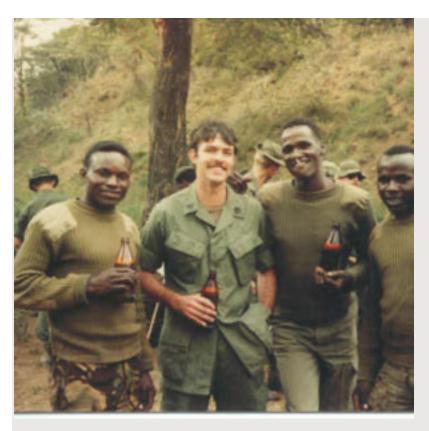
# MASTER SERGEANT (RETIRED) CHARLES B. HOPKINS D-4207



# **SHARKMAN**

I knew Charlie Hopkins for a while; less that some folks and more than others. I helped him with a couple of problems once, and we became friends. Everytime I saw him, he had a smile on his face. In fact the photo to the lower right demonstrates that ever glowing smile. He asked me to reenlisted him. It was an honor to be asked and an extreme pleasure to serve with him. He was a great soldier, leader, friend, and I have not forgotten him.

When people pass, folks can put up momuments, statutes, and all kinds of things. But in my opinion, the real tribute is what folks think of us, and how they feel about us. Charlie had a large number of friends who cared about him. Below are some of those comments that were on the old site.

Da Rock Sends.....

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Date: 1/29/01 Time: 8:27:15 AM

#### Comments

Charlie Hopkins, former Tm Sgt for ODA 525 and later ODA 321, died on 25 Jan from injuries incured in motorcycle accident.

If you're familiar with Desert Storm you'll know that Charlie's team was the one caught in Iraq and had to call in F-16s for CAS to save their collective ass. I have served in special ops units my entire career of 16+ years and have not met many men who personified the SF image and reputation as well as Charlie. No saint by any stretch but a good friend and a guy to have on your side when shit went bad.

He deserves to be remembered and recognized. Halo JM Combat Dive Supervisor Silver Star (among other crap)

Seth P. Baker

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Date: 1/29/01 Time: 8:34:40 AM

#### Comments

Charlie Hopkins, was killed last night on his way home from Mike William's going away party. He was travelling at a high rate of speed and hit the curb as he entered the "Zoo" round-about in Al Ain. His bike jumped the curb and hit a "give way" sign with such an impact that it broke the springer front end off. Charlie flew across the road and landed on the side walk that goes around the center of the round about, about 50 feet from the sign. His bike came to rest about 20 feet past him in the grass. It looks like he may have been looking at something on the bike or was distracted somehow because there were only 6 feet of light skid marks leading up to the curb.

The accident happened around 0330, but we did not find out about it until around 1500. The police found Charlie almost immediately after the accident and took him to Al Jimi hospital where he was pronounced DOA. The local police notified the Military Police but from there we do not know why we were not notified earlier.

Diana called looking for Charlie so Jim Magnuson and myself went and backtracked from the Hilton to Charlie's house in separate cars. We did not find any trace of him so I called one of our local instructors, Thani, and asked him to call the police and see if there were any accidents reported. Thani found out that there was an accident involving an American and a motorcycle, and that the victim had died. We then went to Al Jimi Hospital and made a positive identification.

Charlie died of multiple fractures to the head, hands and one leg according to the hospital report. He had a cut in his forehead and it appears he died instantly. He was wearing his helmet, goggles, black leather jacket, RRMC "T" shirt and jeans. He had a few beers at the party but was not drunk, he was his usual laughing and joking self as he got on his bike to leave.

Diana was working today in Dubai so we had to wait for her to come home to tell her. She took it very hard and wanted to go see Charlie before she would actually believe it was true. She saw him a few hours ago and she is still very upset but seems to be calming down a bit.

Rick Desmond, suggested a memorial service and Diana has asked that we do it on Sunday. It will be held here in Al Ain, but I do not know the time and exact place yet, as soon as I do we will get the word out.

The unit has been notified and folks are starting to pitch in and try to help in any way possible. I have been relieved of my regular duties at work and will be concentrating on helping Diana get Charlie and their things back home. Charlie's body will be transferred to Zayed Military Hospital on Saturday and prepared for the trip home.

Diana made the remark tonight that Charlie went out the way he said he wanted to go. . . on his Harley. We will miss him . . .

