



Mr. Charles "Charlie" Patrick Hovis

July 26, 1928 - May 29, 2010

Charles (Charlie) Patrick Hovis was born July 26, 1928, in Fayetteville, TN, the youngest of four children to Robert and Mary Alma Hovis. His family moved to Guntersville, AL, after his parents lost the family farm during the Great Depression. He returned to TN for high school years at Morgan Preparatory.

Charlie went on to receive his B.A. in Political Science and Education in 1951 from Erskine College in Due West, SC. Then he moved to the D.C. area, lived with his Uncle Bill Jobe, so he could attend George Washington University Law School at night. To pay for his education, he worked at local stores and then began his work in both the federal and local courts of Washington, D.C. He received his Juris Doctorate in 1955 from G.W.

Charlie worked for ten years in private practice in D.C. and Maryland before joining the General Counsel's office of the General Accounting Office (GAO) as Deputy Assistant General Counsel for procurement law. After twelve years at GAO, he was appointed by the Secretary of Defense and the Military Department Secretaries in 1980 as Administrative Law Judge for the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals. He retired from the Board in 1988.

Charlie's personal life was full and treasured. On Saturday, May 2, 1959, Charlie married Janet Marie Fowler, at Bethesda Presbyterian Church, in

Bethesda, MD. On May 2, 2010, they celebrated 51 years of marriage.

After Janet retired as a microbiologist from the National Institutes of Health, Charlie and Janet left the D.C. area and moved to Hilton Head Island, S.C., in 1989. They decided in 1998 to live full-time in the North Carolina mountains, first in Maggie Valley, then Waynesville, and finally in 2006 they moved to their current home in Asheville.

Charlie and Janet loved to travel and were very grateful to enjoy many journeys during their retirement years including trips to Janet's childhood home in Tokyo, Japan, as well as cruise trips to Scandinavia and Russia; South America; the South Pacific Islands; New Zealand; Australia and many islands in the Caribbean. Their three daughters will forever appreciate the love for natural beauty, adventure and different cultures their parents modeled for them.

Charlie will be remembered for his humor, his outspoken opinions and his desire for a more humane and just world. He wore his emotions and opinions openly and we will always love him for it. At the same time, he did not like to linger long, whether for a phone conversation or chat after church; his need to keep moving was with him until the end. The glances and glimmers in his eyes were priceless gems.

Charlie is survived by his loving wife whom he cherished, Janet Hovis of Asheville; his three daughters, Carol Marie Hovis, of San Rafael, CA; Katherine Anne Hovis of Denver, CO; and Brenda Baker Hovis Lewis of High Point, NC. He is also survived by his two precious grandchildren, Corynne Baker Lewis and Dylan Edwin Lewis, of High Point as well as his son-in-law, Chris Highland, of San Rafael. In addition, he is survived by his sister Rachel Taylor of Chattanooga, TN, her four children and their families, and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews, all who were important to him.

A memorial service to celebrate Charlie's life will be held on Thursday, July 1, 2010, 2:00PM, at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Asheville, NC. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Charles' honor to any of the following: Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Asheville, NC; the National Park Foundation; or Doctors Without Borders.

Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Avenue is assisting the family.

Previous Events

Service

JUL 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church
789 Merrimon Avenue
Asheville, NC 28804

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Charles "Charlie" Patrick Hovis*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *As I told Carol on the phone today, I can only smile when I think of Charlie and his zest for life. Charlie put up with all of our teenage nonsense, and I always admired how he would share his emotions openly with those that he loved. My fondest memories are of long days at the farm with Charlie and the rest of the family, and then fast forward to watching Charlie and Janet celebrate their 50th anniversary together at Carol's and Chris' wedding. I could go on, but I just want Carol, Janet, Brenda, and Kathy to know that I am with you in spirit tomorrow as you celebrate his life and mourn your loss.*

Karyn Leins - June 30, 2010 at 10:03 PM



“ *Our entire family is thinking of you each - remembering Charlie, his spunk and spirit, and sending you all peace and ease during this time. May you find comfort in memories and laughter and much love in your remembering. You are in our hearts, Dina, Edgar, Pat, Naomi, the Twins, Bill and Barbara, and Maria Antonia*

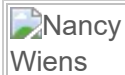
Dina Gardner - June 27, 2010 at 09:42 PM



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Carol Hovis Highland - June 27, 2010 at 07:12 PM



“ *Dear Hovis Family,
I have such joyful memories of Charlie's humor. His wit seemed to come in short quips, but his accent was hard for me to understand. So, I would find myself leaning into him so that I wouldn't miss a single joke. That stance was a bit more intimate than our relationship warranted. But he was too fun to be with to stand off! I celebrate his abundant life and love with you all. Praying for your peacefulness, Nancy Wiens*

Nancy Wiens - June 21, 2010 at 11:41 AM



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Carol Hovis Highland - June 20, 2010 at 10:19 PM



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Carol Hovis Highland - June 17, 2010 at 11:59 AM



“ Dear Janet, Carol, Kathy, and Brenda: Charlie's picture just doesn't fit on the obit page....

I'm thinking of him, and each one of you as you grapple with this surreal chapter of life. Know that I cherish the mischevious twinkle in Judge Hovis' eye....his sense of humor, and so much else about him. You were all an important part of my childhood -- and my life. I'm thankful for Carol's presence and friendship.

With deep affection and sincere condolences to all you.

Charlotte (Ericson) Taylor.

Chocolate Taylor - June 12, 2010 at 09:13 PM



“ Dear Mrs. Hovis, Carol, Kathy and Brenda: My love and prayers are with you all. I'm remembering Mr. Hovis with delight and deep joy. Keep good memories. Love from Amy Visco Na, Kang Na and Christian, Laura and Sofia Na

Amy Na - June 06, 2010 at 12:49 PM



“ Dear Cousin Charlie,
Steve and I loved seeing you and Janet. We lost Steve on May 10 and now you. How sad we are to lose the ones we love. We know that you and Steve are sitting up there in God's arms telling jokes, fishing and having a grand time. May your memory be eternal.
Love,
MaryAnn, Christina and Michael Jobe

MaryAnn Jobe - June 06, 2010 at 07:46 AM



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Morris Funeral Home & Cremation Service - June 04, 2010 at 12:55 PM