



Charles Aubrey Billups

March 23, 1964 - September 30, 2018

Charles Aubrey Billups of Centreville, MD, passed away on September 30, 2018. He was 54.

Born on March 23, 1964, in Lynchburg, VA, he was the son of Jolly Morton Phillips of Stevensville, MD, and Aubrey Barbour, Lynchburg VA. Charles grew up on Kent Island since he was seven years old and graduated from Queen Anne's County High School, Class of 1982, and James Madison University in 1987. Charles was a member of Theta Chi Fraternity. He worked for various restaurants including Yachtsman Inn and Hemingway's along with being a manager at stores including Sears and Target. Charles was currently a retail manager at Total Wines and More in Clayton, DE. He liked to travel, fish and hike. He also loved the Chesapeake Bay and being on the water.

Charles leaves to mourn his mother, Jolly Morton Phillips and her husband Hubert of Stevensville, MD; father Aubrey Barbour of Lynchburg, VA; ex-wife, Jenny Billups of Blue Bell, PA; son, Jackson Billups; daughter, Aubrey Billups; sisters, Rochelle Billups of Stevensville, MD; Sharon Marie Bryan and her husband Gary of Grasonville, MD; Susan Hamlett Evans and her husband Davis of Lynchburg, VA, fiancée Kelly Nash of Centreville, MD; and a host of nieces nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his sister, Cherry Billups Hughes; and his maternal grandparents, Charles and Mary Minor.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 13, 2018, at 1 pm at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in Centreville, MD, where friends and family may visit beginning at 11 am.

Flowers can be sent to Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., 408 S. Liberty Street, Centreville, MD 21617.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 13. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Location
408 South Liberty Street
Centreville, MD 21617
(410) 758-1151
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles Aubrey Billups*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 11, 2018 at 10:15 AM



Beautiful man, beautiful family, beautiful friends...he lived a good life. I'm sad he is gone too soon.

Beth Spellane - October 24, 2018 at 09:47 PM



“ *Charles Aubrey Billups*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Charles Aubrey Billups*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Charles Aubrey Billups*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

AR

“ *May the love of God bring comfort, strength and peace to the family. Cherish the precious memories that are seen in the video and all the other memories that you hold in your heart and mind. Love, Anthony and Avonda Rounds*

Anthony and Avonda Rounds - October 13, 2018 at 08:46 AM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Charles Aubrey Billups.*



October 12, 2018 at 08:42 PM

MD

“ *Sending condolences to the family during this time. I pray that you have peace and comfort knowing he's in a better place.*

Murna Davis - October 12, 2018 at 03:50 PM

TM

“ *Total Wine and More purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Charles Aubrey Billups.*



Total Wine and More - October 12, 2018 at 09:51 AM

HF

“ Heidi (Griebau) Fischer purchased the Serene R
etreat for the family of Charles Aubrey Billups.



Heidi (Griebau) Fischer - October 12, 2018 at 09:32 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of
Charles Aubrey Billups.



October 12, 2018 at 03:49 AM

GL

“ Gene and Bonney Legg



Gene Legg - October 11, 2018 at 06:26 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased
for the family of Charles Aubrey Billups.



October 11, 2018 at 02:41 PM

TF

“ *The Barbour Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Charles Aubrey Billups.*



The Barbour Family - October 11, 2018 at 08:38 AM

CE

“ *Our wonderful childhood memories of Charles will help keep his spirit alive in our hearts. He will be greatly missed. Sending love and comfort to the family.*

Buchanan Street Buddies: Carol Jones, Judy Hughes, Verna Henry, and Cheryl Edley-Worford

Cheryl Edley-Worford - October 09, 2018 at 06:12 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Aubrey Billups.*



October 09, 2018 at 10:57 AM

SB

“ *I am so sorry to hear the sad news. Charles was decent man, a person you wanted to listen to. I am sorry I hadn't seen him for quite a while. rest in peace Charles, you will be missed!*



Steve Burkhart - October 09, 2018 at 05:38 AM

LT

“ *The Lynchburgers Club of metropolitan Washington, DC extends our heartfelt condolences to you and your family . May your love one rest in eternal peace.*

Lynette Tyler - October 08, 2018 at 10:11 PM

TS

“ *Tracy Schulz lit a candle in memory of Charles Aubrey Billups*



Tracy Schulz - October 08, 2018 at 06:08 PM

PD

“ *I met Charles at our annual Store manager conference this pass April and what a wonderful spirit and just pure love of life from this man. I pray that Charles family will find comfort in the wonderful memories shared throughout the years as they celebrate his Wonderful Life.*



