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HONORABLE CHARLES HENRY DUFF Judge (retired) Virginia Court of Appeals

On February 7, 2020, Charles Henry Duff peacefully passed away at age 95. Born in Houston, Texas, on February 11, 1924, Charles grew up in Richmond, Virginia, where he attended Benedictine High School. He was a member of the Class of '45 at Virginia Military Institute, but had his college education interrupted in 1943 by World War II. Charles Duff became a commissioned officer in the United States Army, stationed in the Philippines until his return home in 1945.

Following the War, Charles completed his college education at Georgetown University, where he continued to obtain his law degree – but not before marrying his wife of 67 years, Jean Marie Kelleher of Richmond, who predeceased him in 2013.

In 1954, Charles Duff began what would become a most prominent legal career, as an associate attorney with Jesse, Phillips, Kling & Kendrick in Arlington, Virginia. In the early '60's he started his own law firm in Arlington, focusing on insurance defense law. In 1972, he was appointed by Governor Linwood Holton to sit as a judge on the Arlington Circuit Court.

In 1985 he was appointed by Governor Charles Robb to be one of the original 10 judges of the newly-created Virginia Court of Appeals. Judge Duff continued to hear and decide appellate court cases until his retirement in 2000.

Charles Duff is survived by his daughter, Anne Marie Chappell, and husband, Jay, of Leland, NC; and his sons, Charles H. ("Mac") Duff, and his wife, Holly, of Virginia Beach, VA and David L. Duff, and his wife, Nancy, of Fairfax, VA. His third son, Edward Joseph Duff, predeceased him in September of 2012, as well as his daughter-in-law, Glenna Cofer Duff in 2004. Charles Duff is also survived by his grandchildren, Lee Duff, Dr. Mary Hendricks, Kelly and Katie Chappell, and Nicole Coletta, as well as his great grandchildren, Quinn and Wesley Hendricks. He is also



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survived by his dear companion at Ashby Ponds, Mrs. Barbara Rose. The family further wishes to acknowledge his loving caregiver, Gita Kaderi, who made our father's final years pleasant and comfortable.

The family will receive friends at Loudoun Funeral Chapel, 158 Catoctin Circle, SE, Leesburg, VA on February 11, 2020, from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Funeral services will be held at St. Theresa Catholic Church, 21370 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, VA on February 12, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., followed by Interment at Union Cemetery, 323 N. King St., Leesburg, VA.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made in his memory to The Benedictine School, 14299 Benedictine Lane, Ridgely, MD 21660.




Events


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Visitation

 **Tuesday**, February 11, 2020


 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET


 **Loudoun Funeral Chapel**
158 Catocin Circle, S.E., Leesburg VA 20175

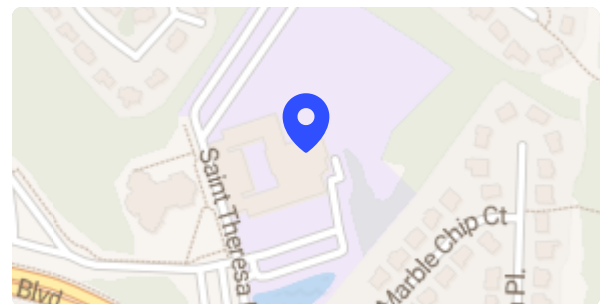


Mass of Catholic Burial


 **Wednesday**, February 12, 2020

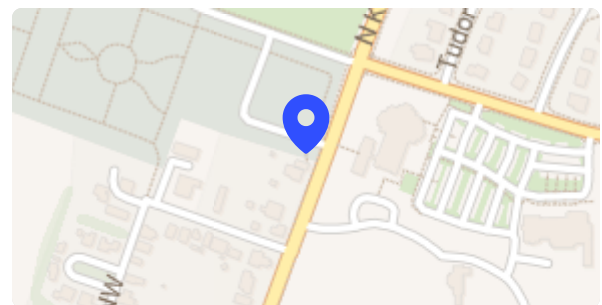
 10:00 AM ET

 **St. Theresa Catholic Church**
21370 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn VA



Cemetery Details

 **Leesburg Union Cemetery**
323 North King Street, Leesburg VA





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Loudoun Funeral Chapels shared a **Tribute Video**.

