



Charles E. Sax

November 27, 1932 - March 6, 2020

Charles E. Sax, 87, died peacefully surrounded by his daughters and trusted care givers.

He grew up in Cleveland, Ohio, son of the late Charles Leon and Susan Sax. Charlie graduated from Case Western Reserve in 1954. He also served in the Army during the Korean War.

Around that time, Charlie met and married the love of his life, Shirley J. Anderson Sax. After marrying, the Saxes spent 62 years together and went on to live in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Chicago, and Ann Arbor before retiring to Sarasota in 1997.

Charlie worked for Nalco Chemical Company for forty years beginning as a Sales Engineer. During this time, he graduated from Harvard University's Senior Executive Fellows program and then became CEO of Adco Technologies. After retiring he served for ten years at SCORE helping businesses prosper, finally stepping down as President.

He loved art, music, education, travel, his wife, children, grandchildren and friends. He was known for his adventurous and hard-working spirit. As his business card in retirement years stated, Charlie was Chief Corporate Overhead, bon vivant and raconteur, who bought and sold companies, entertained directors and quelled takeovers.

In recent years, Charlie is best known for his love of words, history and his sense of humor. He also wrote his autobiography as a way to share ancestral history for future generations. He had just begun to teach others how to write their own autobiographies.

Charlie, along with Shirley, loved to sing and entertain in their business and social circles. They were long time members at the Church of the Palms where Charlie was a Shepherding Deacon.

Charlie is survived by his brother Jim, his daughters, Tracy, Lori, Amy, Beth and Cara, his son-in-laws Ned and Artie, grandsons, Ace, Austin, Charlie and Max and granddaughter,

Callie.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00am on Thursday, March 3, 2021 at Church of the Palms, 3224 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, FL 34239.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made in Charlie's name to Tidewell Hospice, Philanthropy Department, 5955 Rand Boulevard, Sarasota, FL 34238.

Events

MAR **Memorial Service** 10:00AM

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Church of the Palms

3224 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, FL, US, 34239

Comments



“ We were blessed to have gotten to know Charlie through our visits as Church of the Palms Shepherding Deacons and being with him at Sunday Church services. He was a very interesting guy and we loved hearing the many life experiences he shared with us. We also enjoyed meeting his lovely daughters, Lori and Tracy. We will miss his wit, his subtle sense of humor, his friendly smile and, of course, his dapper appearance.

Cheryl and Norb Capistrant

Norb Capistrant - March 31, 2020 at 02:38 PM



“ Charlie was my first boss and without question, one of the most influential people in my life. His sense of humor and intensity, when needed, will always be his hallmark. It is not often that you get to work for the very best at what they do !

Brian Flannigan - March 23, 2020 at 02:34 PM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Charlie back in the 1980's. There were a number of people in Nalco management that I respected and looked up to, and Charlie was one of the best. He was articulate, wise, and set a great leadership example for all of the people in his line. I especially appreciated his ability to handle tough situations with his sense of humor and cool demeanor. Everyone wants a boss with a “steady hand on the tiller”, and Charlie was that guy. I learned a lot from him.

Bill Roe

Bill Roe - March 22, 2020 at 05:43 PM



“ One of my favorite pieces of writing from Charlie's "bio" is a beautifully penned letter he wrote to Shirley when they were courting, just before taking her to their first formal event. It's just lovely. He wants to know what color her dress is and what she likes to drink. I wish I had a copy so all could see how elegant and thoughtful he was.

Charles E Sax was a "True Gentleman," as was the creed he followed, indeed lived by and often recited, sometimes with sentiment. He was elegant, handsome, a great provider, father and husband, a sentimental man and a rare and True Gentleman.

I loved him and miss him daily.

Condolences to all five beautiful daughters, of whom he was so proud.

Elizabeth Ballard Slagle

Elizabeth Slagle - March 16, 2020 at 11:21 PM



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Mary Ellen Anderson Clark - March 16, 2020 at 06:23 PM



“ Dad has a sense of humor



Bethany Sax - March 15, 2020 at 10:06 AM



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Bethany S Sax - March 15, 2020 at 10:00 AM



“ Bethany S Sax lit a candle in memory of Charles E. Sax



Bethany S Sax - March 15, 2020 at 09:51 AM