



Charles Eugene Russell

December 29, 1938 - August 28, 2014

Charles Eugene Russell, age 75 of Asheville, NC, passed away from a long illness Thursday, August 28, 2014 at Duke University Hospital.

The son of Cecil and Jewell Russell, Charles was born December 29, 1938 in Montgomery County, NC. Charles played college baseball for and graduated from Pfeiffer University in 1961 and served in the U.S. Army as a Captain in a Transportation Division stationed at Fort Bragg.

A Certified Public Accountant, Charles was a partner at Painter, Russell & Associates PLLC since 1992 (retired in 2011).

Very involved in his local community, Charles was a Trustee on the Mission Foundation Board, faithfully serving Mission Health System and the Mission Healthcare Foundation for almost 20 years. He served as Foundation Board Chair (2005-2008) and was the Foundation Chair serving at the time of the opening of the Mission Reuter Children's Outpatient Building. As a Foundation Board member, Charles served on its Executive Committee, Finance Committee, and Board Development and Nominating Committee, and chaired each of these committees. Charles also served as a Director on the Board of Ingles Markets, Inc. since 2001. He also served as the Chairman of the Audit Committee.

During his career Charles served on many committees and boards of the North Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants and was awarded the state society's first annual Public Service Award for outstanding services to public and civic organizations.

He and his wife made Kimberly Avenue in Asheville, NC their home for almost 40 years and were members of First Baptist Church of Asheville where he served as Chairman of the Deacons and the Finance Committee for several terms. He also taught Sunday School for many years.

Charles lived his life full of grace, honor, dignity, respect for others, and an incredibly friendly attitude toward others. Those who worked with him closely remarked on his encouragement, teaching, mentoring, guidance, and wise counsel.

Charles counted his family as his greatest blessing and is survived by his wife of 48 years, Jeanne Halbrook Russell, his daughter Jamie Russell Dalton, son-in-law John Dalton, and his grandchildren, Jenna, Meredith, Claire (and Luke 2009-2010) and his aunt, Catherine Morris of Troy, NC. Charles spent his free time woodworking, sailing, golfing, gardening, and enjoying music.

A memorial service will be held at First Baptist Church of Asheville on Wednesday, September 3, 2014 at 11:00AM. The family will greet friends following the service.

Memorials can be made in his memory to Mission Children's Hospital: c/o Mission Healthcare Foundation, 890 Hendersonville Rd., Suite 300, Asheville, NC 28803 or the First Baptist Church Education Fund: 5 Oak St., Asheville, NC 28801.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Asheville
5 Oak Street
Asheville, NC 28801

Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Eugene Russell*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Although, I do not know your family personally, I would like to share some encouraging thoughts from the Bible. The Bible provides comfort during these difficult times. Revelation 21:3-4 states, And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away. Very soon now, we will never experience losing our loved ones in death and we will be able to see them again once they resurrected as per John 5:28-29. May these words give you a new hope.*

Ana - September 11, 2014 at 04:26 PM



“ *Jean, Jamie, John and Girls,
Our family sends you lots of love and prayers. How much we loved and respected Charles.....his calming nature and beautiful smile. He helped us with our business for so many years. We will be thinking of you today as you share your memories of him.
Judy and Darrell Brooks
Amy's Family
Ashley's Family*

Judy Brooks - September 03, 2014 at 08:36 AM

LS

“ Charles will be missed in so many ways. His smile and demeanor was always uplifting to those around him. We will be in California so will be unable to attend the service but our thoughts and prayers will be with the family. Lary and Jan Schulhof

Lary Schulhof - September 02, 2014 at 03:07 PM

PM

“ Patton Hospitality Management purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Charles Eugene Russell.



Patton Hospitality Management - September 02, 2014 at 01:42 PM

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“ - Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Charles Eugene Russell.



- Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP - September 02, 2014 at 11:52 AM

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“ Festiva Development Group Accounting Department purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Charles Eugene Russell.



Festiva Development Group Accounting Department - September 02, 2014 at 10:32 AM

DL

“ I worked many years with Charles since Painter, Russell was the firm that audited the financial records with the company I worked for. He was gracious, caring and made everyone feel comfortable in his presence. He will be truly missed as a friend as well as someone I worked closely with. My heartfelt condolences to his family as they travel this sad path and may God give them strength over the coming days.

Dessie T. Laster - September 02, 2014 at 09:15 AM