Dwight

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Date: 1/29/01 Time: 8:35:45 AM

Hey Charlie,

Will see you again some day. In fact, can't ever tell when one of us will show up behind you. But keep a "cold one" ready for us to have a few toasts.

Later Brother!

Da Rock Sends....

"It's the man that makes the Beret; not Beret the man."-Da Rock, 1979

Date: 1/29/01 Time: 8:37:05 AM

Comments

Rock,

So sorry to hear about Charlie's death, I know it hits you hard. If there is something Ginny and I can do from here let us know. My condolence to Diana.

Robert A McDowell

Special Forces Association Chapter 64

Website-http://hometown.aol.com/rambob64/index.html

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Date: 1/29/01 Time: 8:39:17 AM

# Comments

So sorry to hear about our fallen comrade. Charlie was a great soldier and lived up to the Special Forces traditions to the fullest. He will be missed by all of us.

Terry R. Hunsicker

SF, Retired

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Date: 1/29/01 Time: 8:42:01 AM

#### Comments

Charlie, was a friend and brother. "It's the man that makes the Beret; not Beret the man." Charlie was that kind of man.

John M. Aiello SF, Retired

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Date: 1/29/01 Time: 8:43:06 AM

# Comments

The loss of a brother is always hard to take. So long....

Dennis "Bam Bam" Holloway, SF

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Date: 1/29/01 Time: 8:44:01 AM

#### Comments

I worked with charlie here in the UAE. Good friend, co-worker and person. Dont know how he made it through the Static Line J/M Course I put him through in 1986.

# Dick Cooper

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Date: 1/29/01 Time: 8:45:42 AM

#### Comments

I was with Charlie on 525 during the Gulf War. I saw his true character. He was a truly great leader, soldier and a hell of a friend. He was the true SF Soldier. Every time he returned from the U.A.E. he came by to see me. I planned on going over to the U.A.E. and working when I retire on Charlie's recommendation. He loved what he did and was good at it. He will be greatly missed but never forgotten.

# MSG Jim Weatherford

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Date: 1/29/01 Time: 8:46:31 AM

# Comments

Charlie was a good man and a great soldier. He was the archetype team sergeant.

I am honored to know him, and to serve with him; I shall mourn his passing.

Godspeed.

Solemn Condolences to his family from Stuttgart.

#### CPT Brett J. Patron

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Date: 1/29/01 Time: 8:49:12 AM

#### Comments

It was a shock to receive the news. He was one of the first NCOs to make a long-lasting

impression on me when I came out of the Q Course. He could do all the important things well with an astounding ability to endure physical hardships. To this day I am indebted to him for his countless tradecraft lessons from which he had an inexhaustible supply.

But, in a greater sense, it was Charlie's wounderful personality that made all our lives richer. His uplifting humor and genuine love for his fellow SF troopers is why we treasure his memory. Those of us who served with him could not help wanting to be more like him. I thank God for having known him, and I shall carry Charlie's memory in my heart til the end of my days.

# **Bruce Watts**

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Date: 1/29/01 Time: 8:51:51 AM

#### Comments

When I heard this information, I was hurt.

"Charlie B" and I spent over a decade on the same team. We grew up together as men. If there was any way to get things done, Charlie was the man. If I as the detachment commander needed a mission completed, communications, or a team sergeant, Charlie fit the bill. I saw Charlie 9 months ago at the Ft. Bragg, PX, he told me he was retired, happy and working abroad. He had his two sons with him and I was in a hurry to go back to a college class. I wish I would have taken a little more time. I wish I could of said to be careful, I miss you and love not only you, but your family. He said he never wanted to come back, his life was every thing he wanted. He said that SF had given him all the training and finally he was doing what he was suppose to do. 10 years is only a moment in time. He left me with a lot of memories. My "Best Ranger" buddy in competiion against the Rangers, pre-scuba training, skiing, halo operations and scuba. He was alway next to me on our operations to set the example, the first to charge the hill. He will alway be a professional memory, I sincerely wish his family well. To his sons, you have a father to be proud of, and to his wife, I'm truly sorry. To Charlie, I will never forget you and will always cherish the moments that you and I kicked some ass.

May God Bless you all,

Dave Holt and Family. "SharkMen"

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Date: 1/29/01 Time: 8:52:33 AM

Charlie Hopkins was a great soldier who showed his true mettle during Desert Storm. This is truly a sad day for Charlie's family, friends and the SF community.