Patrice

Patrice Dinnall-Ray - October 08, 2018 at 03:21 PM

KF

“ *Ken and Anne Feldman purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Charles Aubrey Billups.*



Ken and Anne Feldman - October 08, 2018 at 11:23 AM

MB

“ *Malisa Barbour lit a candle in memory of Charles Aubrey Billups*



Malisa Barbour - October 07, 2018 at 06:18 PM

KO

“ *Sending all my love and condolences to Charles' family.*



Kari Oulahyane - October 07, 2018 at 12:52 PM

BF

“ Dear Family ♡♡



"REST SAFELY IN HIS CARE"

*There are many things in life
That we cannot understand,
But we must trust God's judgment
And be guided by His hand,
And all who have God's blessing
Can rest safely in His care,
For He promises safe passage
On the wings of FAITH and PRAYER.
(Poem written by Helen Steiner Rice)*

*Your pain and sorrow are shared by Family and Friends. May you
find Comfort
in knowing that so many care!*

*Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you.
(Matthew 5 : 4) Blessed Are Those Who Mourn, For They Shall Be
Comforted.*

*Bethel AME Church Family ♡
Centreville, Maryland
Rev. Albert Jones, Jr.
Rev. Dorothy Sisco
Rev. Jesse & Evangelist Deborah Warrick*

Bethel Church Family - October 06, 2018 at 09:29 PM

AC

“ Charles & I met when he first came to KI in 2nd grade, I think. I have fond memories of him in school and hanging out through elementary and middle school until I moved away. Charles was so kind and funny; always bringing a smile to your face. My love and prayers to his Mom (one of my favorite teachers), to Kelly and the family and close friends. May he rest in eternal peace.



Amy Sullivan Clarke - October 04, 2018 at 09:07 PM

AW

“ Anquinette Njideka Wiggins lit a candle in memory of Charles Aubrey Billups



Anquinette Njideka Wiggins - October 04, 2018 at 01:53 PM

AW

So stunned and saddened to learn of Charles' passing. I didn't know him well or long, but found him to be a kind and gentle spirit -- a lovely man, with a great sense of humor who made working at Total wine fun. My deepest condolences to his family and friends. May he Rest well and may his energy and spirit bring comfort to all those he loved.

Anquinette Njideka Wiggins - October 04, 2018 at 02:00 PM

AF

“ Andrew and Patrick Hobson and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Charles Aubrey Billups.



Andrew and Patrick Hobson and Family - October 04, 2018 at 11:30 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Charles Aubrey Billups.*



October 04, 2018 at 11:11 AM



“ *So sorry to hear that your gone so early, you will be missed. May your soul move on to better places.*



Stacey Doney - October 04, 2018 at 08:14 AM



“ *Rest in Peace my old Buddy you will be missed by all . Thanks for being my friend you have left me with many great memories Thanks my Friend Always !! RIP !!!!*

Richard Platt - October 04, 2018 at 07:46 AM



“ *Rest Easy Charles*



Valerie Pease - October 04, 2018 at 07:02 AM

LP

“ *Lisa Stubbs Plummer lit a candle in memory of Charles Aubrey Billups*



Lisa Stubbs Plummer - October 04, 2018 at 05:10 AM

AM

“ *Rest in Peace my friend*



Ann Martin - October 04, 2018 at 12:05 AM

VC

“ *Truly one of a kind! The kindest person I have had the pleasure of meeting. A true gentleman which is rare in this day and age. Although I did not know him very long, Charles made me feel like we had known each other forever. I have no doubt he touched the lives of every person he encountered, especially Kelly. Before I met Charles I could see how special he made her feel. She was radiant and emanating happiness. Once I met Charles I could see why. The two of them shared a love that most of us dream of and few of us find. Charles made this world a better place and I believe made a positive impact on all in his path of life. In honor of Charles, please keep his memory alive . . . live a life full of kindness, smile everyday, laugh, say hi to a stranger, but most importantly, show respect for one another. We need more people like Charles in this world! RIP Charles!*

Vicki Crump - October 03, 2018 at 11:02 PM

BC

“ Charles was a one of a kind in so many ways. An amazing friend and obviously impacted so many people in so many positive ways. I am beyond sad. Thoughts and prayers to all. Bill Culhane and family

Bill Culhane - October 03, 2018 at 09:46 PM

LL

“ While we never spent extensive time together, I'll never forget him. He always made me laugh, and was always gracious when our paths crossed. He's gone too soon. Hugs Tom Kelly and all who loved him.💔



Lisa Lister - October 03, 2018 at 06:38 PM

KC

“ Charles was my roommate for a leadership conference back in August. He was a fantastic guy with a great sense of humor. He was passionate about his job and about what he believed in. We had a free night during the conference to do what we wanted to do. Charles chose to change his clothes at the hotel and drive an hour and a half so that he could attend his son's Back-To-School Night. That sums up the type of person he was.

