



Charles Brock Griffith

April 26, 1942 - January 14, 2019

Charles Brock Griffith - A Life Well Lived

Charles Brock Griffith, resident of Sarasota, FL formerly of Silver Spring, MD and born in Englewood NJ died suddenly on January 14, 2019 at the age of 76.

Charles served two years in the US Army and twenty-eight years in the senior levels of the Central Intelligence Agency. He was recognized with multiple commendations for "superior service" by each of his contemporary CIA directors as well as the leadership of British Military Intelligence. He is described on a citation as, "He produced numerous analytical assessments, provided countless briefings, and oversaw the production of critical finished intelligence on military, economic, and political issues in the Soviet Union and former Soviet Union." He garnered praise and appreciation for "shaping the careers and growth of many analysts and support people whom he supervised or counseled over the years." In retirement he graduated from Reform Theological Seminary and spent the rest of his life in service to the local church and as a seasoned pastoral missionary with his wife in Mexico and India. Chuck loved his large family who called him Pappadaddy. His wife, Karin, of 52 years was his best friend. Music was his heart language, The Bible his foundation and Jesus was his Savior and delight. His deep intelligence combined with prolific creativity would bring forth new songs of

worship, teachings, published writings, sermons, love songs, silly poems as well as a Christmas musical he produced. He loved laughter, a good joke, parties with friends and travel with his wife.

Charles will be sadly missed by his wife Karin Nelson Griffith, his daughter Gillian Griffith Tucker and husband Richard and their seven children of Kansas City, MO and his son David Brock Griffith and wife Kelly and their two daughters of Sarasota, FL and his brother Peter Griffith and wife Nadine and their daughter and her family of Washington, DC and his nephews Michael Nelson and Christopher Nelson who are Green Beret Army officers.

Memorial donations may be made to the center where Charles coached expectant dads. Sarasota Medical Pregnancy Center. sarasotapregnancy.com
The Memorial Service is Saturday, January 26, 2019 at Covenant Life Church, Sarasota at 2:30 with a Reception following at the church. Charles will be buried at the Sarasota National Cemetery on January 24 at 1:00 PM.