



## Charles F. Crowder

May 23, 1938 - November 11, 2020

Charlie (Charlie/Chuck) Crowder, 82, of Sarasota died Wednesday, November 11. Charles was born May 23, 1938 to Albert and Mildred Crowder in Chicago. He graduated from Thornton High School in 1956. He married Sally Miller on June 17, 1961 at St.Paul's Lutheran Church in Dolton Illinois.

Charlie and Sally spent their early married years in Riverdale, IL. Their daughter Michele was born in 1962 and Chuck followed in 1965. Charlie and Sally had a happy and fruitful marriage until Sally's death in December, 2005. Early in their marriage Charlie completed his Associates Degree in Computer Science from Purdue University.

Later, Charlie worked for Beverly Bank in the Chicago area in many capacities including converting banks from paper records to computer data storage. He ultimately served as a Vice President at First Chicago Bank before he and other investors purchased First Federal Savings Bank in Indiana as part of an investment group.

Later in life, Charlie's banking experience served him well as he began a second career in commercial real estate for Coldwell Banker until 2008. Chuck was very knowledgeable in several areas related to real estate and enjoyed sharing his expertise, teaching courses at South Suburban Community College to prepare new realtors. Charlie was an astute

businessman who very much enjoyed working in many areas related to real estate and finance.

Charlie received Christian baptism at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Dolton, IL and after his marriage to Sally, he became a very active member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Dolton. He served terms on the Trustee board and in various finance positions including several terms as Church Treasurer. He also enjoyed singing in the choir for many years. When Charlie moved to Sarasota, he became an active member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Sarasota.

Charlie married Bibi Swanson on August 25, 2007, Charlie and Bibi enjoyed many happy years together until his death. They were "snowbirds," dividing their time between Bibi's house in South Holland, IL and their home in Sarasota.

Charlie was a treasured friend by many. He loved life; was warm and personable. He always seemed to stay busy whether it was on the golf course playing the game he loved with friends, or actively working for the betterment of Stoneybrook in Sarasota. He put his finance background and skills to work, spending long hours as the Treasurer of the club as well as serving on other various committees.

Charlie enjoyed many activities and past times. He was a life long and ardent Chicago Cubs fan and was glad he lived long enough to see them win the World Series. He was also a loyal follower of the Chicago Bears and the Blackhawks. Charlie liked nothing better than spending time with friends. He especially treasured his annual boat trips where he served as the "Admiral" with his beloved "Wiffenpoof" club.

Charlie was preceded in death by wife Sally and his parents Albert and

Mildred Crowder. Surviving Charlie are his loving wife Bibi, his sister Judy (Bob) Thomas, his children Michele (Duncan) Ross and Chuck. He is also survived by four grandchildren, Nathan, Andrew, Sarah (Nate) Cavallin and Anna well as four great-grandchildren, Sophia, Selah, Lainey and Cameron.

He is also survived by stepsons, Glenn (Tracy) Swanson, Ray (Heidi) Swanson and Jon (Jen) Swanson. His surviving step-grandchildren are Garrett, Karl, Erik, and Aili Swanson as well as Brian (Emily), Katie and Julie Swanson. A private memorial service is being held for those closest to Charles.

Memorials For Charlie F. Crowder may be made to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 5659 Honore Ave., Sarasota 34233, as well as Southeastern Guide Dog, Inc., 4210 77th St., East Palmetto, 34221 and the Salvation Army.

# Tribute Wall

JW

“ We were deeply saddened by the passing of Charlie. His friendship, warmth, smile & sense of humor will be sorely missed. Jim & Penny Wallquist

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**Jim Wallquist** - December 06, 2020 at 07:23 AM

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“ We will all miss Charlie  
He was an exceptionally kind and caring person.  
We are deeply saddened by this loss.  
Our thoughts and prayers go out to your entire family.  
From the Administration Office at Stoneybrook

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**Janet Passwater** - November 20, 2020 at 11:48 AM

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“ My life is better for having Charlie Crowder in it.  
Patrick Flynn

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**PATRICK Flynn** - November 20, 2020 at 10:43 AM

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“ Babi, we still remember when Chuck and Glenn were there to help us move into our house in Orlando. Chuck was a joy to be with and he was always ready with his tools, a good joke and a big smile! We love you and know that Chuck is looking down on all of us with that wonderful smile. Pat and Neal Funston

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**Neal & Pat Funston** - November 20, 2020 at 08:33 AM