



Charles "Charlie" Matthews

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Charles "Charlie" Matthews, age 82, died at his home in Gainesville, FL on Friday, April 14, 2017 surrounded by his family. Charlie was born on August 3, 1934 in Louisburg, NC. After growing up and working on the family farm, Charlie served in the United States Airforce and then worked for Ultrasonic Power Corporation in Trenton, NJ, where he retired in 1984 after 21 years of service. Charlie's hobbies included bird carving, reading, camping, hiking, sailing, canoeing and family vacations. Charlie was a self-taught man. His lifelong quest for knowledge contributed to his adventurous spirit. He had a passion for riding his motorcycle, traveling over 250,000 miles across 48 states and Canada. In recent years, Charlie enjoyed working in his yard and walking in the neighborhood with his beloved dog, Abby.

Charlie is survived by his wife of 54 years, Marie (Smith) Matthews and four daughters, Sharon (Ray) Webb, Gwen (Eric Hollis) Matthews, Lisa (Jeff) Coleman and Nancy Bringman. He also leaves behind five grandchildren, Capt. Raymond (April) Webb II, Karrah Webb, Piper and Asher Coleman and Chelsey Hollis, a great grandson, Raymond "Charlie" Webb III, his brothers, Roger and Danny Matthews of Louisburg, NC, sister Betty Jean Coghill of Greensboro, NC, nieces and nephews and many close friends. Charlie is

preceded in death by his parents William and Nell Matthews, brother William "Bill" Matthews, sister Barbara Barber and his dogs, Shotzy and Kasee.

The family wishes to thank his private caregivers, Visiting Angels and Haven Hospice. At Charlie's request, there will be no services. If desired, memorial donations may be made to your favorite local, state or national park, as Charlie loved the great outdoors.

Tribute Wall

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“ Walking around our neighborhood with Charlie (and Abby) always brightened my day. He was an interesting, intelligent, funny, and kind gentleman. Above all, he was very proud of his family. He will be remembered fondly.

Lorraine Sills - April 25, 2017 at 02:20 PM

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“ Sharon. This is lovely. Hugs to you

Pam Vislisel - April 18, 2017 at 12:04 AM

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“ Matthews please no that my thoughts and prayers are with you all. I remember your Dad, fondly and have nice memories of vacations with you all. May he Rest In Peace.

Sherry Mako - April 17, 2017 at 10:09 PM