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HOWARD RONALD CHARLES, 83 of Ashburn, Virginia passed away on Monday, October 7, 2024, Leesburg, Virginia.

Born Wednesday, December 11, 1940, in Gretna, Louisiana, he was the son of the late Howard Charles and the late Dorothy Washington Charles. After graduating from LB Landry Highschool of New Orleans in 1959, Howard spent time at Xavier University before joining the United States Air Force in 1960. After his four years in the military, he held a career of 38 years in Foreign Service. With over 43 combined years of federal service as both an Airman and Career Diplomat, he served in a myriad of positions of responsibility as a Telecommunication Management Specialist in the following countries: Somalia, Ethiopia, Greece, Ghana, Philippines, Nepal, Tunisia, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Jamaica, and Costa Rica. He culminated his career in the Foreign Service as the Chief of The Operation Division Domestic Branch in 2002. Finally, Howard was a “Die Hard” Commanders (Redskins) fan, who followed his team through thick and thin!

Howard leaves many to cherish his memory including his beloved wife of 54 years, Abeba Yemane Charles, sons, Tedrose H. Charles (Suze) and Howard Charles Jr. (Pamela), sisters, Vada Charles, grandson, Zachary Charles, and granddaughters, Kayla Charles and Markesha Charles. He is preceded in death by his loving brother, Lynn Charles, and sister, Ann Marie Butler.

A visitation will be held at Loudoun Funeral Chapel, 158 Catocin Cir. SE, Leesburg, VA 20175, on Saturday, October 26, 2024, from 2:00pm to 3:00pm. A funeral Service will follow at 3:00PM at Loudoun Funeral Chapel.

A live stream of the service will be posted on Howard’s page on www.loudounfuneralchapel.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Howard’s honor to Saint Jude Children’s hospital, https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html?sc_icid=home-btn-donate-now
Online condolences may be made to the family at www.loudounfuneralchapel.com




Events


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Visitation


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 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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

October 14 at 10:05 PM



Hayeza Bianco lit a candle in honor of Howard.

October 26 at 10:55 AM



The Rudolphins lit a candle in honor of Howard.

October 17 at 2:50 AM



The Rudolphins posted:

Abeba, Tedrose and all your family ~ Our hearts go out to you at this difficult time. We were so very sorry to hear of Ron's passing. He was a great guy to be around and a great friend to have. His laugh will linger in our minds forever. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We love you all dearly and will always cherish our time together in Tunis. Love and hugs, Mickey & Linda Rudolph

October 17 at 2:49 AM



Media

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Gary M. Rominger October 24 at 2:23 PM

My condolences to the family. I've known Ron, Abeba and Tedrose for 40 years. We had good times in Tunisia and I was happy to find out that the had moved to Virginia. May God's grace comfort all of you.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Howard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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