



Charles L. Schelberg

May 25, 1925 - June 19, 2011

Charles L. Schelberg, a World War II veteran who retired to his family home on the Eastern Shore after a successful banking career in Annapolis, died June 19 of complications of pneumonia at Gilchrist Center in Towson. He was 86.

Born May 25, 1925 in Wilmington, Delaware, his parents were Charles L. Schelberg Sr. and Idyllette B. Schelberg. He spent most of his childhood in Towson, Maryland and graduated from Towson High School in 1942.

After one year of college, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1943. He served on board the USS Abercrombie, a destroyer escort, in the Pacific in 1944 and 1945. The primary mission of the Abercrombie was to guard larger ships against air and submarine attack. A seaman, he was a member of an antiaircraft gun crew and also performed damage control duties. As a crewman of the Abercrombie, he fought against the Japanese at the battle of Leyte Gulf in October 1944, and during the Okinawa naval campaign of April-June 1945.

He rarely spoke about his wartime experiences except when questioned about it by his grandchildren. During the fighting in the waters off Okinawa, the Abercrombie performed picket duty to spot and shoot down Japanese kamikaze planes flying suicide missions against U.S. aircraft carriers. Charles

recounted that during one attack, a Japanese plane flew so low over the ship that from his gun station, he was able to look into the cockpit and clearly see the face of the Japanese pilot.

After his discharge from the Navy in 1946, he returned to Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland on the G.I. Bill, and graduated in 1949. He married his wife of 59 years, Jane H. Booker, in 1952.

He came from a family of Eastern Shore watermen. During summers after the war, he worked on the family fishing boat, hauling seine nets and taking the catches to market in Baltimore. These fishing expeditions would frequently involve week long trips on the Chesapeake Bay.

He began his banking career in 1950 when he became cashier of Queenstown Bank of Maryland. He joined Farmers National Bank in Annapolis in 1959. He became president and chief executive officer in the early 1970s.

He led the transformation of Farmers National Bank from a small local institution to a greatly expanded bank holding company with three bank subsidiaries and offices throughout Anne Arundel County and the Eastern Shore. His core banking principles were customer service, support of local businesses and entrepreneurs, and promotion of diversity in hiring and promotion. During his tenure as chairman of the board, Farmers National Bank was recognized in 1992 by Better Retirement Report as one of the strongest banks in the U.S. for depositors.

Charles was featured in a two-page article in the magazine Newsweek in 2007. The article compared the G.I. Bill benefits that funded his college education against those available to his grandson Matthew Schelberg, a Marine combat veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan.

He was involved in many civic organizations in the Annapolis area including service as treasurer and director of Anne Arundel General Hospital, president of the Annapolis Kiwanis Club and the Annapolitan Club, and director and treasurer of the Annapolis Yacht Club. He also served as a director of the Anne Arundel Agency for Assisted Living and Anne Arundel United Way.

An enthusiastic card player, he enjoyed games of bridge, poker, and gin rummy at the Annapolitan Club and with groups of friends. Other hobbies included gardening and crabbing. He was an avid reader of newspapers, usually reading three a day.

A memorial service will be held at St. Luke's Chapel in Queenstown on June 30 at 11:00 a.m.

He is survived by his wife and his four children, Charles B. Schelberg, Meredith S. Boyle, Kathryn S. Townshend and Blanche S. Niederberger. He is also survived by nine grandchildren, Matthew L. Schelberg, James H. Schelberg, Nicholas D. Schelberg, Peter C.P. Boyle, Caroline E. Boyle, Alix Townshend, Charles N. Townshend, Jane K. Townshend and Kathryn M. Diseroad.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the American Red Cross or the Salvation Army.

Previous Events

Service

JUN **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Luke's Episcopal Church Chapel
7208 Maim Street
Queenstown, MD

Tribute Wall



“ Charles L. Schelberg

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Charles L. Schelberg

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Charles L. Schelberg

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ Dear Schelberg's, I am so sorry to hear about Mr Schelberg & sorry to have just now found out about it. Word of mouth doesn't travel too fast anymore.
I soooo appreciated you Mrs Schelberg & Bibi, coming to Daddy's viewing & feel terrible that I was not able to reciprocate.
Please know that you are in my thoughts & prayers.....& will always remember Mr Schelberg's big smile & "How'rya doin' Lucy?!"
Fondly, Lucy##imported-begin##LuAnn Rardin
Masterson##imported-end##

July 27, 2011 at 11:25 AM



“ Dear Jane, Sorry to hear of Charlie's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Richard T. Brice, IV and Rose##imported-begin##Rose##imported-end##

July 01, 2011 at 09:26 AM



“ Dear Jane & family: Sorry to hear of Charlie's passing but it sure brought back a ton of happy memories. Our years as gardening neighbors are among the highlights of our lives. Please be assured that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We wish we could be with you in person but we will be there in spirit at Charlie's memorial service.

Our love, Stan & Claudia##imported-begin##Stan & Claudia Morse##imported-end##

June 27, 2011 at 02:22 PM



“ Dear Jane and family,

We are so sorry to learn of Chales passing. Queenstown will not be the same, there are so few of the old Queenstown people there. As a chld I shall always rmember the close bond my family had with his family. The fish fries we all had together on the lawn and the fellowship with always had. Charles will be missed. Our thoughts and prayes are with each one of you at this difficult time. But what wonderfull memories.

June and David##imported-begin##David and June Clark##imported-end##

June 25, 2011 at 09:08 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Mr Schelberg always greeted me as if I was one of his own children, whenever I would see him. I have many found memories of him, and of all of you.##imported-begin##Barbara Dull Barrett##imported-end##

June 23, 2011 at 07:57 PM



“ Jane - So sorry to read about Charlie. He was a solid citizen that always "told it as it is". Please accept our heartfelt condolences.- Jane and John Melvin###imported-begin##Jane and John Melvin###imported-end##

June 23, 2011 at 05:24 PM



“ Dear Schelberg Family - Our thoughts and prayers go out to you, Ms. Jane, as well as to your children and grandchildren. Mr. Charlie will be missed by everyone who knew him. Amy (Willis) Moore and The Willis Family###imported-begin##Amy Willis Moore###imported-end##

June 23, 2011 at 12:35 PM



“ Dear Schelberg family, I am deeply saddened by the news of Charles's passing. Your family has always felt like a second family to me. Mr. Schelberg will be missed but also lovingly remembered. I am thankful to God for having been blessed with knowing such a good man.###imported-begin##Jeffery Miller###imported-end##

June 23, 2011 at 08:56 AM



“ Ms. Jane & Family
My thoughts are prayers are with you and your family. Mr. Charlie was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed. He had a wonderful life and has done so much for his family, friends & neighbors.###imported-begin##Amy Wenck (Wiscot)###imported-end##

June 23, 2011 at 07:38 AM



“ *mrs Jane and family our prayers are with you and your family Mr charlie will always be in ours hearts and mind .David & nichole and The Wenck family.##imported-begin##David E Wenck jr##imported-end##*

June 23, 2011 at 07:11 AM



“ *Schelberg Family- our thoughts and prayers are with you. Charlie's life accomplishments have left a wonderful legacy that will inspire others, especially his grandchildren. His life was full of love and pride for his country, his career, his garden, his scenic view of Queenstown Creek, but mostly, for his family. Jane- you are one of my dearest, closest friends and having you as such wonderful neighbors has truly been a delight. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you.
Love, Ann Anthony and Family##imported-begin##Anthony Family##imported-end##*

June 22, 2011 at 08:22 PM