



Charles Fellows Wheatley Jr.

December 13, 1927 - February 13, 2018

Charles Fellows Wheatley, Jr., of Grasonville, MD, passed away on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, at Whitewood Assisted Living Facility in Grasonville, MD. He was 90 years old.

He was born on December 13, 1927, in Washington, DC, the son of the late Charles Fellows Wheatley, Sr., and Marjorie Meeker Wheatley. Mr. Wheatley graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in Washington, DC, and received a degree from Princeton University in three years, Class of 1948.

Charles continued his education at Harvard Law and graduated with a law degree, Class of 1951. After graduating, he joined the Army and became a JAG officer until he was honorably discharged and began a career as a lawyer. He opened his firm in the Watergate Building in Washington, DC, and later moved the firm to Annapolis MD. He specialized in federal energy and antitrust law, and covered many landmark cases in the U.S. Supreme Court.

On May 23, 1959, Mr. Wheatley married Elaine Johnson Wheatley, and they made their home in Northern Virginia and Potomac Falls, MD, and in, 1983, moved to Prospect Bay in Grasonville, MD. He enjoyed boating, skiing, traveling, bird watching, cutting the grass on his tractor, and eating vanilla ice cream.

Mr. Wheatley is survived by his children, Charles “Chip” F. Wheatley, III, of Denver, CO, and Mark J. Wheatley and his wife Brenda of Grasonville, MD; grandson, Charles “CJ” F. Wheatley, IV; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a brother and two sisters.

At his request, no service will be held. The family requests that in lieu of flowers send memorial contributions to the Alzheimer’s Association (alz.org).

Tribute Wall



“ *A true gentleman and great lawyer.*

Sandra Raynor - February 26, 2024 at 09:41 AM



“ *Charles Fellows Wheatley Jr.*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Charles Fellows Wheatley Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Charles Fellows Wheatley Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

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“ I just learned of Charlie’s passing. To the family, please accept my deepest sympathies. To all who view this site, I would like to share some of my memories of Charlie.

Charlie was, first and foremost, a gentleman of the old school, always gracious, of aristocratic bearing but approachable because of his warmth. I used to joke that if a movie director called upon central casting to send a patrician Episcopalian, they would send Charlie.

I practiced law with Charlie for six years. Under his tutelage, I, a corporate attorney, gained skill and experience as a litigator, antitrust and energy regulatory lawyer. Together we, as David’s, took on and held our own against the Goliath law firms, including some of the best in the country, fighting the good fight on behalf of municipal electricity and gas distribution systems against giant utilities and gas producers.

I am very grateful for Charlie’s continuing friendship and his trust in me to work on selected legal matters with him after I left his law firm.

Charlie loved his family, and fairly glowed when he spoke of spending time with a grandchild. I had the pleasure of working with his son Mark, whose dedication to his father and his law firm was inspiring. Mark was the backbone of the law firm.

Some other fond memories:

Charlie standing over his secretary, jingling change in his pocket.

A courtroom, with a platoon of utility lawyers at defendant’s table and just Charlie and me at plaintiffs,’ defendants’ attorneys’ high-tech presentation of their motion with highlighted text projected on a screen, Charlie at the lectern with only his trusty yellow legal pad.

*Charlie saying, when we were facing a thorny legal or factual issue,
"We have to get to the bottom of it."*

*It was a great honor to me to have known Charlie, to have worked
with him, and to have had him as a friend and mentor.*

--John Woods

John Woods - April 14, 2018 at 10:17 AM