

Earl Carlisle Charnock, Jr.

September 4, 1923 - March 26, 2014

Earl Carlisle Charnock, Jr., 90, of Madison Heights died Wednesday, March 26, 2014. He was the husband of Patricia Kelly Charnock for 58 years.

He was born September 4, 1923 in Lexington, NC, son of the late Earl Carlisle Charnock, Sr. and Ethel Jolly Charnock. Earl graduated in 1942 from Handley High School in Winchester, served as PFC in the US Army during WWII and was awarded three Bronze Stars, and the European African Middle Eastern Service Medal while serving in N. Africa and Italy. His work tenure for the Federal Government included working for the Department of Treasury, Savings Bonds Division and the Department of the Interior in the Art Department while he lived in Washington, DC. He retired to the Lynchburg area after 45 years of service in the US Federal Government.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Kelly Smith of Madison Heights and Nola Gurski and her husband Jeffery of Potomac Falls; and one grandson, Michael Smith who attends James Madison University in Harrisonburg.

A graveside service will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at the Altavista Memorial Park Mausoleum by Chaplain Robert Patterson with military honors by Virginia Army National Guard Honor Guard.

The family suggests that those wishing to make memorials consider the Virginia Army National Guard Honor Guard Program, 1800 Baylors Lane, Petersburg, VA 23805.

Cemetery Details

Altavista Memorial Park Mausoleum

642 Wards Road
Altavista, VA 24517

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DK

“ Dear Nola, I am so sorry to hear of your Fathers passing. I know this isn't the best way to get in touch with you but I have exhausted all other avenues. I am your sister Deidre. My phone # is 717-885-6828. I live in Red Lion Pa. If you would like to get in touch with me, my email is deidre1959@yahoo.com

Deidre Krivacsy - May 08, 2014 at 07:53 PM

JW

“ Jean Woody-Granger lit a candle in memory of Earl Carlisle Charnock, Jr.



Jean Woody-Granger - April 02, 2014 at 10:28 AM

SR

“ Earl, or Uncle Earl to me, is one of those people you will never forget. As a kid I knew he was a World War II veteran, which was cool. I knew he worked for the Government, as an artist, also very cool. But the things I remember most fondly were some of the things he did with us as kids. We would draw the most crazy looking squiggles and Earl would turn them into faces. Every one, no matter how crazy and squiggly, he would make an amazing drawing out of it! He also had these crazy jokes that he told all the time, we always knew they were coming, but we laughed anyway. While visiting Pat and Earl every summer I learned to like some of his favorite shows like Hogans Heroes and RoadRunner Cartoons. Earl and my Dad, Bill Woody, were avid golfers and played together in tournaments and went on Myrtle Beach gold trips together. I will always remember the wonderful times out families have had together. He will be missed, but I know my Dad has his golf buddy with him in Heaven!

Susan Woody Rosser - April 01, 2014 at 08:40 PM

NG

Suzi, thank you for sharing your sweet memories with us. Much Love,
Nola

Nola Charnock Gurski - April 02, 2014 at 05:49 PM

KS

Thank you Suzi for the heartfelt words of comfort and remembrance of your Uncle Earl. He loved you very much and always said you were his "Genius Niece". He always had a way with words. Always the jokes. And his infectious laugh. He loved to laugh. Everyone says that about him. We also thank Emily for her wonderful singing at Dad's funeral. I know he would have lived it. He said to me at Nicki's wedding "Emily is going places. She's really good". Thank you also from Mom. She still remembers Emily singing. The other parts are a bit foggy. Shows the power of music on the mind. Love to you all.
Peace be with you,
Kel

Kelly Smith - April 04, 2014 at 10:21 PM

KG

I remember your Mom and Dad. Pat was my boss at the Interior Department for several years and I never forgot her. Sorry to see your Dad has passed. My name back then was Kathie Grooms. It is Graham now and I live in Florida. Please give your Mom my sympathy.

Kathie Graham - November 24, 2016 at 06:48 PM

 Nicki
Carroll

“ *“Uncle Earl” will be greatly missed. I have so many fond memories of times spent together. Riding along for a game of golf with he and my Papa, visiting he and Aunt Pat at their home, and having him visit my class room many years ago to give his account of his time spent serving in WWII.
Sending Much Love,
Nicki Woody Carroll, Ryan Carroll and our children Cole, Wyatt and Lilli.*

Nicki Carroll - April 01, 2014 at 07:00 PM

NG

Nicki, I know Dad loved going to your classroom -- you know how much he loved an audience, bless his heart. Thank you. Love, Nola

