



## Charles Darrell Wainwright

November 20, 1947 - July 5, 2017

Charles (Charley) Darrell Wainwright of Oxford, MD, passed away on July 5. Born on November 20, 1947 in Pembroke, Bermuda, he was the son of the late Beryl and Musson Wainwright.

He was educated at Warwick Academy in Warwick, Bermuda, before apprenticing at Richard Bertram Yachts in Miami, FL. Charley began his working career at his father's boatyard, Pitts Bay Boat Company, in Hamilton, Bermuda, where he acted as the service manager, and delivered Bertram and Hattaras yachts to Bermuda to be sold at Pitts Bay. At that time he met Fred Reiss, and later served as his yacht captain for many years.

Charley moved his family to Oxford in 1980, where he owned and operated the Oxford Liquors/Exxon gas station. During the years that followed, Charley employed every school age boy in the greater Oxford area who was willing to work as a "gas jockey." In addition, he worked on each moped, car, outboard, inboard, and lawn mower motor that was presented to him for repairs.

At age 56, Charley obtained his U.S.C.G. 1600T Master Ocean License, and went to work off the West Coast of Africa in Nigeria, Angola, and Namibia, where he carried men and supplies to the off-shore rigs. His international crews respected his ability, and Captain Charley often brought the men small gifts from the U.S., especially items not easily found in their own countries.

He was a past member of the Hamilton Fire Brigade and the Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club in Bermuda; current member of Tred Avon Yacht Club, where he served as fleet captain for several years; the Atlantic Phoenix Lodge; and a life member of the Oxford Fire Company.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Veronica, whom he met in 1974 at the Horse & Buggy on Queen Street in Bermuda; his daughter Elizabeth Katharine, his brother, Jonathan; and sister, Elizabeth, both of Bermuda; his sister Susan of Australia; his brothers-in-law Mitchell Galanek of Plymouth, MA, and Paul Galanek of Trappe, and life-long friends Craig Selley of Bermuda, Dick Christensen of Florida, and Doug Abbott of Easton.

Services will be held Saturday, July 15, 10:30 a.m., at Trinity Cathedral, 315 Goldsborough Street, Easton. Burial will be private.

Memorial donations may be made to Trinity Cathedral or the Oxford Volunteer Fire Company.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL 15. 10:30 AM (ET)

Trinity Cathedral  
314 Goldsborough St.  
Easton, MD 21601

# Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Darrell Wainwright*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Charles Darrell Wainwright*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Charles Darrell Wainwright*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Susie and Ed Colley purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Charles Darrell Wainwright.*



**Susie and Ed Colley** - July 14, 2017 at 04:03 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Darrell Wainwright.*



July 13, 2017 at 04:13 PM

MS

“ *Much Love, Bunky, Andrew and Spencer purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Charles Darrell Wainwright.*



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**Much Love, Bunky, Andrew and Spencer** - July 13, 2017 at 01:21 PM

MK

“ *Charley and I go all the way back to about 1954 when we attended Warwick Academy. I believe that his dad; Musson and my dad; Bill King, were in school together. Lots of good memories as we celebrated birthdays and parties etc. also 5th of November...Guy Fawkes Day for those who remember. Many days down at Pitts Bay Boat Co. as kids. As we grew up, we went our different ways but seemed to stay in touch from time to time. We would chat for an hour on the phone up until recently. I received news from Dick Christensen, who also lives here in Florida that Charley had passed. I was hoping to get to talk with him one more time but didn't get the chance. My prayers for Veronica and Elizabeth will continue. Charley was certainly a good man. What you see is what you get with him. I will sure miss not being able to spend a little time with my mate just chatting about things old and things new. I'm sure that he will be greatly missed by many who had the pleasure of knowing him. Gone but not forgotten for sure.*

*Mike King*

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**Mike King** - July 10, 2017 at 08:45 PM




“ *Divine Light* was purchased for the family of *Charles Darrell Wainwright*.



