



## Charles "Charlie" Walter Carey

August 5, 1961 - September 12, 2025

Charles "Charlie" Walter Carey, Sr. age 64, of Longboat Key, Florida, and formerly of Columbus, Ohio, passed away at home on September 12, 2025.

Charlie was born on August 5, 1961, in Columbus to Walter E. And Patricia H. Carey. He grew up in Worthington, attended Worthington High School and earned a B.S. in Business Administration from Miami University in 1983. He spent treasured summers in high school and college working at Put-In-Bay when his father worked at The Ohio State University's Stone Laboratory and the family lived in the South Bass Island lighthouse for several summers.

Charlie began work for The May Department Stores Company at O'Neill's in Akron, Ohio. He quickly moved into Human Resources and transferred to Scottsdale, Arizona where he met Sallie Frey and they were married in 1990. They built a life filled with laughter, adventure and devotion to family. Their greatest joy came with the birth of their son, Charlie, Jr., who was the center of his father's world.

He began work for Limited Brands in Columbus in 1994 with HR roles in most of their brands. At Corporate, he was the first ever head of the Central Staffing Team and served as the VP of HR for Creative Functions when he retired. Charlie was admired for his integrity, humor and gift for bringing out the best in others.

Charlie and Sallie shared a deep commitment to service and giving back to their community. Beginning in 2011, they raised and trained service dogs for Canine Companions, each puppy becoming a part of their family before moving on to serve others. Their hearts and home were always open - to friends, relatives and four-legged companions alike.

Charlie is survived by his loving wife, Sallie; devoted son, Charles Carey, Jr.; sister, Melissa (Steven) Marovich; sisters-in-law, Deborah (Tom) McAllister, Suzan (Tom) Bognanno, and Cindy (Pete) Orona; nieces and nephews as well as loving cousins, lifelong friends and his and Sallie's dog, Reagan.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Patricia Carey, and grandparents, Paul and Louise Carey, and Joseph and Verna Huey.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 4 p.m. on Friday, November 14, at the Canine Companions North Central Training Center (7480 New Albany-Condit Rd., New Albany, OH 43054). Family and friends are invite to gather afterward for food, fellowship and the sharing of stories.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Canine Companions North Central Region at [CCI.org](http://CCI.org).

# Previous Events

## **A Celebration of Life**

NOV **14**. 4:00 PM (ET)

Canine Companions North Central Training Center  
7480 New Albany-Condit Rd  
New Albany, OH 43054

# Tribute Wall

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“ I’m just now learning about Charlie’s passing. We went to the Alternative School together . I always enjoyed his presence—he made me laugh. I’m so sorry to hear of his death but also comforted to know he found love and fatherhood.

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**Meg Galipault** - December 09, 2025 at 06:22 PM

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“ Sandy West & Steve Hasley purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Charles "Charlie" Walter Carey.



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**Sandy West & Steve Hasley** - October 31, 2025 at 09:49 AM



“ I first met Charlie in the fall of 1986, when we both worked for May Company. I was managing college recruiting, and he had just moved into recruiting from a buying role.

One day on campus, my boss pointed to him and said, “Watch this kid.” There was Charlie — early 20s, dark suit, red tie — magnetic. College students swarmed around him as he charmed and encouraged them, painting a picture of careers ahead. You could see he had a future in the people business.

Charlie went on to build a wonderful career in HR, moving through May Company, Goldwater’s in Arizona (where he met Sallie), then later to A&F in Ohio, and eventually joining me at Victoria’s Secret Beauty in New York. We were even together on 9/11 — I’ll never forget standing with him at the windows, watching that terrible morning unfold, and helping our team recover afterward. Our paths kept crossing over nearly 40 years — as colleagues, neighbors, and friends. Charlie and Sallie helped us with our dogs; later we retired the same summer, he to Florida and us to California, but stayed close.

I’ve always felt a deep affection for Charlie, like for a younger brother.

He had a gift for connecting with people — never afraid to share his perspective, always thoughtful, with a huge heart. He was patient, loved dogs, had that one-sided grin, and could make you laugh with a look. You always knew when he was coming — cracking open a Diet Coke — and he kept candy in his desk for anyone who stopped by. And when he saw someone he cared about, he’d open his arms wide and say, “Yay!”

There are too many memories to count. So I’ll just say this: Charlie, you were a joy to know and a gift in my life. I miss you, friend.

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Jane Ramsey - October 30, 2025 at 03:50 PM