#### Jim Kraus

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Date: 1/29/01 Time: 8:53:55 AM

# Comments

Charlie Hopkins was an old school Special Forces Soldier! He was, what every other SF soldier strived to be, he always took on the most difficult of challenges, and always excelled. A master at his craft, training hard, living hard and setting an example of a Special Forces Soldiers Life. When ODA 525's Special Reconniassance mission became compromized 140 miles inside Iraq, I turned where every Commander would turn, To his team Sergeant. Charlie was calm under fire, almost mechanical in his actions, years of training took over, Charlie was concerned, not for his own safety or his own life, but only for the survival of his team. His actions were instrumental in saving the lives of his team mates. An American Hero, who served his country as a Special Forces Soldier. You will be missed!!! My deepest sympathy to the Hopkins Family..

# Chad "The Bulldog" Balwanz

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Date: 1/29/01 Time: 8:55:25 AM

# Comments

Charlie "B" Hopkins "B" stands for brother. That's Charlie. The man that beat all the odds. Lived life hard; played hard, partied hard, and worked hard. A true warrior. My mentor and friend. God must need him for something else. Charlie, I will always think of you in the highest regards. My deepest sympathies go out to "D" and the boys. Of all the things that you were, you were a great father and I know your boys will miss you tremendously. My heart goes out to them. "ODA" 525 was never the same when you left and for those that loved you, life won't be the same now that you're gone.

My prayers are with your family and my hope is that I will see you again....in a better place.

#### **Buzz Saw**

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Date: 1/29/01 Time: 8:56:12 AM

I have only good thought of Charlie and it seems like yesterday he was at my home asking for some advice. We had a long talk and when he pulled from the driveway he must have gotten some answers he needed. I will remember the 'thanks Hank' and him leaving with a smile.

# Hank Gallahan SGM, Ret.

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Date: 1/29/01 Time: 8:56:57 AM

#### Comments

Charlie, I miss you. Dirt

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Date: 1/29/01 Time: 8:58:16 AM

#### Comments

Charlie, Thank God you were the Team Sergeant for 525 before I got there! Your leadership and the stuff you had already shown those guys made my life so much easier. No matter what Winston Clough says, the "Sharkmen" already had "adult leadership" and it knew which way the battle really was. It was great to see you a couple of months ago and I do appreciate your offer to return to that part of the world – would have tremendously enjoyed your company. You are what SF used to be about. Unfortunately there aren't very many of you left and there are even fewer leaders who realize your true value and how to make the most of it. You are not gone. Just like when we were on the team – Charlie's on a different mission somewhere else, I don't know what it is, but he'll be back.

Take care, I'll see you again.

# **Butch Young**

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Date: 1/29/01 Time: 10:36:45 AM

#### Comments

Charlie is a great father and always will be! if we ever needed anything i'm talking anything he would be the man to get it and he has always been there for us making us the strong people that we are today.i loved him so much but i never really did get to tell him that but i know that my dad understands and i also know that he will be soo proud of everyone one for being so strong.he will be forever missed and loved.his spirit will always be riding FREE!!! melody hopkins(daughter)

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Date: 1/29/01 Time: 11:33:31 AM

#### Comments

God Bless..... ACE

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Date: 1/29/01 Time: 12:50:43 PM

#### Comments

Knowing Charlie for 3 years wasnt long enough but it is long enough to say that its a great loss to this world!!and i know that he was a great father,and a great guy to get advice of,he is one of a kind!!i wish the best luck to his family. Marwan

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Date: 1/29/01 Time: 2:52:47 PM

#### Comments

Chuck, you were the best step father I could ever have, I love you so much, I cared so much about you, and prayed for you so much. I can't really believe you are gone, it was like you were unbreakable. I don't know how else to explain you. You taught me a lot in the important years of my growing up. Thank you for being a part of my life. I will never forget you, I don't think anyone ever will. Love always, Shannon

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Date: 1/29/01 Time: 3:31:56 PM

Hal Bedell sends I still picture Charlie as a rock in Aqaba, Jordan. He was the picture of a Special Forces Soldier.