February 7 at 3:54 PM



Loudoun Funeral Chapels shared 16 photos to the **LifeTributes** album.

February 7 at 2:31 PM



Tim And Luann Gilmore sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Duff family.

February 10 at 4:29 PM



Nikki Coletta posted:

There are not enough words to express the loss of an amazing man, Charlie. He was both humble and kind, compassionate and giving. A loving father and husband, caring companion and best of all a great grandfather, even to someone that was married into the family. He loved martinis and giving tips to waitresses (inside joke). He also loved life and fought till the end. I know wherever he is now, he is making martinis and hamming it up with the staff. Rest in Peace, Charlie, you will be missed on many levels.

February 10 at 2:57 PM



Love Nikki sent a Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses to the Duff family.

February 10 at 2:28 PM





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Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Duff family.

February 10 at 1:49 PM



Anonymous sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Duff family.

February 10 at 7:36 AM



Rick, Mari, Mitch And Rachel Clements sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Duff family.

February 10 at 5:16 AM



From John And Laurie Brandt sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Duff family.

February 9 at 11:36 AM





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John Brandt posted:

Charlie Duff was one of the finest gentlemen I have ever met. I was the first associate attorney to be hired by Charlie and Norm Slenker in 1963 and went on to become their partner as the firm grew up until Charlie was elected to the Arlington Circuit Court. I had the privilege to try cases with Charlie and witnessed him display the traits of one of the finest trial lawyers in Virginia. He was extraordinary in his preparation for each trial; and it was a memorable treat for any juror who heard Charlie present a case: a brilliant questioner and cross-examiner, but always the perfect gentleman -- respected by judges and opposing counsel alike. Lawyers from all over the courthouse square in Arlington would flock to the courtroom when they heard that Charlie was presenting a final argument because they knew that it would be a "legal treat." Charlie never disappointed them. Although I realized that the lawyers and people of Arlington would be the beneficiaries of Charlie's election as a judge on the Arlington Circuit Court, I must say it was one of the saddest days of my life to know that I would lose my "daily mentor" and my dearest friend. Later the entire Commonwealth of Virginia would benefit from Charlie's election to the first group of judges to occupy the new Virginia Court of Appeals where he served with distinction. Simply put, there will never be a trial lawyer or a trial judge or an appellate judge of the enormous high caliber as Charlie Duff. But more importantly, it will be difficult to find a better human being, a more devoted Catholic to his Faith and to his God; and a more devoted husband and father than Charlie Duff. Jean and Eddie will joyfully welcome Charlie to heaven where the Good Lord has prepared a special place for him because Charlie Duff is a very special person and we will all miss him. John and Laurie Brandt

February 7 at 2:31 PM



Anonymous sent a Sacred Duty Spray to the Duff family.

February 8 at 7:58 AM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Duff family.

February 8 at 6:07 AM





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Ania Ansell lit a candle in honor of Charles.



February 7 at 2:31 PM



Kathleen Becker February 11 at 5:28 PM

Mac, David, and Anne, Aw, what to write about such an amazing and humble man! I remember your family from the time we moved across the street from you in Arlington. Your mom and Dad became life time friends of my parents, Frank and Ruth Murphy. Your Dad set an example for everyone that he came in contact with. He was such a gentleman, and such a man of God. As a grandmother of a special needs grandson, I always think of the love that your whole family had for Eddie. I learned from their example. Charlie is the last of his generation to be called home. I bet he is laughing at this marvelous reunion and mixing a drink for everyone. P.S. Mac, I loved racing down the hill with you on our sleds!!!!



