



Charles Albert Spring

May 2, 1953 - April 26, 2021

Charles A. Spring “Charlie”, age 67, of Wilmington, IL and formerly of Yorkville, Romeoville, Bolingbrook, and Westmont, Illinois passed away peacefully with family by his side on April 26, 2021.

Charlie was Born May 2, 1953 in Hinsdale, Illinois to the late Charles and Dolores Spring. Charlie was a much loved sarcastically funny Department Manager for Home Depot in Shorewood, IL and a previous Plant Supervisor for a wallpaper distribution company in Streator, IL, Bob Goldman Bindery in Cicero, IL.

As a child he attended Holy Trinity Grade School, Benet Academy High School and went on to Benedictine University as well as College of DuPage. Charlie married the love of his life Carol A. Spring on November 2, 1974 and devoted his everything to her and the raising of their two children Jason Spring and Robyn Cox and their menagerie animals. Charlie grew up In Westmont, Illinois and traveled often with his father “Chuck” and family but learned the love of fishing and outdoorsmanship from his father. Charlie went on to attain the highest honor of Eagle Scout with his father by his side as a troop leader in the Boy Scouts.

Charlie also learned woodworking from his father which developed into his love for making furniture and various other things as an adult. Charlie had a

love and appreciation for music that started as a child and grew greater into his adulthood. You could always find him in his house with the music turned up loud, or in his car feeling the music. He lived his emotions and life through music and became very educated on different artist over time and would often share tidbits of knowledge about the song or artist with others. He had an absolute passion for photography that he developed as an adult and shared with his son Jason. Charlie was a showcased photographer in various galleries across Illinois as well as an award-winning artist. You could find him in his free time searching for a new or revisiting that special location to try to get that perfect shot. He absolutely loved showing people what he captured and explaining what he saw and felt in the photo.

Surviving are two children Jason Spring (Kathy Craig) of Bolingbrook, IL, Robyn Cox (Jerry Watenpaugh) of Wilmington, IL; four grandchildren Kayla Cox, Jerod Spring, Seth Spring, Delaney Watenpaugh; three sisters Jacquie (Joe) Styka of Woodridge, Illinois, Jill (Fred) Vath of Sandy Utah, Jan (Tim) McDonnell of Cary Illinois; two sister-in-law's Barbra Cardelli of Downers Grove, Illinois, Randi (Kerry) Daugherty of Beloit, Wisconsin; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins; his beloved dog Thor and loving cat Boo Kitty; his various extended family members at Home Depot in Shorewood, IL and we would like to especially thank them for their continued support and compassion throughout this difficult time.

Preceding his death was his beloved wife of 46 years Carol A. Spring; parents, Charles and Dolores Spring of Westmont, Illinois; and nephew, Pfc. Sean T. Cardelli, USMC. Cremation rites have been accorded. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in his name to Pancreatic Cancer Research would be appreciated. For more information and to visit his online guestbook, please log on to www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find us on

Facebook.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Charlie I will always remember your wit and love of music. This is something we shared. Am greatful for the phone call we had and I pray that you are now at peace.*

Gail Hickman - May 19, 2021 at 11:47 AM



“ *Gail Hickman lit a candle in memory of Charles Albert Spring*



Gail Hickman - May 19, 2021 at 11:28 AM

JV

“ So many memories, too many to share. Charlie was a unique person who was true to himself. He made time for the things he loved, like photography and music. I loved our conversations, because he opened my eyes to thinking differently about things. He was an amazing writer and was published with his writing and his photography.

He is an inspiration to me and has helped me to realize how important life is to take the time to do the things you love. He always made time for the things he enjoyed!

I love you Charlie! I can't believe that you left us so quickly. You were hurting so deeply from the the passing of Carol and I hope that you have reunited with her to continue your time and love together.

*Love you so very much!
Jill*

Jill Vath - April 30, 2021 at 11:57 PM

GM

“ Charlie was a great guy. Loved your comment about his sarcastic wit, I was going to say his dry sense of humor. Charlie and I shared pictures and I was always amazed at his artistic style. I tried to think like he did and duplicate his techniques, but they never turned out like his. I will miss sharing photos with him and learning from him. I also remember that when we were kids his dad would not let him read Mad Magazine because it was a communist plot.

*Rest in piece,
your cousin
Greg*

Greg Marten - April 30, 2021 at 11:08 AM

RA

“ I remember the first time Charlie pulled into our driveway in liberty park to visit Carol. He had a knit cap long hair bushing out, aviator glasses , a leather jacket on a motorcycle.... I yelled to my family Bronson is in our driveway!!!! (TV star in 70s) I was 5yo. He was sooooo cool!! And he drove the coolest Chevy Impala tan mint condition. Charlie would continue to be a significant male role model in my life and inspired my interests in music, woodworking and photography. Charlie was a very unique person and missed dearly.

Randi - April 28, 2021 at 08:31 PM