



Dr. Salvatore Charles "Charlie" Balsamo

August 31, 1928 - December 29, 2017

Dr. S. Charles Balsamo

Dr. Salvatore Charles "Charlie" Balsamo of Cape Girardeau died Friday, Dec. 29, 2017.

He was born on Aug. 31, 1928, in Columbia, Missouri to Salvatore Balsamo and Kathryn McCasky Balsamo.

Charlie graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1950. He served in the U.S. Army from 1951-1953 and enrolled in the Dental School of the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 1954. Following graduation, Balsamo practiced in Cape Girardeau until his retirement in 1990. He was a member and past president of the Southeast Missouri Dental Society.

His volunteer activities included the Cape Girardeau Public Library, SoutheastHEALTH and, for many years, Saint Francis Medical Center. As a member of Velo Girardeau Bicycle Club, he enjoyed his bicycle as a means of transportation as well as a source of recreation.

On Nov. 6, 1965, Charlie married Sue Keim at Christ Episcopal Church in Cape Girardeau. He was a past senior warden of the church.

Survivors include his wife and three children, Charles Anthony (Ann) Balsamo of St. Louis; Dr. Luke Hodgson (Thao Nguyen) Balsamo of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and Charlotte Kathryn (Aaron) Puttroff of San Diego, California. He is also survived by his four grandchildren, Cole Evan Puttroff and Ford Thomas Puttroff of San Diego and Wesley Salvatore Balsamo and Dolores Charles Balsamo of St. Louis, as well as many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral service will be held on Saturday, June 16, 2018 at 2:30 pm at Christ Episcopal Church. His family looks forward to greeting friends following the service.

Those friends wishing to remember Charlie may consider the Organ Fund of Christ Episcopal Church, 38 N. Fountain St., Cape Girardeau, MO 63701.

Ford and Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Service

JUN 16. 2:30 PM (CT)

Christ Episcopal Church
101 N. Fountain
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Tribute Wall

BE

“ My heart goes out to the Balsamo family. I knew him well many years ago when I worked in Cape. His office was next to ours and he would come in and get copies made. He was a good man. Please accept my sympathies.

Bill Ernst - January 08, 2018 at 03:39 PM

KM

“ Bless you and all your family.
With sincere sympathy,

Kathi Mazzanti - January 03, 2018 at 09:28 PM

HH

“ Dear Sue and Family,
How wonderful for Charlie to hear the angels say , "Welcome Home," but we are so sorry for your loss. Just as Charles would wrap his arms around each of you, so too is the Lord now encircling His arms around your loved one. What a comfort!
It is our prayer that God will give you strength for each new day, and that the wonderful memories you shared will bring much comfort.
God's love and ours,
Dr. Harold and Jeanine Hager

Harold & Jeanine Hager - January 03, 2018 at 05:23 PM

MS

“ Sue, Doris and my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. God's blessings to you and your family. Mel & Doris Schmidt

Mel Schmidt - January 03, 2018 at 04:09 PM

AS

“ Dr. Balsamo was my dentist from the age of 6 years old until he retired in 1990 when I was 21 years old ... I have the fondest memories of him being so gentle and so kind ... he always referred to me as "Audrey Hepburn." There has never been a dentist that I've encountered who has ever made me feel at ease the way he did. I have thought about him often, especially when I would drive by his old office on Independence. God be with you all as you mourn his passing and I pray his soul be at peace.

Audrey (Kraus) Seyer

Audrey Seyer - January 03, 2018 at 02:09 PM

KW

“ Mrs. Balsamo and Family,
My heart is sadden to hear of loss of Dr. Balsamo. He was my dentist for many, many years. He was very patient and kind. Even after his retirement, and I would run into him at different events or stores, he always remembered my name. He would stop and and ask how my family and I were doing and always had a warm and friendly smile on his face. May God's loving arms continue to surround you all. God Bless.

Karen Webb-McClendon

Karen Webb-McClendon - January 03, 2018 at 10:15 AM

PR

“ Sue - So sorry to hear of your loss. Please let us know at the Foundation if there is anything we can do for you at this time. Blessings to you and your family. Patti

Patti Ranzini - January 03, 2018 at 09:23 AM

PR

“ *Patti Ranzini lit a candle in memory of Dr. Salvatore Charles "Charlie" Balsamo*



Patti Ranzini - January 03, 2018 at 09:21 AM

DP

“ *Condolences to Sue and family. Dr. Balsamo was my dentist for many years and friend of my family. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.*

Debbie Blankenship Petty

Debbie Petty - January 03, 2018 at 08:15 AM

BF

“ *Sue, I was so sorry to hear that we lost Charlie. He was very kind to me when I first came to Cape and was one of a few who asked me to lunch and then invited me to join the Southeast Dental Society. He was also very kind and caring to his patients and his dentistry was excellent. The patients who migrated my way after his retirement were extremely complimentary of him not only as a Dentist, but as a caring man. His varied interests in life made Charlie always very fun to strike up a conversation as he was always willing to talk about a myriad of things besides Dentistry. I've missed those conversations. My prayers are with you and the kids and hate it that this had to happen during the Holiday season. Bob Fox*

Bob Fox - January 02, 2018 at 04:20 PM