Nola Charnock Gurski - April 02, 2014 at 05:53 PM

RL

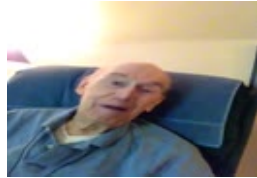
“ *Ryan, Nicki, Cole, Wyatt, and Lilli purchased the Sacred Cross Bouquet for the family of Earl Carlisle Charnock, Jr..*



Ryan, Nicki, Cole, Wyatt, and Lilli - April 01, 2014 at 06:46 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Earl Charnock's Video

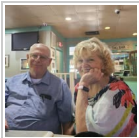


Trey Finch - April 01, 2014 at 07:55 AM

KS

This was taken while I was showing my Dad my iPhone's video capabilities. It was in July 2013 before his fall in August. It's the Dad always knew and lived. Smiling, with his famous a A-OK sign! A little treasure living on I wanted to share with everyone. Love you, Dad. Kelly.

Kelly Smith - April 04, 2014 at 10:43 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss...I only knew Mr. Charnock a short while, but he impressed me as being very intelligent, with a great sense of humor, and quite charming. I'm sure he was a wonderful husband & father. He told how much he loved his family. Wishing you comforting memories, love, & prayers....Shirley Rosser*

Shirley Rosser - April 01, 2014 at 06:57 AM

KS

Thank you, Shirley for your kind words and sharing your memories of our father and husband, grandfather, and great human being. We have reminisced a lot. Thank you. Peace be with you. Kelly and Patricia.

Kelly Smith - April 04, 2014 at 10:29 PM

NG

“ Our Dad, Earl C. Charnock, had a gentle spirit, a positive outlook, and a wry sense of humor he inherited from his father. Always the athlete, Dad distinguished himself as a track star in high school. He was a long-time Red Skins fan and an avid golfer.

From an early age, Dad showed artistic ability. After attending art school, he began a career as a graphic artist. Most of his career was with the Federal Government, including USIA, where he anchored the "AMERIKA" magazine, which was distributed in the then-USSR to highlight the democratic American way of life.

As my sister, Kelly, mentioned earlier, Dad was the Art Director of U.S. Savings Bonds. He interacted with many Hollywood stars and celebrities who helped promote Savings Bonds. Dad personally drew and presented their portraits to the celebrities who had participated in the Savings Bonds campaigns.

Dad loved big band music and he carefully assembled a vast collection of recordings from that era. He was often called upon by the local big band radio station to comment on rare recordings and historical information on big band leaders and singers

My Mom, and sister and I, and our entire family miss him more than I can say. We will especially miss hearing his laughter and we will sorely miss his humorous good nature.

*With love and gratitude for a wonderful father,
Nola Charnock Gurski*

Nola Charnock Gurski - March 30, 2014 at 09:48 PM

SR

Nola, this is such a beautiful tribute!

Susan Woody Rosser - April 01, 2014 at 08:41 PM

JW

Nola, your tribute of your Father, who loved you so very much, is beautiful and gives me a happy heart! When I would call you from the hospital so you and your Dad could chat...I'll never forget the smile on his face! He loved you so much and loved the times he could talk with you! You will be missed today but with us in spirit! I pray that God The MASTER HEALER will heal your body and you are well again soon....Nola, please know that my family, Al and I love you very much.....you are a dear, dear, Niece! Aunt Jean....like our Earl Would say "Little Ole Jean"

Jean Woody-Granger - April 02, 2014 at 10:19 AM

NG

Thank you, Aunt Jean, for the comfort you always bring to our family. Dad thought the world of you, as we all do. I truly appreciate and am grateful for your kind words and deeds. Much love, Nola Charnock Gurski

Nola Charnock Gurski - April 02, 2014 at 05:44 PM

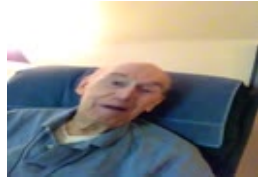
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Mom and I would like to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks for Jeff coming down on Nola's behalf and reading her eloquent and heartfelt eulogy for our beloved father. Mom and I are grateful for the effort taken and the beautiful words written and spoken. Thanks also for giving Mom the copy Nola wrote. Mom's dementia had declined and she only remembers Emily's amazing song. So she has the words there to remind her. I think this has been the hardest on my mother. She's grieving with dementia and all that goes with it. Keeping her from getting agitated is my goal. She's getting there after everything she's been through. We are all helping her in a good way. And with love and understanding. Peace be with you. Kelly.