My prayers go out to his family-especially his children. God Bless you, Charles. I am blessed to have been able to meet you and know you.

Kerry Christopher

Kerry Christopher - October 03, 2018 at 03:27 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Charles Aubrey Billups.*



October 03, 2018 at 11:03 AM



“ *Janeen lit a candle in memory of Charles Aubrey Billups*



Janeen - October 03, 2018 at 09:41 AM



“ *I don't know that I actually ever met Charles, but through middle, high and college my nephew Mitchell Andrew talked about Charles all the time. I feel as though I knew him through all the conversations he was involved in around the house. I was so sorry to see his obituary on this website and want to send my condolences to his family and friends.*

Holly Baker - October 03, 2018 at 08:22 AM



“ *Jacki Thuman lit a candle in memory of Charles Aubrey Billups*



Jacki Thuman - October 03, 2018 at 08:00 AM

JA

“ Stunned...I remember playing football with Charles and cutting up on the bus going to games. He and I joked about many things in high school. Charles you will be missed by many. Kelly and I grew up as neighbors back in middle school and send my condolences to you and those affected by his loss.

Jim Adair - October 02, 2018 at 10:49 PM

EG

“ I was so sad to hear about Charles. He has been a dear friend to my brother and to each of us for many, many years. It was great to see his grown up face and give him a hug as he came to celebrate our mother's life. I am so glad that I had that opportunity. I hope his family can find some comfort in the many happy memories that they have. I know our family will miss him. RIP Charles

Eileen (Rosendale) Garza

Eileen Garza - October 02, 2018 at 09:40 PM

SH

“ Shari Middleton Hershberger lit a candle in memory of Charles Aubrey Billups



Shari Middleton Hershberger - October 02, 2018 at 07:50 PM

SH

“ I am so sad to hear of my friend Charles passing. We met when he was a senior and I was a sophomore. It was Halloween and he was dressed like Hendrix and Tracy and I were hippies hitchhiking to Woodstock lol. We hit it off from that moment and remained friends ever since. Life gets in the way, you lose touch but your friendship never ends. When you do reconnect you pick up right where you left off that is what we did. He was a very special person. Last time we spoke he told me how happy he was. Rest easy my friend..... Take a walk on the wild side! Love and Peace Charles

Shari Middleton Hershberger - October 02, 2018 at 07:49 PM

TL

“ Tammy Kaufman Larrimore lit a candle in memory of Charles Aubrey Billups



Tammy Kaufman Larrimore - October 02, 2018 at 06:23 PM

DF

“ Dani Roser Woodhurst And Family lit a candle in memory of Charles Aubrey Billups



Dani Roser Woodhurst And family - October 02, 2018 at 06:02 PM

DF

I have wonderful memories of his light hearted character. He would be the first person up to greet people at the football parties even when he didn't live there followed by a joke. A kindred spirit that won't be forgotten. He was truly unique. And without him in high school it would have been a different place. RIP and my condolences and prayers to his family and Kelly.

Dani Roser Woodhurst And family - October 04, 2018 at 06:50 AM

SH

“*Rest peacefully, sweet “Charlie B”. There are no words to describe the hole you've left in our hearts and lives...*

Sherry - October 02, 2018 at 05:54 PM

SG

“*The loss of a friend and a neighbor and the coolest customer in the group has truly shocked me to my core. "Be at peace Charles and I will drink to that my friend"*

Sam Goldberg Townline fdc

sam goldberg - October 02, 2018 at 04:56 PM

BL

“*The world has lost a very good man with the death of Charles Billups. Having had the pleasure of his company several times over the last few months, and seeing a man glowing with happiness, it was with great shock and sadness my wife and I heard of his passing. Sincere condolences to all who loved him.*



Brent Lewis - October 02, 2018 at 04:36 PM



“ *The obituary gives important information, but it shows only part of Charles Billups.*

I have so many memories of us as kids:

The first time I noticed him in fourth grade, when he smoked all of us in multiplication flashcards and I thought, “That boy might be smarter than me.”

