



Charles Samuel Rigby III.

October 18, 1938 - February 25, 2025

Charles (Charlie) Samuel Rigby III passed away peacefully at the age of 86 on February 25, 2025. Charlie is pre-deceased by his parents and grandson Hunter Lanois Rigby. He is survived by his wife, Mary Jo, his daughter Gail, his son Charles IV (Dana), his stepdaughter Libby (Jim) and his stepson Mark (Taryn), his seven grandchildren, Charles V (Colleen), Josie (Travis), Cason, David, Daniel, Anna & Erin, his five great-grandchildren, Guinevere, Rowan, Maeve, Owen and Addie, and his sisters, Rose Ann Weaver and Susan Staples.

Charles Samuel Rigby III was born on October 18, 1938, in Kingstree SC to Charles Samuel Rigby, Jr and Ruby Neel Rigby who resided in Manning SC. He and his two sisters moved with their parents to Columbia SC when he was a young teenager. Charlie graduated in 1957 from Dreher High School, and then went on to college at The Citadel in Charleston SC. After receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, he immediately went to the U.S. Marine Corps Basic School in Quantico, VA and began what would be a 20-year active duty career. During his service, he attended American University in Washington DC where he earned a Master of Science in Technology of Management degree. He served in many capacities including two separate tours in Vietnam during the conflict. He was a highly decorated veteran and retired in 1981 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. After retiring from the U.S. Marine Corps, he was a founding partner in Environmental Products Corporation and was involved in start-up operations throughout the

United States, as well as in nine foreign countries. After his final retirement in 2003, Charlie and Mary Jo spent many volunteer hours delivering Meals on Wheels and working at SERVE food pantry. Charlie also served on the Prince William County Weapons Control Board and Community Service Board. His genuine love for his family, friends, community, and his faith in God were evident in all he said and did.

A service of remembrance will be held on Saturday, March 15, at 11:00 a.m. at the Church of Our Saviour Oatlands, with a reception following the service at 1:00 p.m. at the Regency Clubhouse.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Church of Our Saviour Oatlands; P.O. Box 1237, Leesburg, VA 20177 or to Tunnel to Towers -<https://t2t.org>.

Previous Events

Service of Remembrance

MAR 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of Our Saviour Oatlands
20340 James Monroe Hwy
Leesburg, VA 20175
(703) 777-1035

Tribute Wall

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“*Mary Jo: I am so sorry to have just heard about Charlie's passing. What an absolutely wonderful man. I hope you know how much I respected him and felt honored to have known him. I hold you both in my heart, and have missed seeing you two; one of the most beautiful couples I have had the privilege to know. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family!*

Jackie Hickok

Jackie Hickok - April 17, 2025 at 10:53 AM

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“*Charlie and I worked together at the Prince William Community Service board for many good years. He was a strong advocate for people with disabilities as well insisting good governance of our programs. He was instrumental in the development and improvement of the programs that served intellectually challenged people. Charlie and Mary Jo are great gifts to Prince William and its disabled citizens*

Tom Geib - March 15, 2025 at 02:02 PM



“*A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles Samuel Rigby III..*

March 09, 2025 at 11:09 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Samuel Rigby III..*



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“ *MaryJo ... so sorry to hear of Charlie's passing. Larry also died a year ago. Fortunately you had many loving years together. Hugs, Suzanne Farrell*

Suzanne Farrell - March 09, 2025 at 01:25 PM



“ *Charlie was one of our cherished cousins who grew up together and have remained devoted to each other for our 80+ years. Charlie lived a life that reflected the values he was taught of caring for others. There was never a time that I was not sure that Charlie was there for me.*

Memories that stretch from tricycle races and climbing live oak trees at Granny and Granddaddy's house as children to my great admiration for his accomplished life in military and community service will always be with me. Undergirding all he did was love of God and family. A well-lived life.

My heart is with you, Mary Jo, Rose Anne, Susan, and all your families.

Love, Lill

Lill Mod - March 05, 2025 at 08:50 PM

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Lill Mood - March 05, 2025 at 08:38 PM