



## Mr Charles W. "Pal" Grimes

April 24, 1931 - May 4, 2012

Charles Wesley Grimes, 81, of Biltmore Forest died Friday, May 4, 2012 at Memorial Mission Hospital. A life-long resident of Asheville, he was son of the late Charles Preston and Naomi Mae Marker Grimes. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his brother, Douglas Preston "Butch" Grimes.

His charm and character were infectious, which earned him the nickname "Pal". He touched hundreds of people with his warm personality, service to the community, and throughout his life never met a stranger.

An active member of local business and civic communities, he owned and operated the City Market in downtown Asheville until the early 1970's before becoming involved in real estate.

A remarkable ambassador for the Town of Biltmore Forest, he served twenty-five years as a Commissioner, as well as Mayor Pro-Tem for 12 years. Charles was a member of the Biltmore Forest Country Club and the Rhododendron Brigade of Guards.

Mr. Grimes served as a board member for several organizations: Care Partners Hospice, Aston Park Nursing Center, Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Land of the Sky Regional Council and Transportation Advisory

Committee for the Asheville Urban Area. He was awarded Outstanding Board member by Land of the Sky Regional Council in 1998. Upon completion of their new offices in 2000, the Red Cross dedicated a wing to Mr. Grimes for his years of service. He was also the recipient of the Robert G. Parish Intergovernmental Relations Award by the Transportation Advisory Committee in 2007.

A member of the Basilica of St. Lawrence, Charles served on the Parish council and was an active participant in the Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Jo-Ann McGowan Grimes; daughters, Preston Grimes Davitt of Purchase, NY and Sheila McGowan Helms of Wilmington, NC; two sisters, Cheryl Smith of Corral del Tierra, California and Charlyne Coleman of Hendersonville; aunt, Mary Katherine Grimes of Mobile, AL; four grandchildren and a large number of nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held 10:30 AM, Thursday, May 10, 2012 at the Basilica of St. Lawrence, 97 Haywood Street, with Rev. C. Morris Boyd, D. Min. officiating. Interment will follow in Lewis Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:00 - 8:00 PM, Wednesday at Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Avenue.

# Cemetery Details

## Lewis Memorial Park

415 Beaverdam Road  
Asheville, NC 28804

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **9**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chapel of Morris Funeral Home  
304 Merrimon Ave.  
Asheville, NC 28801  
(828) 252-1821  
[info@morrisfamilycare.com](mailto:info@morrisfamilycare.com)  
<http://morrisfamilycare.com>

## Service

MAY **10**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Basilica of St. Lawrence  
97 Haywood St.  
Asheville, NC 28801  
<http://saintlawrencebasilica.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr Charles W. "Pal" Grimes*

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October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Having known "Pal" for many years through the Red Cross and the town of Biltmore Forest, I always found him to be the perfect gentleman. His wit and wisdom were always shared and his keen insight was very much appreciated. He will be greatly missed.*

*M. Jerry VeHaun, Buncombe County Emergency Service Director and Mayor, Town of Woodfin*

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**M. Jerry VeHaun** - May 10, 2012 at 07:55 AM



“ *We extend our deepest sympathies to the family. We will always have the fondest memories of Powell, especially his humor. He was so committed to his community, his friends and family. When I was Chief-of-Police, he always listened to our needs, gave such sound advice and was supportive to what we needed to run a successful department. What a legacy he leaves behind!! Blessings and love to each of you.*

*Gene and Cynthia Ray and daughter, Michelle Coleman*

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**Gene Ray** - May 09, 2012 at 10:03 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr Charles W. "Pal" Grimes.*



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May 09, 2012 at 07:11 AM



“ *Mrs Grimes, I had the pleasure of working with Mr. Grimes here at the Red Cross for many, many years. He was always pleasant and uplifting and one of my favorite Board members. He represented what a dedicated servant should be. He will be greatly missed. You and your family are in my prayers.*

*Marie McMahan*

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**Marie McMahan** - May 08, 2012 at 10:56 AM



“ *Jo-Ann: I have lost a great friend and will miss seeing him at BFCC exercise room and golf course. Pal had a great gift of encouragement to everyone. I feel sure Pal found and did God's purpose for his life by serving others.*

*This morning I had a special prayer for you and your family this morning.*

*Your sincere friend,*

*Glenn W. Wilcox, Sr.*

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**Glenn W. Wilcox, Sr.** - May 08, 2012 at 06:54 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Mr Charles W. "Pal" Grimes.*



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May 08, 2012 at 12:48 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mr Charles W. "Pal" Grimes.*



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May 07, 2012 at 03:39 PM