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July 10, 2017 at 12:07 PM

 David  
Lasher

“ I found out last night that Charley died and I read his obituary this morning. This was a mistake from work. 2,700 miles away trying desperately not to cry at my desk. Charley was a dear friend of my whole family. He was a big man, a tall man, especially to me, when at 13 and all of 4'6", he gave me my first real job. I pumped gas at the Oxford Exxon 40-50 hours a week in the heat and humidity of Maryland summers. I was part of the last era of people who pumped gas for drivers, checked their motor oil and tire pressure--just for buying gas. With the energy of a 13 year old, it was a fun, if not tiring job.

As I sit here, I can hear Charley's voice, that unique Bermudian accent. I can still smell his garage and see his grease covered hands. He could fix any motor put before him. He did however hate Chrsylers and would put on his best Lee Iacocca accent, playfully ridiculing the 'K' Car was the work bay.

Living in Los Angeles, I miss Oxford and last had the chance to visit a few years ago. I saw Charley at the time, and it was good to introduce him to my family and my two sons. It was just yesterday that I was in Malibu and behind a Chrysler 'K' Car that had a "Chrysler K Car Club" license plate frame. I was instantly reminded of Charley. I probably had not thought of him in six months or more, but seeing that K Car immediately reminded me of him and his voice and the smells of the gas station and all came back to me. It was not until last night that I got a message from my mother telling me he had died. I can't believe that seeing that K Car yesterday was a pure coincidence.

Charley was an amazing captain, born on an island that revolves around the sea. He was a great neighbor, a kind soul, a fine father and dear friend whom I will miss. Like my father and only one or two other men in my life, he taught me important lessons and has had a lasting impact on my life I will miss you Charley. Rest in Peace.

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David Lasher - July 10, 2017 at 12:04 PM

DC

“ I always called Charley, Captain, an achievement for a position he always loved.  
During his time on this earth Charley touched many lives with his friendship and leadership gift and helped them along the way, now he has slipped ahead before he should have. we will all say, gone but not forgotten, May you rest in peace.  
Dick Christensen

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**Dick Christensen** - July 09, 2017 at 02:51 PM

SD

“ Our sincere condolences to Veronica and family. we pray that memories of good times spent together will help you through this time and bring you peace.

Sparky & Willie-Mae DeShield  
Devonshire Bermuda



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**Sparky & Willie-Mae DShield** - July 09, 2017 at 05:55 AM

SJ

“ TO VERONICA AND ELIZABETH,,,,,,,,,I HAVE NOTHING BUT FOND MEMORIES OF YOU BOTH AND CHARLIE,,,I PRAY THE GREAT COMFORTER WIL HOLD YOU BOTH CLOSE AND GIVE YOU STRENGTH ,PEACE,,,AND KNOW THAT CHARLIE WAS A DEAR FRIEND,,,,,,,,,,,,,I AM SADDEND,,,,,,,,,,STANLEY JOHNSON,,,,,,,,,

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**STANLEY JOHNSON,** - July 08, 2017 at 03:06 PM

SA

“ *Stephany Allendorf lit a candle in memory of Charles Darrell Wainwright*



Stephany Allendorf - July 08, 2017 at 06:53 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles Darrell Wainwright.*

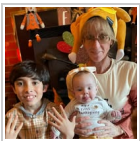


July 08, 2017 at 05:45 AM

LB

“ *Mate gave me my first "real" job as one of his "has jockeys". He also taught me how to pump a fire truck. A great man that will be greatly missed. As we say in the fire service " see ya on the floor above Mate" rest well!!*

Lt . Henry Barrow - July 07, 2017 at 10:49 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers to the Wainwright's. So sorry for your loss, let the memories help you through this.*



Candi Harrison - July 05, 2017 at 08:04 PM

ES

“ *The Strummie Five are keeping you in our thoughts and hearts right now. xoxox*

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**Eleanor Strumolo** - July 05, 2017 at 06:59 PM

BW

“ *Bill And Ruth Worm lit a candle in memory of Charles Darrell Wainwright*



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**Bill and Ruth Worm** - July 05, 2017 at 12:05 PM