



Mr. Gregory Sum

October 17, 1947 - June 20, 2014

Gregory Michael Sum, also known as “Charlie Sum,” 66, of Orlando, Florida died June 20, 2014 of lung disease. Charlie was born in Amsterdam, New York to Anna and Stanley Sum (deceased). Charlie lived in Miami and Amsterdam but resided most of his life in Orlando. A mass and memorial service will be planned at a later date.

Charlie was an avid historian, writing articles on the French and Indian wars, and Rogers Rangers. He was proud of the fact that he was born on the day that Burgoyne surrendered at Saratoga, October 17, 1777. Charlie was a priest with the Diocese of Orlando for 10 years before he found his second calling, which was to be a husband, father, and an English teacher. Charlie taught English for over 20 years in the Lake County school system, retiring in 2009.

His latest history project was interviewing World War II veterans for the Kiwanis Club. Charlie volunteered with the Kerouac Foundation, as well as the Boy Scouts of America. He also volunteered with the Kiwanis Club of Lake County.

Gregory is survived by his mother Anna Sum and his sister Mariann (Louis) LoSasso, and his nephews Louis Anthony and Michael. Charlie married Marguerite (Margie) Smith October 15, 1983. Together they raised three

awesome children – Jacob Benedict Sum, Christine Gloria Sum, and Corey McGregor Sum Bejblik and her husband Jacob Adam. Charlie has one wonderful grandson, Zackery Xavier Bejblik.

Charlie will make his final journey via the highways and byways to Amsterdam, New York. Along the way to his family's final resting site, Charlie will stop at his favorite historical sites and national battlefields in the states of Maryland, Virginia, and New York.

Charlie's entire family will now rest easier that he knows all the Jeopardy answers, what really happened on November 22, 1963, and he will now be able to march with General Patton over the fields of Normandy.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Boy Scouts of America or the Kiwanis Club of Lake County.

Tribute Wall

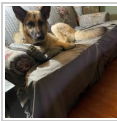
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“ With the passing of Greg's mother on Sunday, September 21, 2014 the Sum and LoSasso family's will be honoring the lives Anna Sum and Gregory (Charlie) Sum, Friday October 10, 2014 time TBD. Jendrzczak Funeral home.

On Saturday, October 11, 2014 a Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at St. Mary's Church, 156 E Main St, Amsterdam, NY 12010 at 0915 hours.

A reception following grave site service will be at the The Rockton House restaurant, 34 Lyon Street, Amsterdam, NY

margie sum - September 22, 2014 at 10:16 AM



I am looking forward to celebrating Charlie's life with all. this weekend. What a fitting way to return to heaven as in the arms of his mother!

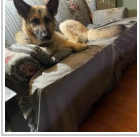
Karen Reilly-Morton - October 06, 2014 at 01:11 PM

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“ Charlie was a fellow teacher at both Groveland and South Lake. We had many conversations while on duty at our classroom doors. I thought I was quite the historian until Charlie came along. He truly loved and knew American history. He loved his family and often spoke fondly of his wife and children. He had a wry sense of humor and I still remember his wit. The comfort of the Lord be with you during this sad time.

Pamela Campbell (Worley)

Pamela Campbell - August 18, 2014 at 10:03 PM



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Karen Reilly-Morton - August 17, 2014 at 03:41 PM

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“ So Many Memories to Treasure

