



Charles Friend "Charlie" Sego

January 25, 1942 - October 12, 2019

Charles Friend (Charlie) Sego, 77, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Saturday, October 12, 2019, at the Willard Walker Hospice Home. He was born in Wichita, KS, to Presley and Virginia (Honey) Friend Sego on January 25, 1942, as a new member of the Osage Nation Native American tribe.

In 1960, he graduated from College High School in Bartlesville, OK, and attended the University of Oklahoma, graduating in 1964 with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. He married Frances Tabor on January 20, 1963, in Tulsa. His summers during college were spent working for Cities Service Oil Co. in the oil fields of El Dorado, KS.

Charlie's business career began in Tulsa at Shell Oil Co., moving to Little Rock in 1965 to work as a sales representative for Texaco. In 1968, Charlie joined the IBM Corp. working in sales and management. Over the next 21 years, he worked for IBM in Little Rock, Franklin Lakes, NJ, and Louisville, KY, moving to Northwest Arkansas in 1979. He retired from IBM in 1989.

In 1980 Charlie and Frances founded the Duck Club Gallery on North College in Fayetteville, operating the business for 35 years. In 1989 he purchased the Angler's Den Orvis dealership and rebranded the business as Bancroft & Tabor Clothing & Angler's Den.

Within the community, Charlie served on Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce committees, was a member of the Rotary Club of Fayetteville (President 1994-95), and a member of Kappa Alpha Order at OU. He also volunteered at the Ozark Literacy Council and served on the Fayetteville Parks and Recreation Board.

As a lifelong sports enthusiast, Charlie coached Best Sports 14-15 yr. old Babe Ruth baseball teams for many years. His favorite pro teams were the St. Louis Cardinals and Dallas Cowboys.

As a member at Fellowship Bible Church of Northwest Arkansas, he served as an elder, an usher and a leader of numerous community groups. He loved to study the Bible and attended Bible Study Fellowship. Charlie believed the Bible and faithfully lived Romans 8:28, and to summarize in his words "nothing happens in the life of a believer that God can't use for good."

Charlie is survived by his wife Frances, sons Bart Sego (wife Gena) of Bentonville, AR, Ted Sego (wife Andrea) of Fayetteville, and Jay Sego (wife Sarah) of Alexandria, VA; his mother Virginia (Honey) Sego of Fayetteville; brother Steve Sego of Bloomington, IN; cousins Barbara Walker (husband Bevy) and Pixie Moore of Nashville, TN; grandchildren Taylor Sego, Kate Sego, Brooks Sego and Elizabeth Sego, all of Fayetteville, and Luke Lindsay Sego and Grace-Ann Sego of Alexandria, VA.

A memorial service will be on Thursday, October 17, at 10 am at Fellowship Fayetteville, 3447 N. Hwy 112, Fayetteville. Visitation will be from 4 to 6 pm Wednesday, October 16, at Nelson-Berna Funeral Home, 4520 N Crossover Rd, Fayetteville. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in memory of Charles Sego to Fellowship Bible Church of Northwest Arkansas or to the WRMC Willard Walker Hospice Home in Fayetteville.

To sign the online guestbook please visit www.nelsonberna.com

Cemetery

Events

Fairview Memorial Gardens
1728 East Mission
Fayetteville, AR, 72703

OCT 16 **Visitation** 04:00PM - 06:00PM
Nelson-Berna Funeral Home & Crematory
4520 N. Crossover Rd., Fayetteville, AR, US, 72703

OCT 17 **Memorial Service** 10:00AM
Fellowship Bible
3447 North Hwy 112, Fayetteville, AR, US

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Nelson Berna Funeral Home - October 16 at 09:08 AM



“ We the members of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church and our Pastor, Revered Leon Leath send our condolences and prayers of comfort for the family during this time. May you find comfort and strength in the word of God contained in Matthew 5:4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted". May God continue to strengthen and comfort you.

Rev. Leon Leath, Pastor
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church
Lynn Haven, Florida

Rev. Leon Leath - October 18 at 07:39 AM



“ Our family met Charlie thru little league baseball. We were on an opposing team. Charlie was friendly, kind and thoughtful and always said “hi” and asked how my family was doing. I reconnected years later when we moved back to town. My utmost respect and admiration for how he treated people. Scott Alaniz

scott alaniz - October 17 at 10:56 PM



“ I haven't seen Charles since our days at OU, but he was always a friend and I considered him one of the “good guys.” This world will be a lesser place without him.

Pat Kane

Pat Kane - October 17 at 05:34 PM



“ The shirt off his back

It was March 1980 at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco. The successful IBM salesmen from 1979 were there to attend a 3-day recognition event. By total coincidence, Charlie and I were assigned as roommates. Although we had worked in the same Fayetteville office for a year, we really didn't know each other. But, I knew Charlie's reputation of being a very good guy.

This was during the absolute "Heyday" of IBM. And within IBM, these were the days where rigid observance of rules of convention and etiquette were an absolute requirement..... particularly, in regards to dress. One would not consider attending an IBM event dressed in other than a 3-piece pin stripe suit, white shirt, conservative tie, and black wing-tip shoes. Hard to believe, right?

As we started dressing for the first official event..... an evening banquet..... I discovered to my absolute horror that I had not packed white shirts. This was tantamount to being labeled a fool. It was too late to go shopping and certainly out of the question to attend the banquet. As I sat down to ponder my disgrace, Charlie said, "What's up?" I told him.