Tom Appler February 11 at 10:44 AM

As a trial lawyer and a Judge, he defined the word elegance as no one else has or could !



Jan Schlesinger February 10 at 4:49 AM

We are thinking of you all and keeping you close in our hearts as you go through this difficult time. Much love, Jan and Art



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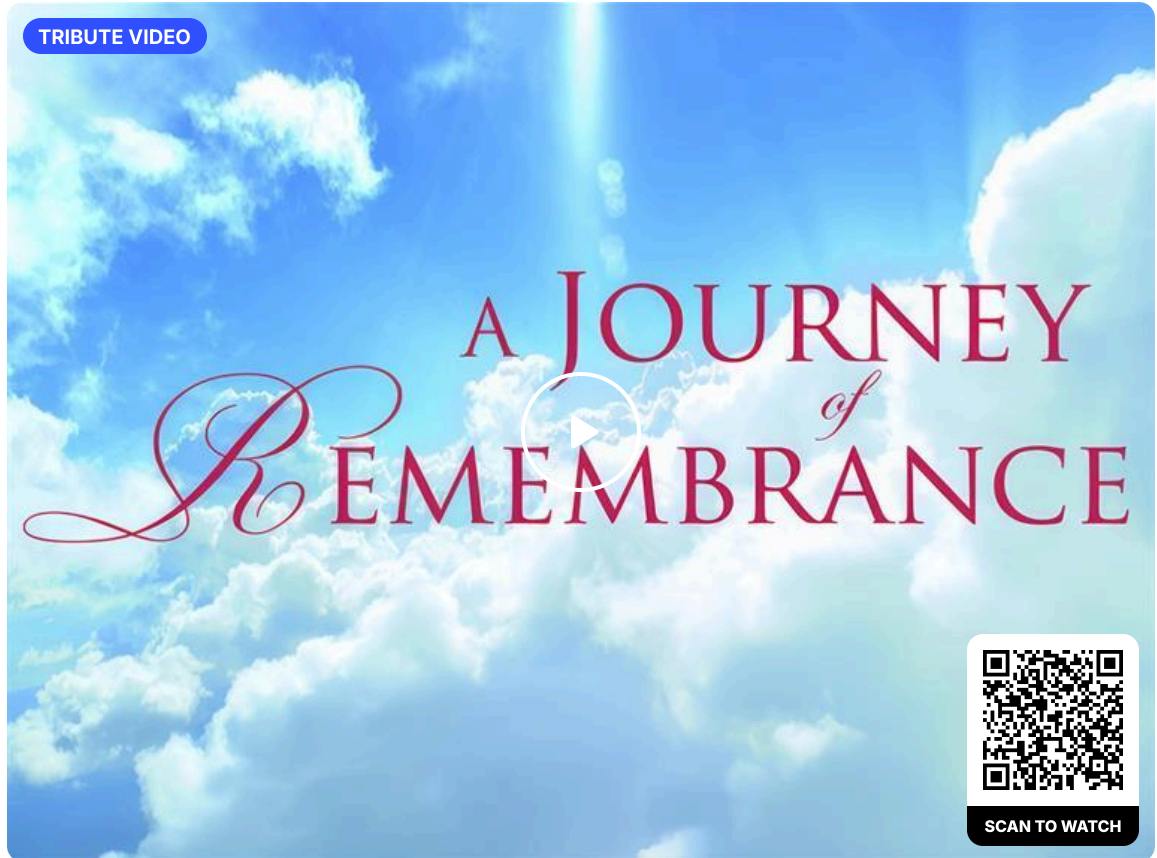
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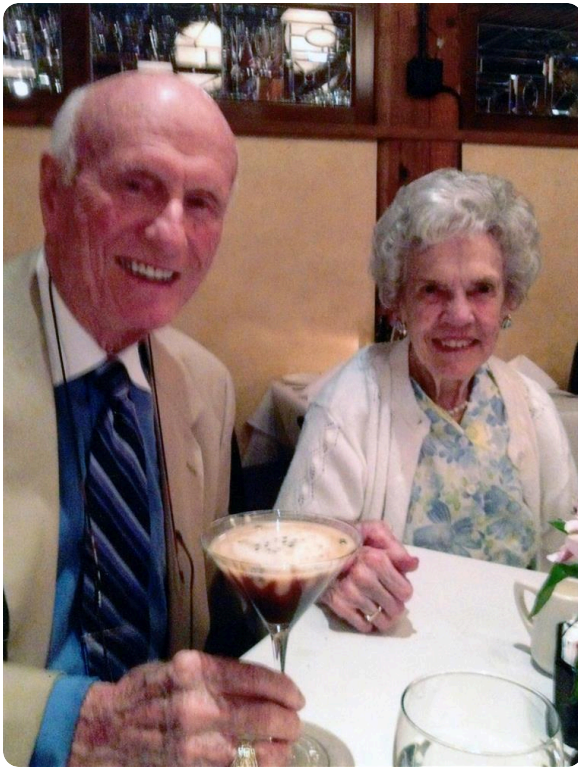