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Date: 1/29/01 Time: 5:03:27 PM

#### Comments

Charlie was truly a great friend, solider, and man who taught all of us who knew him many of life's important lessons. Thanks for standing in the arena with us Charlie

# Chuck Roach SF Ret

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Date: 1/29/01 Time: 9:40:32 PM

# Comments

Charlie, Remember hunting in NC, commo in liberia, and drinking like maniacs at the house on the Bulevard? Later man, Scott Abbott, SF, ret

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Date: 1/29/01 Time: 10:29:06 PM

#### Comments

Great Job and our wishes go out to his Family...From what I have read and heard was was a great MAn.

#### DANO

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Date: 1/30/01 Time: 12:03:44 AM

# Comments

Charlie was a fellow warrior and friend from the old B Co 1st Bn days at Ft. Bragg; I will always remember the times in Kenya back in 1984. I have some Kenya pictures of Charlie that I can make copies of for the family if wanted. The next time I saw Charlie was on a video taken during the Gulf War (I was in the SFDOC in 1991). As luck would have it, I had the pleasure to serve briefly with him at Ft. Campbell before he PCS'd. Brother, you will sorely be missed!!! My condolences and prayers to his family!!! GODSPEED

Mike Hurst CPT, SF, (RET)

Date: 1/30/01 Time: 8:01:45 AM

#### Comments

When I first read Steve Stone's message - like everyone else I was shocked. I last saw Charlie B. this past summer, in of all places 'The Mouse Trap' in TN. Charlie always seem to stop by the place on his way through TN, he always made time for his friends. We talked about his job overseas. He told me that he'd just come from 1/3d on a recruiting visit and had signed up two guys from the battalion. I told him that once I got there he was 'persona non grata' when it came to recruiting unless he got me a job first. He laughed and actually gave me the sales pitch to come work for him. Knowing Charlie, and his standard, I was felt privileged that he would offer. We laughed and shot the shit for a couple hours - making fun of Sheila's new bar and her historical nature of hiring lazy bartenders. Mostly, Charlie talked about how he was enjoying working overseas, the old guys' softball league and the opportunities it afforded his family. Charlie never missed a chance to talk about his family and the pride he had for them. Of Charlie's history and exploits as a soldier, a leader, and hero there can be no doubt. I'm writing this to thank Charlie for that little bit of extra that he brought into my life. Although I may never live my life like Charlie - he showed me how life should be lived and enjoyed. From my first experiences of runnin' with his crew (Jimbo, Kim, etc) and venturing into the 'other' bars in Clarkville, he taught me to live for the moment and to enjoy life's every minute. I may not have been your best student brother, but I'll always keep trying. I thank you brother for that extra you added to my life, and I grieve and mourn with your family and friends at your untimely passing. You're the man Carlie B - and we'll never forget. PS - When you meet up with 'Big Frank' tell him we said hi!

# Frank McFadden 1/3d

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Date: 1/30/01 Time: 10:32:44 AM

#### Comments

So long Charlie! The fellas of ODA 532 and ODA 512 wish your family well. If ya'll come through El Paso, TX we'll make room for ya. Just call 915-241-8875 and ask for Dale Marlow. The Mouse Trap and John Aiello, what a combo.

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Date: 1/30/01 Time: 10:35:09 AM

# Comments

Charlie, may you rest in peace at that great Harley Rally in the sky. LTC Bob Biller

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Date: 1/30/01 Time: 11:26:18 AM

Last time I saw Charlie was in the Clarksville AO a few years back...over a beer...A song was playing by Bob Seger..."Like a Rock"...."20 years where have they gone"...

He talked about the old 1st Bn/5th SFG Days in the 80s-early 90s...Lots of good times some hard times...but he mainly talked about our old commrades whose friendships he cherished...

Charlie had his ups and downs...but always seemed to come out on top...always optimistic..worked through it...A great soldier...team player...

Train Hard Fight Easy...and no matter what had fun doing it...

Throughout our careers we work with alot of soldiers... Charlie was one of the best who will be missed and remembered.

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Date: 1/30/01 Time: 11:49:04 AM

#### Comments

I'm sorry to hear about Charlie's untimely death. I first met charlie back in 1978 through Pete Aragon when I was a candy striper. That was back when Mike Stangle, Ed vegara, and a bunch of us lived on the first floor of the 5th Group barracks. Charlie was just a regular guy, he never treated me badly or tried to show me up. Though I never really new him as well as most, I will miss him and always remember him like a brother in arms. Rest in peace Charlie and God Speed. Bále Perez, 7th SFG Retired.

