



Charles O. Spann, Jr.

November 3, 1944 - September 19, 2020

Charles O. Spann, Jr., also known as Charlie, passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 19, 2020.

He was born in Hazelhurst, GA on November 3, 1944. He graduated from Jeff Davis High School, and later attended both Brewton Parker College and Armstrong Atlantic State University, eventually earning a masters and doctorate degree in education. His lifelong dedication to being an educator began as a teacher at Hinesville Middle School where he later became the Assistant Principal. It was there that his true calling as an administrator began. Many will know Charlie as the former headmaster of Memorial Day School, and Pinewood Christian Academy, and as principal of Richmond Hill High School, a role that he honored and cherished.

Charlie devoted his time to many local organizations and clubs including the Southeastern Association of Independent Schools, Chatham Independent School Association, Savannah Exchange Club, and various others. He was a dedicated member of Memorial Baptist Church and cherished his role as a youth leader and adult Sunday School teacher.

Along with his commitments to his faith and community, he was a devoted grandfather to his grandsons, Michael and Nolan. He was an avid reader, enjoyed fishing at his cabin on the river and time spent with his wife and family.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Linda; daughters, Tracy Spann and Gina Spann McNamara; son-in-law, Michael C. McNamara; grandsons, Michael C. McNamara, Jr. and Nolan P. McNamara; sisters, Rebecca Spann Yarbrough and Sue Spann McConnell; brothers, Herb Ellis and Joe Ellis and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

The visitation will be Friday, September 25, 2020 from 5pm - 7pm at Baker McCullough Funeral Home-Hodgson Memorial Drive. The funeral will be Saturday, September 26, 2020 at 11:00am at the Memorial Day School sanctuary (formerly Memorial Baptist Church)-Habersham Street with burial to follow at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

Flowers are accepted or remembrances can be made to the American Heart Association.

Cemetery

Forest Lawn Memory Gardens Cemetery

315 Greenwich Road
Savannah, GA, 31404

Events

SEP 25 Visitation 05:00PM - 07:00PM

Baker McCullough Funeral Home-Hodgson
Memorial Chapel
7415 Hodgson Memorial Drive, Savannah, GA,
US, 31406

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Baker McCullough Funeral Home and Cremation - September 29, 2020 at 02:45 PM



“ We were so sad to hear of "Butch's" passing. We loved living next door to the Spann family in the 1970's. Butch was a wonderful person and so kind and helpful as a neighbor. Our sincerest condolences to Linda, Tracy, and Gina--and to all the extended family

Murray and George Sellers

Wendy and Katey

Murray Sellers - February 20 at 01:08 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Butch, as we knew him, was loved by the Maloy Family. We always looked forward to seeing him, Linda and Two-One at the Maloy Reunion. They came in smiling ready to see kin folks. And he always brought video camera to capture the reunion on video. And Linda would bring new Maloy information. Just a wonderful gathering with them. Tricia Maloy Ryals

Tricia Ryals - September 26, 2020 at 09:13 AM



“ Charles & Linda and the girls were very active with us at Memorial Baptist church teaching and trips with the young people. He will be rememberd for his love and ministry. Hugh & Alberta Scott

Hugh & Alberta Scott - September 25, 2020 at 09:44 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Charles O. Spann, Jr..



September 24, 2020 at 06:02 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to the Spann family. I was a student @ Memorial Day. Mr. Spann was a super cool principal back in the day. He was always smiling in the halls. I enjoyed his smiling face and kindness to one and all. RIP Mr. Spann

Condolences,
Denise Cowart-Rahn

Denise - September 24, 2020 at 11:01 AM



“ Tommy & Phyllis Alford lit a candle in memory of Charles O. Spann, Jr.



Tommy & Phyllis Alford - September 24, 2020 at 09:51 AM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss! My prayers are with you all. I was a student at Memorial and was always impressed with Mr. Spann. He had a kind spirit about him. Always smiling and showing patience and kindness to his students. My heart is with you during this time.

Lisa Sumrell - September 24, 2020 at 09:16 AM



“ Charlie was a very special person and loved by all our family. His kindness, wisdom, & friendship will always be remember and valued. I know our father thought of Charlie as another son and is welcoming him with open arms. Linda we will not be able to attend the service on Friday but will be there in our hearts. We are so happy the service is being held at Memorial. Love to you and all your family for sharing this wonderful man. Pam & Dale Karacostas

Pamela Karacostas - September 23, 2020 at 12:31 PM



“ I was a failing student when I came to Memorial Day School and by the end of high school I was class President applying to college. I owe a debt of gratitude to Mr Spann for that success and a happy and successful life still, let's just say 20 or so years later. He guided me to live up to the potential he saw in me that I did not. Once more there are countless other students who I'm sure would testify to a similar story. He was a man of great integrity and quiet persistence. A leader who knew though how to listen and be supportive without judgement. I'm sure he will be missed greatly, because at least, in my life I have known few role models that set such an impeccable example in life! With Sympathy and Respect, Hazel A Bazemore, C/O 1989.

Hazel A Bazemore - September 23, 2020 at 12:23 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles O. Spann, Jr..



September 23, 2020 at 10:21 AM



“ RHHS former employees purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Charles Overstreet Spann, Jr..



RHHS former employees - September 22, 2020 at 04:44 PM



“ Linda, Tracy and Gina. I was saddened to hear of the passing of “Mr. Spann” as well called him at MDS.
He was a very wise, kind man, teacher and Administrator. He will be missed by many. Been over 40 yrs since I taught at MDS as Ms Lowery. He was firm but fair.
He taught me the importance of being on time if early. I loved and had great respect for him.
May the peace of our Lord be with you all.
Deborah Scott

Deb Scott - September 22, 2020 at 04:03 PM



“ OB/GYN Residency Department, MHUMC purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Charles O. "Charlie" Spann.



OB/GYN Residency Department, MHUMC - September 22, 2020 at 10:07 AM



“ Always had great respect for the man! and his Paddle swing! Mr. Spann was a tough, but fair man, and I always thought the world of him. I am very sorry for your loss, as well as everyone who came in contact with him, as he helped lead a lot of students/people down a better path!

Mark Wallace - September 22, 2020 at 09:17 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mr. Spann was a great man and a strong leader. He was always calm and supportive. Mr. Spann was such a distinguished gentleman and very inspiring. He provided a sense of comfort for all of Memorial Day School as our headmaster. Rest in Peace...Mr. Spann. You have touched many lives. I know you had a great influence on mine. Thank you for that.

Paige Conner Dickey

Paige Dickey - September 22, 2020 at 09:00 AM