



Charles Joseph "Charlie" Thompson Jr.

May 25, 1956 - September 6, 2024

Charles Joseph Thompson, Jr was born on May 25, 1956, in Washington, DC, to the late Charles J. Thompson, Sr. and Catherine U. Thompson.

In his youth, Charlie attended the School of Hope and later he participated in a vocational program with ARC of Southern Maryland. They worked with him on making crab pots, but there were so many other fascinating things to see. He liked to go tent camping with his brother and sister. Charlie loved animals of all kinds, especially dogs and elephants.

In March of 2005, Charlie would find his place, his forever home, with Spring Dell Center. Once there, Charlie thrived, quickly making many friends, and becoming everyone's favorite guy. He enjoyed participating in the Vocational Program, doing Meals on Wheels, helping at the Agency's Resale Stores, organizing things, and finding mischief. Charlie had a sweet, affectionate personality with a little bit of sass, (OK, a lot of sass!) He had a way of stealing your heart and forever keeping a piece of it. Charlie radiated joy and always brought a smile to your face. Charlie had a great fondness for stuffed animals. There were NEVER too many. He proudly maintained a menagerie in his room and if you were not careful, your animals could quickly become his animals, as he would sneak them into his collection.

As his health declined, Charlie went into Hospice care, however remained in

his home, surrounded by people who loved him dearly. The staff that supported him were extremely devoted to him, providing him with an abundance of love and comfort. Spring Dell was truly his second family; he touched the lives of so many there.

Charlie was predeceased by his parents. He is survived by his siblings, Ethel Darlene Jameson, Joan M. Thompson, his best friend, and brother James M. Thompson (Jimbo), niece Shannon Christ and nephew John Christ. There are many other relatives and friends that mourn his loss, especially his extended family, Dawn, Sue, Ashanti, Dalisha and Serea.

Our lives are much richer for having known Charlie. The memories and all the special stories will get us through. Knowing that he is no longer suffering brings the utmost comfort.

Words cannot express the thanks to those who supported Charlie. Every minute of every day, he knew how special he was and how much he was loved. As Charlie so loved dogs, it was only fitting that he had another best friend, Bella, by his side until the end. As much comfort as Bella brought to him, in his way, Charlie comforted her too. She snuggled upon his bed or laid under it, to keep an eye on him.

1956 – 2024... We were honored to be part of your “dash.” Your life was a blessing, and the memories are priceless treasures.

Memorial contributions may be sent to: Spring Dell Center, Inc. 6040 Radio Station Rd. La Plata, MD 20646

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends and Family

SEP **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Service Chapel
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Memorial Service

SEP **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I first met Charlie when I worked for the Center for Life Enrichment back around 2000. He worked on one of the two crews who were assigned to read water meters for the local water company which were operated by our agency. He was funny, affable, and actually talked a little bit with us. I took that as a sign he was happy being with us. The feeling was mutual. I wish I worked with him more frequently (he primarily worked on the other crew). He made all of our jobs easier. He was with us until he left the agency to go to parts unknown.

Fast forward several years to when I discovered the unknown parts he went to -- Spring Dell Center. I had accepted a job supervising a home with the agency. One early aspect of the training process is a tour of a couple of the homes in the agency, in this case including the home where Charlie lived (nice place, nice neighborhood - I would have liked living there). During the tour I encountered Charlie coming out of his bedroom. I yelled out to him 'CHARLIE!!'. He came right over to me and gave me a big ol' hug like an old friend would do. It was a great feeling. This is Charlie Thompson in a nutshell. He becomes your friend and stays your friend. That hug was the best thing I could have had that day. My future supervisor saw that (you drove that tour, Robin), and I liked to think it was at least a good start for the working relationship we would develop. So thank you, Charlie. You always were a good friend, even when you never knew you were being that.

Long live the strap...
Barry Norris

Barry Norris - September 21, 2024 at 11:35 AM