Our middle school Junior Great Books program where we read literature we didn’t understand and got to meet James Michener.

Senior week at the beach apartment when it rained every day but one...and we had a blast anyhow.

We drifted apart a little during college, but we never lost our connection. When we both moved to Annapolis after college, the fun began again. He took me to my first Orioles game; years later he still reminded me of how I stared at the field like a kid, marveling at how green it was. Memorial Stadium became one of our regular haunts.

We were sitting at Middleton’s Tavern with friends one February night when I mentioned that I had never been to Florida. Charles’s response was “Patrick just moved to Boca. Let’s go find him.” We grabbed some shorts, jumped in the car, and headed for Florida at two in the morning. We never did find Patrick, but we added to our memories: his Mercedes that broke down on us, a middle-of-the-night Triple A tow, and trying to sleep in a Winnebago on the mechanic’s lot until morning...when the car miraculously started again.

Life took us in different directions again, but we never lost touch.

And then life brought us back together, and that brings me to the

man Charles Billups had become.

He was always funny, but the older he got, the more material he had. Anyone who met him saw his razor-sharp wit before too many minutes elapsed. He always said, "Funny trumps everything else," and he lived with the ability to make fun of anything he encountered, including himself. There are too many times he made me howl with laughter to begin to list.

He was a wordsmith, too. We had ridiculous arguments (that only another language geek would understand) over the correct pronunciation and use of words. His love of words remains in the poems he wrote, in the cards he sent, in the notes he'd leave on the kitchen counter for me. These words are some of my most treasured items; in them I still hear his voice.

The greatness of his heart, though, is the thing that made me love him the most. He cared so much about his people, and he took care of them in any way he could. He was the most generous of men—and he paid attention to everything. I first realized that one morning when I mentioned in passing that I had forgotten my lunch. Right before lunch, I got a call from the office telling me my pizza had arrived. It took me a moment to realize that Charles had taken care of me again.

I can't count the times I texted my tribe at school to say, "Charles brought fruit/sent candy/got pizza. Come get it!" He always made sure there was plenty to go around. One evening, when we planned to meet after school for dinner, I got a text from Cait telling me there was a cooler full of food on the deck. Charles had struck again, leaving her a care package with all her favorites—sushi, lemonade, hummus, fruit, Kit-Kats—so she wouldn't have to fend for herself while we ate out.

He was generous with his time as well. When he moved back to the Shore, I worried about his long commute. He didn't want to hear it, though. He'd say, "I like to drive. And you're at the end of the ride.

That's all that matters." He would drive for four hours to spend one hour with Jackson and Aubrey. The passion and caring he showed for his beautiful children made me love even more the man he had become.

I could write for days, talk for days, and not tell everything he was to me. Charles loved me like I've never been loved. He saw me as beautiful, even after all these years. He kept me on my toes and held me tight. When he left, he tore a hole in my chest and took my heart with him. I will love him and miss him for all my days.

—Kelly

Kelly Nash - October 02, 2018 at 04:12 PM

RD

This seems a well deserved tribute Kelly; Charles was a beautiful human, genuine, interested, concerned, and full of character. I consider myself very lucky to have just seen him after many years. What a loss to all, especially those of you who were his family <3

Robin k DeMaso - October 02, 2018 at 04:40 PM

PH

Beautifully said Kelly. Sorry we never connected in Florida. Charles was very special. Too many memories to convey. He will be missed. God's peace and love to you and family.

Patrick Hobson - October 02, 2018 at 09:51 PM

LL

So glad you experienced such an amazing love story. 🥹 He will be missed by many.

Lisa Lister - October 03, 2018 at 06:36 PM

AM

*A Lovely Tribute.
Hugs to you, Kelly ♡*

Ann Martin - October 04, 2018 at 12:03 AM

AW

So sad & so sudden. Loved by so many. Condolences to you Kelly , Ms. Jolly B and the families. Charles will be greatly missed.

Amy Wiscott - October 05, 2018 at 04:54 PM

DW

I am just now seeing this, written so beautifully Kelly. Amazing that you had him in your life so long, but still so tragic he left so soon. Keeping you in my prayers as I know time stands still when someone so close to you departs. I am truly sorry and remember his humor too. He always had a comeback and in this case it's now for the Angel's to hear. I am very sorry he left us all too soon. I was so looking forward to running into him again. I know there would have been laughs.

Dani Roser Woodhurst - April 11, 2019 at 05:32 AM