Charlie reached in the closet, withdrew a freshly starched white shirt, and handed it to me. I said, "What's up?" He said he had brought two and I was welcome to one of them. I said, "Hold on, there are two 4-hour business meetings and two banquets, you will need both of them." Charlie smiled that wonderful smile and said, "I think we can both manage with one, don't you?"

He was a "Men's Large" and I was a "Men's Small"..... biggest shirt I ever wore. Collar was pretty loose, but hidden under a suit jacket and vest, no one noticed. Knowing I would be embarrassed, he never mentioned it to anyone and never brought it up again for the next 40 years. We enjoyed more IBM trips together during the next decade and always had wonderful times.

This is a baseball

Charlie asked me to assist him in coaching Babe Ruth Baseball and boy did he understand the game. At the first team meeting each year, Charlie would hold up a baseball, and say, "Gentlemen, this is a baseball." The boys thought he was nuts. But, he was a master at teaching 14 and 15 year-old boys the fundamentals of the game. By the end of the first practice, they had changed their minds. His teams competed for the championship almost every year.

More importantly, Charlie was interested in the development of their moral character. He taught by his actions, always demonstrating the right way to handle every situation. My son (now almost 50 years old) played for Charlie. When I called to tell him of Charlie's death, he said, "I have such great memories of Charlie. He was a wonderful coach who added layers to my baseball knowledge. He gave me good lessons about patience, until it became part of me. He also left an indelible mark on my lexicon ... I have been saying "Jiminy Christmas" for well over 30 years because of him."

Remembrance

“Give (someone) the shirt off one’s back” is defined in Webster’s as: “to do anything to help (someone)”. And, that was the essence of the man.

I will remember Charlie as a man of grace who showed by his actions that he was a Christian.

“Cha-Lee”, you were loved and will be greatly missed.

Bob Harriell

Bob Harriell - October 17 at 03:39 PM



“ I will be eternally grateful for Charlie's compassion, love, and friendship. Thank you, Charlie. You will be missed.

Daae Kim - October 17 at 11:22 AM



“ I knew Charlie from both church and BSF. I had the opportunity to get to know him a bit through our study of The Word together. He will always be remembered as a blessing from God to all who knew him.

Chet Hampton - October 17 at 08:29 AM



“ When I moved from San Antonio Texas I met Charlie Segó as my tutor at Ozark Literacy Council we spent a lot of time on English conversation classes, after a few weeks we became good friends, we decided to move our english conversation classes to Panera Bread. We met there every Tuesday and he taught me about the Bible and one day in his prayers I give my heart to Jesus Lord.

Lino Gomez - October 16 at 06:26 PM



“ Although I haven't seen Charlie since high school, I always considered him a friend. Reading his obituary, it is obvious his was a life well lived and a blessing to others.

Dick Francis - October 16 at 01:00 PM



“ I was fortunate to be teamed with Charlie as a young IBM System Engineer trying to win back the University of Arkansas account for IBM. Most IBMer's though at the time it was a lost cause. I learned more about life, customers, people, the right way of doing things- big and small, how important it was to have the right balance between work, family, community, and God, from Charlie than anyone else other than my parents in that one year. I wasn't smart enough at the time to ask for advice on these topics but all I had to do was observe how Charlie lived his life! THANK YOU Charlie Seggo for touching my life more than you ever realized and I am sure Charlie had the same effect on everybody he came across. He had a special gift and we are so lucky he share it with the world! Yes, we did win back the U of A as an account but that was the least important thing that happen to me that year. The most important, significate, thing that year was I got to hang with Charlie Seggo!
I am sorry for your loss and the whole family is in my prayers. Cherish the many wonderful memories. Hoping you get comfort knowing what Charlie meant to me.

Bruce Hill

Bruce Hill - October 16 at 12:54 PM



“ Susan Wizer & family purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Charles Friend "Charlie" Seggo.



Susan Wizer & family - October 16 at 10:50 AM



“ Vandergriff Elementary Staff purchased the White Standing Spray for the family of Charles Friend "Charlie" Seggo.



Vandergriff Elementary Staff - October 15 at 06:27 PM



“ Sorry for your family's loss. Charlie's Duck Club & Gallery was an anchor business on Dickson St. Always positive and friendly.
Sandy Pringle

Sandy Pringle - October 15 at 04:50 PM



“ Ron and I were saddened to hear of Charlie's passing. We couldn't have ordered up a better neighbor. As Ron walked Tanner, he always enjoyed his visits with Charlie and Love Bug. All our love to a wonderful gentleman and his family.

Ron and Janet Konig - October 15 at 02:49 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Charlie was a consistent spiritual inspiration to Peggy and I and our entire community group. Charlie was a great friend and he will be missed. May God's loving grace embrace the entire Seggo family with comfort and His love.

Dean Redford - October 15 at 12:27 PM



“ I've known Charlie since grade school. We spent many hours collecting baseball cards and playing cornball games in the summers in Bartlesville. I'll always be honored to call Charlie my friend. Charlie, you will be remembered as a wonderful man.

Denny Butcher - October 15 at 10:55 AM



“ loved Charlie so much. A great and godly man full of love for everyone. So approachable and easy to be with and talk with. He served our church and so many others. We will all miss him terribly. A life well lived Charlie. Thank you.

Steve Shadrach - October 15 at 12:15 AM



“ Charlie Seggo was a very special person who was my privilege to call a friend!!!!

scott linebaugh - October 14 at 03:37 PM