



Charles Emsley Babcock

September 13, 1932 - October 26, 2021

Charles Emsley Babcock, 89, of Sarasota, Florida passed away on October 26, 2021. Charles was born September 13, 1932 to Jannett and A. Dorr Babcock in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Charlie always considered himself to be a “Florida Boy” having spent a good bit of his boyhood on Anna Maria Island. Before retiring to Siesta Key, Florida with the love of his life, Jeanne, they lived in Indianapolis where he owned Ross & Babcock Travel Bureau, Ross & Babcock Tickets and Gray Line Sightseeing of Indianapolis. They loved to Travel...Jeanne sure did, and Charlie loved being with her. Charlie was also the President of the Ticket Sellers Union and when the Colts moved to Indianapolis he was asked to organize and manage their ticket operation as well as the Hoosier Dome. Charlie always said that he was “an amateur real estate investor”, but as always, he down-played his expertise and work ethic. While he enjoyed work and “doing the deal” it also allowed him to really enjoy his hobbies of boating, especially with family and friends or collecting Cords and 41’ Cadillac Convertibles. The car stories never ended.

Charlie was extremely generous with his time, insights, and resource to family, friends, and acquaintances. Need a job, he’d make it happen. Perhaps as surprising to himself as to anyone else, Charlie received Christ while attending Sarasota Baptist Church and was Baptized in the Gulf of Mexico just off Siesta

Key.

He is survived by his loving children, John Babcock (Stephanie) and Kimberly Meji (Al), grandchildren, Kathleen, Sarah and Mary Babcock, Devon and Avery Forehand and brother Jim (Barb), and cousins who were more like siblings, Sally Jones and David Dorr Babcock.

Visitation will be November 12, 2021, at 10:00-11:00 with a Service following at Toale Brothers Funeral Home, 40 North Orange Ave, Sarasota.

Interment will follow at Sarasota National Cemetery at 1:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers consider a donation to Sarasota Baptist Church, Proctor Road, Sarasota.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **12.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory - Colonial Chapel

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“ One of the primary reasons my wife, Debbie and I ended up in Sarasota was Charlie and Jeanne Babcock. Good friends from Indianapolis, Debbie and Jeanne had attended Butler University together to study Interior Design and quickly became close friends. They made sure that Charlie met me soon thereafter and ever since we were kindred spirits. There are too many good things to share, but suffice it to say that Charlie was one of the kindest people I've ever known. He was family oriented but also true to his friends. He loved his cars, boating and in general having fun with his family and friends as often as possible. He was always kind to our children and grandchildren whenever he would be with them, showing them how to fish off his dock or just engaging in a lively conversation. Charlie loved a good meal and we shared many fine dinners out and about with our lovely wives. He was non-judgmental and had a saying that I've often repeated when someone expresses their opinion on a topic, "Whatever floats your boat!"
Rest In Peace dear friend. You will be greatly missed but remembered fondly.

Danny Marr - November 12, 2021 at 09:38 AM