On a sunny Sunday in the early 1970's, a young Deacon Charlie whistled quietly as he made his way onto the altar of Saint Ann's Catholic Church in a Maryland town. I was playing the organ, and my mother was there listening to everything. Her acceptance of Charlie was immediate; he went home to the farm with us after Mass and visited often after that. His acceptance of us was typical of his unconditional love for people. He became my chosen brother, and he remained my trusted friend for the rest of our lives until now. Nothing even came close to the joy my mom and I shared when we were expecting Charlie to stop to spend time with us on his trips to or from New York. (Once, he brought an airplane propeller along that his dad had given him. It spent the night in our living room--why, I can't remember.) When his life changed to include Margie and eventually three beautiful children, the visits to our farm continued. Then, as life happened, time passed, and Charlie has suddenly left us all. Today, I treasure one ordination invitation, one wedding invitation, the children's graduation announcements, letters, Christmas cards, photographs, and most of all, memories of summertime visits with Charlie, Margie, Christine, Jake, and Corey, which included eating Maryland crab cakes and catching fireflies on the farm. Over time, Charlie (Greg) shared many of his own treasured memories when he sent me pictures of Margie, Jake, Christine and Greg, Corey and Jacob and Zack, his mom, and Marianne and her family. In February of this year, he wrote, "Life is good-----Happiness is celebrating life."

To the Sum Family: May my memories in some way help to bring comfort at this sad time. I know that you also have memories to treasure. I pray that your memories will sustain you throughout your lifetime, that you will always remember that I know without the shadow of a doubt that you have been loved as only a son, a brother, a husband, a father, and a grandfather can love.

Marie - July 01, 2014 at 01:48 AM

ML

Marie, Thank you for making Greg's visits to your farm real. He often talked about going to your place with a smile on his face. I am so glad he had so many people's love.

Mariann

Mariann Sum Losasso - July 19, 2014 at 07:28 PM

ML

I read this again today. I read how he wrote that life was good and that happiness was celebrating life. Wow. I guess he REALLY was loving what he was doing, where he was and who he was with. HOW I WISH HE HAD TAKEN BETTER CARE OF HIMSELF SO HE COULD HAVE HAD MORE TIME TO CELEBRATE LIFE AND STAY HAPPY FOR A LONGER TIME. Just getting sentimental, I guess and missing his life.

Mariann Sum Losasso - September 26, 2014 at 07:47 PM

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“*It was such a privilege to have been Greg's little sister. He and I had a special long-distance bond, liking similar things as History, traveling, teaching and love of our Polish heritage. I was honored to have been by his side when he slipped away from us and into God's heaven by way of his grandmothers loving arms. I truly believe that as much as we needed Greg here, and is missed terribly, he has beat us all to paradise. As with any good Boy Scout, Greg has left this world a better place then he found it. I loved my brother so very much and I know someday I will be able to smile, not cry, as I remember his amazing life with us.*

Mariann Sum LoSasso

Mariann LoSasso - June 30, 2014 at 09:12 PM

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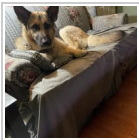
Thank you, Mariann. I will always miss him, too.

Marie - August 17, 2014 at 07:25 PM

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“ The Sum family will be having a memorial service for CHARLIE(GREG) on Sunday, August 17, 2014 at 1:00 pm FOP Lodge 5505 Hansel Ave Orlando, Fl 32809 Please join us in celebrating the life of Charlie.

margie sum - June 28, 2014 at 02:11 PM



“ Friends for over 40 years, my confidante, my strength, my advisor, my huggy bear. He will be missed tremendously. My prayers go out to Christine, Jacob, Corey, Mariann, Anna as well as all family members and friends who had the privilege of knowing Charlie

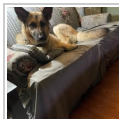
Karen Reilly-Morton - June 27, 2014 at 03:59 PM

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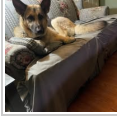


Karen - June 27, 2014 at 03:35 PM



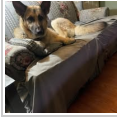
for all the years we spent together, this song epitomizes our love, commitment and special relationship. It is a blessing to be reunited with a childhood sweetheart years later and find that the feelings are still there!

Karen Reilly-Morton - August 17, 2014 at 11:08 AM



He loved his family, his community, and found out 40 years later how much love he had left to give....I'm glad he shared that love with me!

Karen Reilly-Morton - October 06, 2014 at 01:07 PM



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Karen Reilly-Morton - August 17 at 12:08 PM

Karen Reilly-Morton - October 06, 2014 at 01:08 PM

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margie sum - June 24, 2014 at 02:10 PM