



Charles Lawrence Alby

November 1, 1946 - March 20, 2015

Charles Lawrence Alby passed away quietly at his home in Tallahassee on Friday, March 20th, 2015 at the age of 68.

He is predeceased by his mother Lillian Greene Alby and his brother Michael Alby.

He is survived by his loving wife Christine Alby of 45 years. They were married in Oviedo, FL on March 4th, 1970.

He is lovingly remembered by his father Robert Charles Alby, Maxine Alby (stepmother) and Paul Alby (stepbrother) all of Naples, FL; son Aaron Jason Alby (wife Heather) and his grandson, Perry of Atlanta, GA. Charles is also survived by many close friends and loved ones including Julie Becker of St. Petersburg, FL and Cathy Ives of Arlington, TX.

Charles was born in Burlington, WI in November of 1946. He graduated from Lakeland High School in 1964. He attended Auburn University in Alabama and the Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture in Arizona and Wisconsin. He was an architect for his entire career and spent the last 22 years with the State of Florida.

A celebration of life will be held April 11 from two o'clock until four o'clock in the afternoon at Bevis Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to the American Heart Association (2851 Remington Circle, Tallahassee, FL 32308) or Big Bend Hospice (1723 Mahan Center Blvd, Tallahassee, FL, 32308.)

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR 11. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Tribute Wall

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“ Charles is greatly missed by all who worked with him at the Department of Health. And, by all those in the design and construction industries that served the Department through his efforts. Everone that I have spoken with that he touched in his service has expressed their sense of loss at his passing. They have spoken of his kindness, fairness and professionalism. And beyond that, they have spoken of him in terms of their friendship.

Tom Matthias

Tom Matthias - April 10, 2015 at 04:51 PM

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“ Charles was our client, but he was much more than that. He was a gentleman, who we respected greatly, and a friend that we truly loved. Charles was a consummate professional and we enjoyed having the opportunity to be associated with him!

Bill Bradford, Ed Morales and all of the people at Hanson Professional Services Inc. who were fortunate enough to work with Charles.

Bill Bradford - April 07, 2015 at 12:31 PM



“ Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Lawrence Alby.



April 07, 2015 at 08:22 AM

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“ *To the Alby Family,*

I had the privilege of working with Charles at the Department of Health. Years ago, as a lawyer new to the intricacies of state government design and construction issues, I could always count on Charles to point me in the right direction. Lawyers are called upon to provide advice and counsel but through my years working with Charles, I came to rely on his practical advice and suggestions to get the project where it needed to be and in compliance with statutes. His talents will be sorely missed but more than that I will miss his kindness and friendship.

*Jan Myrick, Deputy General Counsel
Florida Department of Health*

Jan Myrick - March 30, 2015 at 01:08 PM

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“ *I will miss you Larry! Talking politics and Seminoles! You were family! Susie & Rob Murphy.*



Susie Murphy - March 25, 2015 at 07:54 PM

LA

“ I was so sad to hear of Charles passing. I enjoyed working with him very much at DOH for several years. He was the kindest man and expressed his love for his family often. We almost shared our birthdate. He was always professional and put down whatever he was doing to give you full attention. I admired his strength in battling the health issues that surfaced a few years ago, the courage and determination to overcome challenges resulting. He was optimistic, positive and a true joy to know and work with- such a great example. My prayer is that your hearts will be comforted with sweet memories and the love of this good man. My life is much richer for the opportunity of knowing and loving Charles. a friend - Laureen Zaugg



Laureen - March 25, 2015 at 01:11 PM

“ *To the Family of Charles Alby;*
First I extend my deepest sympathy in this time of sadness that I know you have having lost the physical presence of such a wonderful man in your life. Whether he be husband, son, father, father-in-law, grandfather, brother or friend as he was to me...I know his absence leaves a void and comfort is needed.
I wanted to share with you my affections for this sweet loyal man. Charles and I worked together for 10 years at the Florida Department of Health Office of Design and Construction. Charles, served the department as a Senior Architect, but he was also my friend. We at the office had the enviable advantage that all our staff liked each other....even loved each other. We had work to do and got it done but there was a quiet respect and love that each had for the other. Charles was one of the anchors in that regard. Charles cared about all those around him and would never intentionally hurt anyone.
He was a highly qualified and talented architect. He had strong technical skills that allowed him to master the administration of even the most complex projects. He always took on the most challenging projects with energy, enthusiasm and confidence. He knew his trade and did not shy away from difficulties. He handled difficulties in a quiet manner allowing all sides of a problem to surface as he methodically led his project team to a solution. Architecture was a big part of his life and he was very accomplished at what he had chosen as a profession.
He did not boast about his life or accomplishments but being around him some things would just shine through his face. He loved his wife Christine of 45 years and was dedicated to her unflinchingly. He loved his family; he loved his father, his son, his son's family and his grandson. We would talk about grandchildren together and his face would light up as did mine. He never failed to ask about my family and the concerns of other friend... and in that showed his compassion those around him.
I will cherish the times with him that we wrestled through some of the most complex projects with battles and obstacles too long to tell...through it all Charles methodically kept records, maintained

positive direction, and prodded forward until we came out on the completion side...always with success....due in great part to his relationships with team members and the charm he brought to the forefront of a business world. Fairness was his way. Compassion was his heart.

I will miss him dearly.

Ron Walsh, retired former Administrator of Design and Construction, Florida Department of Health.

Ron Walsh - March 25, 2015 at 11:57 AM