



## Charles "Charlie" Layman

December 22, 1938 - December 7, 2018

Charles Layman, age 79, passed away on December 7, 2018 after battling a long term illness. He was born in Bayard, West Virginia to parents Sheridan W. and Nina C. Layman on December 22, 1938. Charlie was predeceased by his parents and his brother, David Layman. He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Charlotte; sons Sheridan and Russ; daughter-in-law Susan; granddaughter Sabrina; nephews Aaron and Jim Layman; and numerous cousins.

Charlie graduated in 1967 with a Bachelor of Science degree from West Virginia University and remained a dedicated WVU sports fan for his entire life. He served in the U.S. Army from 1958 – 1964 and later graduated from J.C. Stone Memorial Police Academy of Orlando, Florida. During his 33 year career with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, he fulfilled many roles and held many titles: Special Agent (SA) in the Orlando Field Office, Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) in the Tallahassee Field Office, SAS of the FDLE Protective Operations Section during Florida Governor Bob Martinez's administration, and as an Inspector in Executive Investigations (EI). While working in EI he investigated public corruption, homicides, RICO violations, violent crimes, and other multi-agency cases. It is interesting to note that Charlie's first job in law enforcement was working as a file clerk at the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C. in 1958 while J. Edgar Hoover was Director.

Above all, Charlie was a devoted father, husband, brother, and loyal friend.

Those who knew Charlie remember him as a kindhearted man who never met a stranger and could find the good in anyone. He was generous, loving, and gracious. He mentored and befriended many. Charlie was an avid reader of westerns and espionage thrillers. He loved playing golf and enjoyed following the careers of rising players on the PGA tour.

A memorial service to honor Charlie will be held on Friday, January 4, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church (211 N Monroe St). In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in his name may be made to Big Bend Hospice or Tallahassee Community College's "New Start" Scholarship fund, which was established to assist young individuals with previous involvement in the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice who wish to make a new start on their life path. Donations may be made online at <http://www.tcc.fl.edu/foundation> by selecting "Give Now." The designation should be "Other" followed by "New Start Scholarship."

Breanna Green of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com)) is assisting the family with their arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Cemetery

815 West Piedmont Drive  
Tallahassee, FL 32308

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 4. 3:00 PM (ET)

St. John's Episcopal Church  
211 North Monroe St.  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

# Tribute Wall

BH

“ I grew up with Charles in Bayard, WV. We are cousins. Charles was a great guy growing up I will miss seeing him at our high school reunions. My sympathies to his family.

*Beverly Renn Hanlin  
Yorktown, VA*

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**Beverly A Hanlin** - December 14, 2018 at 07:43 PM

BR

“ Having lived next door to the Layman's for 8 years with 4 small children I could write a book of all the good memories of Charlie and our kids. He always had time for them and kept snacks and drinks handy when they dropped by. They thought it was so cool that he was a "policeman" as that was all they could understand of his storied career with FDLE as to what Charlie did at ages 4 and 5. Charlie and I always talked WV and NAVY sports and golf whenever we were talking in the yard. He was a huge part of our lives and especially our children's lives and we will miss him greatly. I have always said the measure of a persons life is the positive impact he had on the people around them. Charlie does not have to worry about that as his positive impact was enormous on all of the Richardson family. God speed Charlie. May you always have "fair winds and following seas" up there in heaven.

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**Brad Richardson** - December 13, 2018 at 09:49 PM

JL

“ Charlie was a good friend and coworker for many years. In addition, Carole and I had a special kindred relationship with Charlotte and Charlie through our mutual involvement with NAMI. Charlie was a kind and caring friend who will be missed. Our blessings and hope for Peace for Charlotte and family as they work through Charlies' passing.

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**Jeff and Carole Long** - December 12, 2018 at 04:27 PM

GR

“ I was very saddened to hear of Charlie's passing. My condolences to Charlotte and all his family. I first met Charlie in 1970 when he reported for duty at the FDLE Orlando Field Office. During this early FDLE period, we all worked long hours together and a deep level of trust and respect evolved. Charlie was an excellent agent, an outstanding family man, and a dear friend. God Bless and may you rest in peace.

*Gil Rodriguez*

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**gil rodriguez** - December 12, 2018 at 10:17 AM

JF

“ I played many a round of golf with Charlie and, regardless of the scores, always thoroughly enjoyed our time together. Being able to share a pitcher and listen to war stories after golf was special to me.

*charlie was a good man who will be sorely missed. Rest well*

*Jon Fisher*

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**jon fisher** - December 11, 2018 at 09:46 PM

WB

“ Charlie was a wonderful man. I worked with him throughout my career with TALLAHASSEE Police Dept. I considered him a good friend and brother LEO. My condolences to Charlette and his family. May God bring comfort and Peace knowing Charley touched many lives and will be remembered as a good man and friend.  
Condolences from Barb and Walt Beck

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**Walt Beck** - December 10, 2018 at 10:35 PM



“ I am sorry to learn of Charlie's passing. I knew Charlie from working at FDLE. I enjoyed our chance meetings as he always had something positive and interesting to talk about. I know he loved his family deeply. I was envious of Charlotte when I found out how handy he was in the kitchen and took over many (if not all) meal preparations. I remember him wearing Hawaiian shirts on casual Fridays. And always wearing a grin. May his family take comfort in good memories of a good man and know that he is well thought of.

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**Christie Kimbrel** - December 10, 2018 at 05:06 PM



“ I worked with Charlie in FDLE's Office of Executive Investigations. He was a wonderful man and sharp investigator. He will be dearly missed by all. To his family, may you find peace and happiness in the memories you hold.

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**Kelly Kimsey** - December 10, 2018 at 04:31 PM

AW

“ I played golf many times and shared so many good times with Charlie. He was truly one of the finest men I have had the pleasure to know, a true Gentleman.

I know he loved his family, golf and the University of West Virginia. Cannot remember him not having a smile on his face, even after a double bogey.

Rest in peace old friend.

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**Art Witters** - December 10, 2018 at 10:53 AM

BF

Charlie was one of FDLE's best!  
I met Charlie at FDLE in 1979, and have been good friends ever since. What a genuine good man! A wonderful family man. A dedicated Investigator, and a great friend.  
Sure will miss his smile. RIP Charlie.

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**Bill Fisher** - December 10, 2018 at 06:16 PM

JS

I met Charlie in the mid 1970s when he worked in the Tallahassee Field Office. What a truly nice person.

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**Judy Stock** - December 10, 2018 at 08:16 PM

CM

Charlie Layman saved my life, although I was too foolish at the time to realize that this lawman who arrested me would become a great friend and inspiring mentor. I will always be grateful, and I'll always love him and his great family. Chuck Mitchell

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**Chuck Mitchell** - December 11, 2018 at 09:15 AM