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Date: 1/30/01 Time: 1:29:47 PM

#### Comments

Charlie Hopkin's 'Can Do', 'Will Do', and 'Have Done' attitude was the trait I always counted upon, when faced with a tough task... His presence will be missed, but his memory will always linger. My most sincere condolences go out to his family... Steve King ( )

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Date: 1/30/01 Time: 11:46:38 PM

#### Comments

We will miss you Brother...

# Brian A. Bewley USSF(Retired)

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Date: 1/31/01 Time: 1:23:14 AM

#### Comments

I met Charlie when first getting to 5th Group. He gave me some words of welcome and a little advice. We only met a few more times but he always remembered who I was and asked how things were going. That means alot to be remembered. So heres to you Charlie until the next linkup.

# Frank Rosetti 5th SFG RET RIZZO Sends BTAR

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Date: 1/31/01 Time: 1:41:14 PM

Comments

Charlie (Coach),

I only knew you four short years but we hit a home run straight off the bat. You acted in true Master Sergeant style in coming forward, developing & running our two softball teams & they will carry on in your honor. Although we are both hunters & shooters from different spheres we shared a lot of common ground & I will always cherish that. We had some hard runnin humorous times together. Ride on my humble warrior brother & keep that front tire pumped up & throttle cranked open.

# Craigo

# H-D of U.A.E.

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Date: 1/31/01 Time: 2:58:56 PM

#### Comments

I only knew Sharkman briefly, as a brother in RRMC and one squared away dude. From the first time we met, I could see that Sharkman had the cool confidence of a natural born leader. Its no wonder that some many people will miss this outstanding individual. Later, bro.

# Dragon

Date: 1/31/01 Time: 3:31:56 PM

Comments

Chuck,

We Love You and Will Miss You.

Dennis

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Date: 1/31/01 Time: 6:07:40 PM

#### Comments

The last time I saw Charlie was in December 2000, drinking beer and laughing with him at The Palamino in Fayetteville. Charlie, your a One of a kind guy and will greatly be missed by all of us. Thanks for all laughs and may God Bless you! My heart goes out to your family.

# Lori Spear

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Date: 1/31/01 Time: 7:51:11 PM

#### Comments

In the 10 years in which I knew Chuck, I always thought of him as "the man of steel". He was a man in which i'll never forget. He taught me the little things that turn a boy into man. I have strong appreciation and also admire him for always seeing that his 3 sons (brian, lee, joe) recieved his hand when needed. May in peace you rest. love, james lynch (jimmy)

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Date: 2/1/01 Time: 2:55:11 AM

#### Comments

Words are so inappropriate at times like these. Charlie was one of the good ones, he'll be missed by all. Ride Free Bra.

B. Hern SF Ret.

Date: 2/1/01

Time: 10:52:57 AM

# Comments

We will miss you Charlie.until I see you on the other side of RIVER..God Speed

# GAG 5th/10th SF

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Date: 2/3/01

Time: 11:45:46 AM

# Comments

Charlie was a solid man in all ways, keep on cruising brother! George Manz

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Date: 2/4/01 Time: 1:51:59 PM

# Comments

Goodbye Chuck thank for all the things you have done for I will miss you for all eternity. Your nephew, Boyd Adair Hopkins

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Date: 2/10/01 Time: 7:47:30 AM

Comments

**CHARLIE HOPKINS** 

MY DESIRE

MY LOVER

MY IDOL

MY TEACHER

MY LESSON

MY BABY

MY DAD

MY GUIDANCE!

(MY HONOR)

MY THANKS TO CHARLIE

MY LOVE FOREVER,

# DIANA

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Date: 2/15/01 Time: 6:41:36 PM

#### Comments

GI Joe I will miss you and your BS!!!!! For sure my life will never be the same without ALL of my brothers. I know you are hanging out with the Hopkins on the other side. You are a great addition to all of my guardian angels. I can't wait to see all of you again tell them hi.

# Love you forever, Monica

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Date: 3/12/01 Time: 4:37:02 PM

#### Comments

I still can't believe it. Can anyone post directions to his burial site. Need to have one last drink with him. Seth Baker MSG

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Date: 6/20/01 Time: 6:26:30 PM

#### Comments

Charlie was a fellow warrior who always will be remembered as a Sharkman. He helped prepare me for Combat Diver School, a memorable experience. He will be missed by all.

