



Charles C. Gravenor

June 28, 1955 - August 10, 2025

Charles C. Gravenor, loving husband, devoted father, grandfather, brother and dedicated community servant, passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 10, 2025, at the age of 70. Born on June 28, 1955, in Salisbury, MD, Charlie grew up in a family that valued hard work and faith, a son of the late Calvin L. Gravenor and Dorothy Yvonne (Perdue) Gravenor.

He was a proud member of the Wicomico High School class of '73, where he showcased his musical talent by playing the trumpet in the marching band. Following high school, Charlie attended United Wesleyan College in Allentown, PA for one year. In 1975, he enlisted in the United States Air Force, serving until 1979, followed by two years in the Air Force Ready Reserves. He was particularly proud of his involvement in the Baby Lift program at the end of the Vietnam conflict, which highlighted his deep compassion and commitment to helping others. Charlie earned an associate's degree in criminal justice from Wor-Wic Community College as well as several credits from UMES utilizing his veteran's benefits.

Charlie began his career in law enforcement with the Fruitland Police Department and later the Delmar Police Department, before dedicating nearly 20 years of his life as a correctional officer at the Poplar Hill Correctional Facility, concluding his career at ECI in 2002. Throughout his professional journey, he was known for his unmatched discipline, work ethic, and unwavering commitment to every task he undertook.

Beyond his career, Charlie was a man of faith, actively participating in

Community Bible Study and wearing his convictions proudly. Never afraid to show his faith, he carried his unwavering faith in Jesus Christ every day. A lifelong sports enthusiast, he was an avid fan of the Green Bay Packers and New York Yankees, and he delighted in playing adult league co-ed softball with his wife. He participated in local Fantasy Football and Baseball leagues with his son. He was also a dedicated member of WeightWatchers group in Salisbury MD.

Charlie leaves behind his beloved wife of almost 50 years, Connie Lewis Gravenor, to whom he married August 31, 1975; his cherished son, Chad Gravenor; and his adored grandson, Landyn Michael Gravenor. He is also survived by his siblings: his brothers, Wayne Gravenor and wife, Patricia and Joseph "Joe" Gravenor and his wife, Ollie; his sister, Betty Scarborough; many nieces and nephews; his faithful dog, "Freddie;" and his favorite grand-dog, "Hammer."

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, Vernon Gravenor, Walter Layfield, Jr. and Richard Layfield; and a sister, Doris Wilkins. A funeral service with military honors to honor and celebrate Charlie's remarkable life will be held on Friday, August 15, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. at Short Funeral Home in Delmar, where a visitation will be held from 10:30 am to 12:00. Interment at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery will be held privately at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to honor Charlie's memory may consider making a donation to the Denton Camp, 424 E. Wesley Circle, Denton, MD 21629, reflecting his deep commitment to helping others learn about Jesus. Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 15. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Short Funeral Home
13 East Grove Street
Delmar, DE 19940
(302) 846-2525
info@shortfh.com

Funeral Service

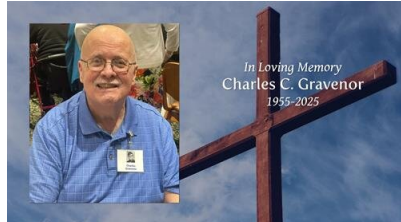
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Tribute Wall



“ *Short Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles C. Gravenor*



Short Funeral Home - August 15, 2025 at 03:19 PM



Bill
West

“ *I met Charlie in school, Beaver Run Elementary, so I've known have known Charlie a long time, he always treated me good and friendly, never saw him in a bad mood, always polite towards everyone. R.I.P. Charlie. May God give your family a blanket of comfort during these trying times.*

Bill West - August 14, 2025 at 11:06 PM



“ Charlie had a big personality but showed great compassion for others. During my tenure at Poplar Hill, I remember Charlie for being dependable and had a strong work ethic.



After PHPRU my wife and I met his son who was working at the market on Eastern Shore Drive. When he saw my name he told me he was Charlie's son, Chad. As a young man he displayed a great work ethic and people skills. I know Charlie was very proud of him. Connie, I know we met a few times. I am very sorry for your loss. We will keep you in our prayers. I have a church service obligation tomorrow morning, otherwise I would be there.

On August 15th, the Holy Orthodox Church commemorates the falling asleep (death) of Mary, the Mother of Jesus Christ. The vessel God chose to assume His human nature while still maintaining His divine nature.

May Charlie's soul follow path of the righteous into the Heavenly kingdom. May his memory be eternal 🕊

Deacon George Kaloroumakis - August 14, 2025 at 10:36 PM

SP

“ Mrs. Connie,
My heart is with you and your family. I know you have so many beautiful memories and I know they will bring you comfort one day. Sending you the biggest hugs and so much love...

Stephanie Preston - August 14, 2025 at 03:50 PM

SH

“ Connie and Chad, I am so sorry to hear about Charlie’s passing. I can only imagine how deep your loss feels. Fifty years together is definitely a lifetime filled with memories. I hope the memories of all the good times help you find some comfort. Sending love your way,
Sharon

Sharon Hayes - August 14, 2025 at 12:22 PM

SS

“ Connie - so sorry to hear of your loss. He sounds like a very, very special person. As are you! Blessings to you both!
Sally Smith

Sally Smith - August 14, 2025 at 05:29 AM

RR

“ Charles, I didn’t get a chance to meet you, but I met your beautiful wife and she told me what a loving special person you were. I want your family to know that that I am sorry for their loss. That there are no words to be said. But I will carry them in my heart with my prayers and condolences. Signing off with Love in Christ Jesus.
Love Ruth Rhoades, Friend of Connie

Ruth Rhoades - August 12, 2025 at 06:00 PM