



Charles "Sunny" Oliver Atwood

July 21, 1944 - July 29, 2025

Charles (Sunny) Oliver Atwood, born July 21, 1944 in Atlanta, GA, passed away on July 29th after an extended illness.

Sunny was the son of Bertie Lee and Edward M. Atwood of Atlanta and is survived by his companion of twenty-two years, Sherry Powell, his daughter, Renee Boykin (Troy) of Forsyth GA, his son, Chad Martin (Eric) of Atlanta, GA, two granddaughters, Carly Pritchett and Sydney French and one grandson, Javier Martin, and two great grandchildren, Wyatt French and Sadie Kate French. Sunny will also be missed greatly by Noel, his and Sherry's beloved poodle.

Sunny retired from Ford Motor Company after 30 years and thereafter became a sought-after expert for restoring and repairing Harley Davidson motorcycles. Travel was a big part of Sunny's enjoyment of motorcycles attending the Sturgis Motorcycle Rallies for many years. The last year he attended, Sunny showcased 16 Harleys he had restored.

Volunteering as a Yaarab Free Mason (Shriner) was another pastime of Sunny's. He took great joy in raising money for the Shriner's Children's Hospital, riding his Harley in the Shriner's parades, and participating in his local lodge activities.

Sunny and Sherry lived in Tallahassee, but spent weekends at Saint George Island, FL making lifelong friendships while enjoying fishing and boating. Sunny was an outdoor enthusiast and regardless of whether it was work or hobbies, Sunny was always driven to become an expert in the field.

A memorial service will be held at a later date at Saint George Island. Donations in memory of Charles (Sunny) Atwood may be directed to the Shriner's Hospitals for Children, by mail to: Shriner's Hospitals for Children, Attn: Office of Development, 2900 N. Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607 or online at LoveToTheRescue.org. Todd Wahlquist is assisting the family with their arrangements (850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com).

Tribute Wall

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“ I had the privilege of knowing Sunny since the early 2000's, and I always admired his quiet strength and talents. He never spoke much about his many accomplishments, and I never knew he was a Shriner. I also didn't know that he participated in raising money for the Shriner's Children's Hospitals in his spare time. He was not one to brag. I had heard of his work on Harley motorcycles, but I did not realize how skilled he was or how many motorcycles he restored. No matter how he was feeling, even during his toughest times with his health, he always asked about my husband, children, and family. I truly enjoyed our conversations and thought so much of him. He was a kind, genuine soul who will certainly be missed. My heart goes out to Sherry, his Renee, Chad, and his grandchildren.

Sharon Slaughter - September 03, 2025 at 11:07 PM

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“ Sunny was a man of few words with a big, kind heart. While I've known Sunny for over twenty years, it was just recently that I was made aware of his degree of expertise and notoriety in restoring Harleys and his contributions to the Shriners Children's Hospitals. He was a humble man and will be missed.



Jan Powell - August 01, 2025 at 09:20 AM

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I love this picture!

Sharon Slaughter - September 03, 2025 at 11:08 PM

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Hi Jan I'm hoping you see this did sunny come in to Olive garden and get take out? I was just thinking yesterday I haven't seen him in awhile and this looks like him. Please reach out to me if you can on fb sonja blaisdell or sonjab14@yahoo.com please and thank you ☐

Sonja Blaisdell - October 25, 2025 at 10:44 AM