Mark Vargas

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Date: 7/4/01 Time: 8:07:40 AM

#### Comments

TO THE MYSTERY MAN WHO FILLS MY HEART EVERY MORNING EVER SINCE THE DAY I LAYED EYES ON YOU.

HAPPY 4TH MY LOVE!!!!!!!!

DIANA

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Date: 7/4/01 Time: 8:34:03 AM

Comments

HAPPY 4TH MY LOVE !!!!

TO THE MAN WHO FILLS MY HEART WITH FIREWORKS

**EVERY MORNING** 

**EVER SINCE** 

I LAYED ON YOU.....#1

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Date: 3/8/02 Time: 7:28:27 PM

Comments

Pete Aragon Sends..... Miss you my Whiskey Niner brother—Remember Liberia? You will never be forgotten.

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Date: 4/8/02

Time: 10:53:01 PM

# Comments

It saddened me greatly to here of Charlie's demise. I met him in 1984 at B Co, 1BN, 5th SFG(A) Ft Bragg where he was on 525. As an SF Baby, like many of us, we looked up to and admired him. The last time I saw him he and I were out processing at Bragg to retire in 1996. I will truly miss him. Sincerely, SFC Steve Little (Ret.)

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Date: 8/18/02 Time: 8:10:08 AM

It has been over a year since I went to "find" Charlie. Time has not diminished the loss, it only amplifies it here where he worked last. We regularly lift a glass and talk of our friend, and of course wish he was still here with us. Charlie is missed a lot. Dwight Coursey

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Date: 5/1/03

Time: 10:47:25 AM

Comments

YOU ARE IN MY HEART AND THOUGHTS EACH AND EVERY DAY.

I JUST WANT TO SAY THANKS AGAIN FOR HELPING ME TO LEARN SOME OF THE TOOLS OF STREGNTH THAT PEOPLE NEED JUST TO MAKE IT THROUGH A DAY.

SO MANY TIMES I'VE REFER BACK TO THEM WHEN TIMES GET TUFF. YOU WERE A LEADER CHARLIE AND A TERRIFIC TEACHER AND I CARRY YOU WITH ME EVERY WHERE I GO.

I LOVE AND MISS YOU SO MUCH......

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN,

# LOVE.DIANA

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Date: 6/28/03 Time: 9:16:17 PM

Comments

THANKS CHARLIE, SERGEANT VINCENT MOULTRIE, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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Date: 12/10/03 Time: 10:31:16 AM

# Comments

Charlie was a great friend and comrad. We raised good hell together. I will always have fond memories of him, the team, and the shark men.

Miss ya Chuck,

Ernie Ingram

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Date: 3/26/04 Time: 5:09:05 AM

Comments

YOU LIVE IN MY HEART CHARLIE EACH AND EVERY DAY

IN MY MIND I HAVE A WARRIOR GUARDIAN ANGEL

# ALL MY LOVE TO YOU DIANA

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Date: 5/3/04 Time: 5:21:30 PM

Comments

I worked and rode motorcycles with Charlie in the UAE... and he more than lived up to his reputation... which was impressive. An honor to know him. Ranger Roach

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Date: 8/8/05 Time: 8:07:31 AM

Comments

HI DAD

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Date: 8/10/05 Time: 3:02:14 PM

Comments

Hey Dad ...this is your oldest son Lee... i can genuinely say that out of all the things that life has offered me, I valued and still do value you the most. You know the connection that we have had all of my life, and theres only one like that. Its been 4 and a half years since you passed but I still think of you every day as if u were still here. There was just something about you man that I really did love...you were always the highlight of my life and the best thing that I ever had, I know Brian and Joe feel the same way too, they

loved you damn much. I think about you all the time and I just smile, your drive and determenation is living inside me now and Im proud and inspired by everything that you did with your soldier life. We never did talk much and I regret all the times that we didnt hang out together and that I did not take advantage of to talk to you, I guess it's because Im a man now and I wish you were here, I would talk to you and drink a few beers for hours and then we could ride out on are harleys, I know if you were here that we would be riding together, but Im gonna keep on riding for now and you keep things under control in Val Hala …love you man. Lee

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Date: 8/10/05 Time: 3:13:24 PM

#### Comments

Also, again this is Lee ...Charlies oldest son...i would like to say Hi to all of Charlie's freinds, and say thank you for all of your comments, and thanks to the person who created this memorial page for my dad.....if any of you would like to keep in touch ...you may email me at [EMAIL ADDRESS REMOVED], thank you all very much.