



Charles Parry

February 19, 1936 - December 3, 2010

Charles George Parry, 74, died peacefully at home in Chestertown, MD, on December 3, following a valiant battle with bladder cancer.

Born Feb. 19, 1936, to the late, Albert Middleton Parry and the late, Ruth Hornor Parry, he was a native of Moorestown, NJ. He was a graduate of Moorestown High School, Class of 1953, and Colgate University in Hamilton, NY, Class of 1957, where he was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity and a competitor on the Colgate University Sailing Team. Following graduation from Officer Candidate School in Newport, RI, he served as an officer in the U.S. Navy aboard the U.S.S. Intrepid. After marrying his wife, Linda Platt, in 1964, he became an employee of Reliance Insurance Company, Philadelphia. He worked for Reliance for 36 years in offices in Philadelphia, Montclair, Wayne, and Haddonfield, NJ, Detroit, MI, Manhattan, NY and Radnor, PA. He became a Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter in 1975, and retired as the company's Senior Compliance Officer in 2000.

A lifetime sailing enthusiast, he spent his childhood summers at the Seaside Park Yacht Club, Seaside Park, NJ, and later was a member and board member at the Island Heights Yacht Club, Island Heights, NJ. He was also an experienced boat builder, crafting boats ranging in size from Penguins, Optimists and dinghies to a 26-ft. one-design keel boat, "Gardyloo," which is

still raced in the waters of the Chesapeake Bay out of Annapolis under different ownership. He became commodore of the Rock Hall Yacht Club in 2002 and served in that capacity for four years. During his tenure, he founded the Rock Hall Yacht Club Sailing School (RHYCSS) for children from age five to 14. Since the sailing school's creation, he passed his love of sailing to more than 670 students, who called him "Mr. Chuck." He also counted many adults among his spare-time students. One of his proudest achievements was bringing the USA Junior Olympic Chesapeake Bay Open Sailing Festival to the Rock Hall Yacht Club in July of 2010.

A direct descendant of William Penn's secretary, James Logan, he was a lifelong Quaker, whose family roots run deep in the Delaware Valley.

In addition to his beloved wife of 46 years, he is survived by three children, Albert Edward Parry and his wife, Melissa, Vanessa Parry Ross and her husband, Glenn, Kathryn Parry Mathis and her husband, Michael. He is also survived by seven grandchildren, Steven James Mathis, Lauren Elizabeth Mathis, and Matthew Charles Mathis; Nicholas Edward Parry; Alexandra Middleton Parry; Caroline Geisel Parry and Cameron Louise Parry. He is survived by his sister, Kathryn Parry Martin, sister, Logan Parry Hottle and her husband, Will. Two of his siblings, Patricia Parry Powell and Kirk Hornor Parry, predeceased him. He is survived by four nephews, Jeffrey Scott Powell, Alan Parry Martin, James Logan Martin and Charles Kirk Parry, II, and their wives and families. Three cousins survive, Jack Hornor, David Hornor and Pamela Hornor.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, December 17, at 7 P.M. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 7579 Sandy Bottom Road, Chestertown, MD. A dessert reception will follow the service at the Rock Hall Yacht Club, 22759 McKinleyville Road, Rock Hall, MD.

In lieu of flowers, Mr. Parry said before his death that he would prefer donations to the RHYC Sailing School, P.O. Box 163, Chestertown, MD 21620. The sailing school is a 501 (c) 3 organization, and all contributions are tax-deductible.

Previous Events

Service

DEC 17. 7:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Kent
7760 Sandy Bottom Road
Chestertown, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Parry*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Charles Parry*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Charles Parry*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Please accept our condolences.##imported-begin##David Wing##imported-end##*

December 30, 2010 at 03:36 PM



“ Please accept my deepest sympathy and genuine condolences.

I had the good fortune of working with Chuck during our tenure at Reliance and I remember him as a kind, very dedicated and hard working person with a keen intellect.

He was a true gentleman, and I am better for having known him.

May Chuck rest in peace, and the magnitude of your loss be comforted by a lifetime of fond and loving memories.

Sean Hickey###imported-begin##Sean Hickey###imported-end##

December 16, 2010 at 11:42 AM



“ I send my deepest sympathy to Chick's family. He was my classmate all through school in Moorestown and we both were graduated from MHS in 1953. It is with great sadness that that I learned of his passing -- I remember that nice little boy from so many years ago.###imported-begin##Carol Hyland Gray###imported-end##

December 15, 2010 at 12:05 AM



“ I am thinking of the Parry family.
Chuck always made me feel welcome at RHYC as a Laser sailor attending regattas.
I was so pleased to be a part to the racing clinic in April and to have spent time with Chuck that day.
I plan to attend the service.
Sincerely, JR Futchter
Marsh Creek Sailing Club
Lewes, DE###imported-begin###JuneRose "JR" Futchter###imported-end##

December 12, 2010 at 10:26 AM



“ Dear Linda,

We are so sorry to hear of your loss...

Tom & Chris Howarth###imported-begin###Tom Howarth###imported-end##

December 12, 2010 at 09:49 AM



“ You and Chuck were one of our first Moorestown acquaintances when we lived on Chesnut Ave.....then later as our Reliance Underwriter collaborated on Commercial accounts. He was the best!###imported-begin###Richard Sanford###imported-end##

December 10, 2010 at 05:09 PM



“ My sincere condolences on the loss of your husband.###imported-begin###Kay Pinder###imported-end##

December 05, 2010 at 02:48 PM



“ Our condolences to the amazing Parry family regarding the loss of the amazing "Mr. Chuck", Lotte, Walter and George Bowie##imported-begin##Lotte Bowie##imported-end##

December 04, 2010 at 01:15 PM



“ Great man, great competitor, great heart. We will really miss him both on and off the water.##imported-begin##Lansing Williams & Sue Caswell##imported-end##

December 04, 2010 at 10:02 AM



“ Please accept our deepest and fondest condolences. We've learned so much from Chuck - he was a true friend! He will always be with us - in our hearts and minds!##imported-begin##Max & Maryann##imported-end##

December 03, 2010 at 05:20 PM