



Charles Wayne Boswell

July 4, 1945 - January 26, 2022

Charles Wayne Boswell, 76, of Roanoke, VA passed away unexpectedly on January 26, 2022.

Charles (AKA Charlie, AKA Chuck) was born on July 4, 1945 in Radford, VA to Martha Bennett and Clifford Waldo Boswell. From that point forward, to celebrate his birth every year America graciously put on firework shows across the country.

Charlie graduated from Jefferson High School in Roanoke in 1963 and after a stint at Virginia Tech pursuing an aeronautical engineering degree, he bravely decided to chase his dream to become a disc jockey. After a legendary career as a DJ across the Southeast, Charlie went back to school at Roanoke College to get a degree in his other passion, Theater.

Right before graduating in 1974, he met his perfect match in Martha Sue Weeks during a Mill Mountain production of Anything Goes, and they married before she could know any better. After years of living life and enjoying one another, Charlie and Martha had 2 sons, Cliff and Clint. After moving a number of times, the Boswell family settled in Orangeburg, SC where Charlie became a pillar of the community by joining about every board, committee, etc. he could. After turning WIGL radio into a success and becoming its owner, he created 2 other successful stations, then retired in 2003. Martha and he then returned to where they both grew up - Roanoke, VA.

Charlie loved people. He was known to strike up a conversation with just about anybody in any situation. He knew no strangers and always strived to make the world a better, more harmonious place.

Charlie loved the Arts. He directed and acted in over 100 plays, including many that involved his family. Music inspired him to become a DJ, and his wife's singing voice was one of his favorite things in the world. His favorite painting was A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte, but his favorite artist was always his son, Cliff.

Charlie truly made the world a better place during his time here. He will be missed, but forever remembered by all the countless people to whom he brought so much joy - first and foremost of which was his family who he loved unconditionally and endlessly and who loved him back the same.

A memorial service will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Roanoke on February 12th at 2pm. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to local Roanoke nonprofits including the Unitarian Universalist Church of Roanoke.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 12. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Roanoke