



Charles Forrest Holcomb Jr.

September 7, 1958 - January 23, 2024

Charles Forrest Holcomb, Jr. passed away from complications of brain cancer on January 23rd, 2024, at his home in Lake Mary, Florida at the age of sixty-five.

Charles was born on September 7th, 1958, in Laon, France to Charles Forrest Holcomb, Sr. and Ruth Delores Boyd. He is survived by his wife Mary, daughter Danielle, son Nicholas, and sister Delores Hall. He is preceded in death by his parents Charles and Delores Holcomb of Titusville, Florida.

Charles graduated from Titusville High School in 1976. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1977-1979 as an aircraft mechanic. Charles attended UCF in 1979 where he was a member of the university's first football team. He earned a bachelor's degree in marketing and finance from Florida Southern College in 1992. He had a 40-year career in the energy industry and was employed by TECO Corp., FPL, and Duke Energy. For the past two years he worked for Infratech Corp. as a Regional Sales Manager. Charles served on the of the Board of the Central Florida Hotel Lodging Association Engineers Council for many years. He was also a board member for the Seminole County Cultural Arts Association and past president of the Florida Young Artists Organization (FYAO).

Charles married Mary Cecchini, a clinical psychologist in 1987. They spent their lives in the Orlando area raising their two children Danielle and Nicholas. Charles coached Danielle in soccer and softball and was her biggest fan when she played collegiate Lacrosse. He also supported Nicholas's passion for

music by attending numerous lessons, concerts, and through his role with the FYAO. He always prioritized supporting his wife and children over all of his varied interests.

Charles enjoyed watching and participating in competitive sports. He was an avid golfer, a sport he played for his entire adult life. He enjoyed his monthly poker games and the laughter and camaraderie that came along with that. Charles was an excellent mechanic and a guy who could fix anything. Often called “MacGyver” by family and friends, he was famous for “fashioning a tool” out of just about anything. He genuinely enjoyed building things, including remodeling older homes. He answered the call not only for his wife and kids, but also for his extended family...no job too big or small. He also liked creating wooden toys for his kids when they were young, and built his son a beautiful bass guitar.

More than anything, Charles was a great friend. He was generous, loyal, and would not hesitate to help someone in need. He had a wellspring of jokes and stories and shared them with anyone who was in his company. Charles never met a stranger. He was a positive influence on so many people and an excellent role model for his children who he taught the equal value of hard work and play.

A memorial is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Friday February 2nd with a reception to follow. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Charles’s life.

DeGusipe Funeral Home and Crematory
9001 Orlando, Ave.
Maitland, FL 32751

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to:

MD Anderson at: Jason Simpson Baptist Foundation. Jason.Simpson2@bmc-jax.com.

American Neuro-Ophthalmology Society (NANOS) at: <https://www.nanosweb.org/donations>.

Livestream Link:

<https://youtube.com/live/Wz68OH9oH6I>

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering with Reception

FEB 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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9001 N. Orlando Avenue
Maitland, FL 32751
<https://www.facebook.com/DeGusipeFH/>

Tribute Wall



“ *DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory created a In Loving Memory in memory of Charles Forrest Holcomb Jr.*



DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory - January 30, 2024 at 11:33 AM

TP

“ *I was stationed with and roommates with “Chip” as we knew him at RAF Lakenheath. Sad to hear he is gone but I just found out from friends. I last saw him in January 1981 when he invited me to watch the first space shuttle launch from his Dad’s place in Titusville. So many good times with Chip and friends working on USAF F-111s. RIP*

todd perzanoski - June 10 at 07:48 AM

JH

“ *Jim and Donna Hardin purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Charles Forrest Holcomb Jr..*



Jim and Donna Hardin - February 08, 2024 at 12:36 PM

PB

“ Please accept my deepest condolences for your loss of Charles. While I only knew Charles for a few years, I knew immediately that he was “one of the good guys”. We shared a number of common passions and interests. I will miss him.

Sincerely,

Paul Blasbalg

Paul Blasbalg - February 01, 2024 at 05:01 PM

BR

“ My condolences to the family and friends

Bob Ross - February 01, 2024 at 01:18 PM

BR

“ We had some great times, fishing, room mates at UCF, played football together, concerts and more. Thanks for the memories,, you will be severely missed by everyone who had contact with you.. going to miss you.. love you man.. Brother Bob Ross

Bob Ross - February 01, 2024 at 01:17 PM

TF

“ The Katz Family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Forrest Holcomb Jr..

The Katz Family. - February 01, 2024 at 10:17 AM

TF

“ *The Katz Family. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Charles Forrest Holcomb Jr..*



The Katz Family. - February 01, 2024 at 10:17 AM

AB

“ *Allen and Sherry Bohl purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Charles Forrest Holcomb Jr..*



Allen and Sherry Bohl - February 01, 2024 at 08:28 AM

MW

“ *Melinda W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Forrest Holcomb Jr..*

Melinda W. - January 31, 2024 at 01:40 PM

JG

“ *John and Tammy Giaimo purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Charles Forrest Holcomb Jr..*



John and Tammy Giaimo - January 31, 2024 at 10:11 AM

LC

“ Love, Kaye & Steve Callaway planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Forrest Holcomb Jr..

Love, Kaye & Steve Callaway - January 31, 2024 at 08:34 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles Forrest Holcomb Jr..



January 31, 2024 at 08:34 AM

JH

“ Julia Harvey lit a candle in memory of Charles Holcomb



Julia Harvey - January 30, 2024 at 08:38 PM

KC

“ Karen C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Forrest Holcomb Jr..

Karen C. - January 30, 2024 at 02:37 PM

TF

“ *The Diesel and Burke Families purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Charles Forrest Holcomb Jr..*



The Diesel and Burke Families - January 30, 2024 at 09:21 AM

DE

“ *1 file added to the album Charles*



Debbie - January 29, 2024 at 09:08 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Charles Forrest Holcomb Jr..*



January 29, 2024 at 06:48 PM

MK

“ *Much love, Cindi & Kathy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Forrest Holcomb.*

Much love, Cindi & Kathy - January 29, 2024 at 06:48 PM