Kelly Smith - April 04, 2014 at 10:37 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Earl Charnock's Video*



Kelly Smith - March 30, 2014 at 09:11 AM

KS

Never forget Daddy's smile and A-OK sign! I think that's what I'll miss the most about my Daddy.

Kelly Smith - March 30, 2014 at 07:10 PM

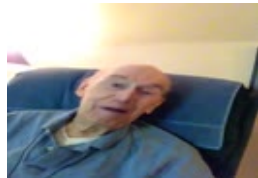
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Thank you, Kelly, Wonderful videos of Dad

Nola Charnock Gurski - March 31, 2014 at 07:01 PM

KS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kelly Smith - March 30, 2014 at 08:55 AM

KS

“ *Kelly Smith lit a candle in memory of Earl Carlisle Charnock, Jr.*



Kelly Smith - March 30, 2014 at 08:40 AM

KS

*Love is tender, Love is Kind
My Father was the best
Any child could find*

--Your Loving Daughter, Kelly

Kelly Smith - March 30, 2014 at 08:42 AM

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“ *May the great Earl Carlisle Charnock Jr. RIP, "...He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has even put eternity in their heart... I have concluded that there is nothing better for them than to rejoice and to do good during their life; also that everyone should eat and drink and find enjoyment for all his hard work. It is the gift of God."*

"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever." John 14:16; John 5:28,29; Psalms 37:29 Ecclesiastes 3:10-13

A Neighbor - March 29, 2014 at 11:32 AM

KS

Thank you for your beautiful words of condolence and sympathy for my father. We thank you. Peace and blessings.

Kelly Smith - March 30, 2014 at 07:58 AM



“ *Trey Finch sent a virtual gift in memory of Earl Carlisle Charnock, Jr.*



Trey Finch - March 29, 2014 at 09:04 AM

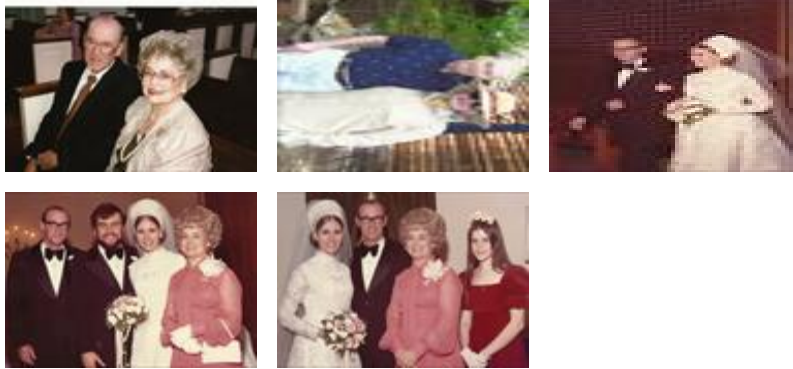
KS

Thank you Trey for you're gift and help through this time. Peace & blessings.

Kelly Smith - March 30, 2014 at 07:59 AM

NG

“ 8 files added to the album *Earl Charnock family photos*



Nola Charnock Gurski - March 28, 2014 at 07:53 PM



“ *Nancy James lit a candle in memory of Earl Carlisle Charnock, Jr.*



Nancy James - March 27, 2014 at 08:46 PM

KS

Thank you from The Charnock Family.

Kelly Smith - March 28, 2014 at 08:34 AM

KS

“ *My father was very funny. He was always making jokes. Always had a kind word. He was usually in a good mood and a smile on his face. I never saw him sad.*

My dad enjoyed life. He liked playing golf. I don't think I could ever pass a golf course and not think of my dad.

He was an only child, yet married a woman from Altavista with a huge family! He didn't know what hit him! Instant in-law siblings!

My Father designed the ad logo for the US Savings Bonds when he was an artist for the US Treasury Dept. He also used one of my baby pictures in another Savings Bonds as campaign. He met many stars as well such as The Three Stooges and Telly Savalas. He acted as liaison between the Ad campaign and the yearly spokesperson for Savings Bonds.

I thought it was so cool my dad got to meet famous people through his job.

My dad was a perfect fit for that job because he was so cordial and easy going with the everyone, from the janitor to a big TV star. And everyone in between.

I will miss my father and also hold his living memories inside my heart forever.

Thank you, Daddy. For being my dad. I love you.

*Your daughter,
Kelly*

Kelly Smith - March 27, 2014 at 06:55 PM



“ *Robert Finch lit a candle in memory of Earl Carlisle Charnock, Jr.*



Robert Finch - March 27, 2014 at 09:01 AM

KS

Thank you, Robert. My Mother and I appreciate it very much.

Kelly Smith - March 27, 2014 at 06:57 PM