2022 at 08:17 PM

JW

“ Charles was always there to help any
Way he could....always called to check
On everyone and always sent out
Birthday wishes.....in the last few
Years we all prayed for his health
Now Charlie rest high in the heavens
With your Family and Friends....we will
Miss you but know you are Flying and
Singing with the Angels.....Hugs   

June Woolfenden - June 05, 2022 at 07:33 PM

CD

“ Uncle Charlie was a wonderful Uncle! He truly represented to me what a precious
position “Uncle” is and was.
I have always held a very special place in my heart for Aunt Patti and Uncle
Charlie! Many special memories... praising Jesus that some day we will all be
together in Heaven with Our Savior Jesus!   

Charlotte Duvall - June 05, 2022 at 06:38 PM