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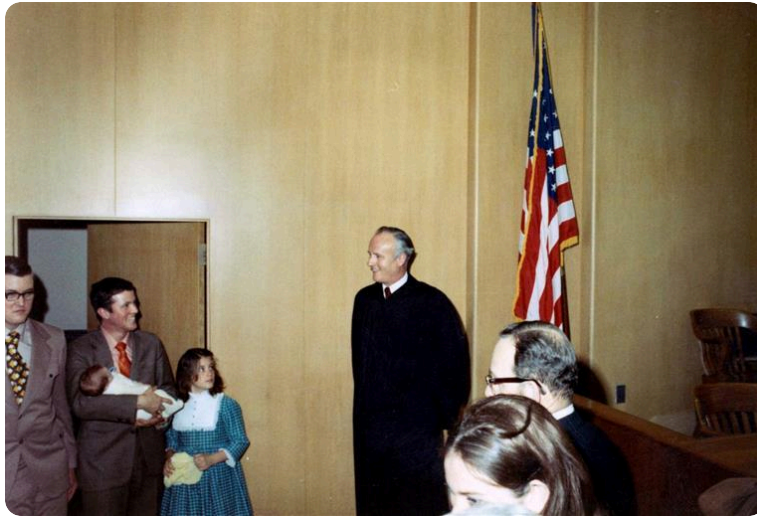
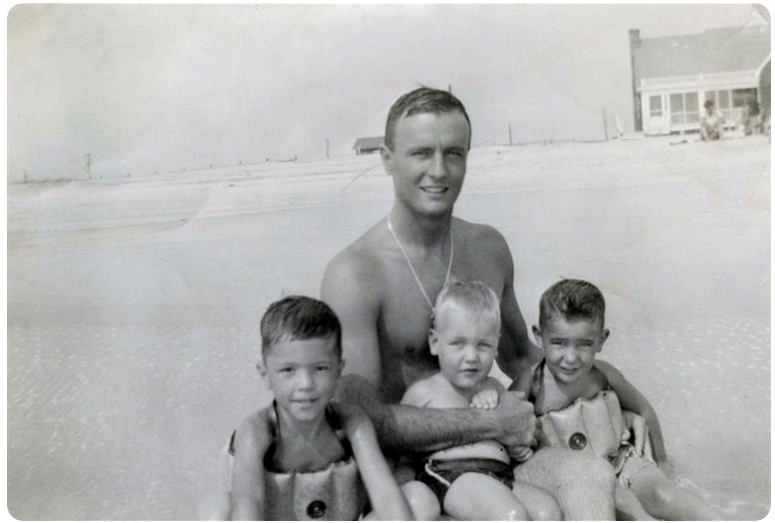




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