



# Charles R. Singman

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**T**he Right Rev. Charles R Singman, age 65, of Bridgeville, DE, died unexpectedly on Monday, May 23, 2011 at his residence. He was born March 12, 1946 in Baltimore, MD, son of Thomas James and Loretta Margaret (Hayden) Singman of Ocean City, DE.

Rev. Singman lived in Baltimore City until 1954 when his family moved to Towson, MD. He attended Mt. Washington Country School, Calvert Hall College and Towson State University. He served with the Maryland National Guard for 14 years, completing his military service in the Army Reserves retiring as a Major. His civilian career spanned several Government agencies some of which were: The Social Security Administration in Woodlawn, Chief of ADP Selection at DSS-W, The Pentagon and The Agency for International Development - U.S. State Department from which he retired in 1991. Rev. Singman was a member of the St. Andrew's Society, the St. George's Society and past President of the Robert Burns' Society of Annapolis, Military Order of the Mountain Eagle, and a member of Scotland's Clans Hay and Murray. His close ties to Clan Hay in Scotland led to a warm personal relationship with the Earl, The Chief of Clan Hay, and the Countess of Erroll. Rev. Singman acted as the Chief's Bannerman, an honor and distinction both in the USA and in Scotland.

After retirement, Rev. Singman began his preparation for the ministry. He was ordained a Deacon in December 1993 and, in England, was ordained to the priesthood in the Anglican Church. Rev. Singman served as Chancellor and Canon Administrator of the Diocese of the Mid-Central States, TEC before going to England where he became the Assistant Administrator of the Diocese of Lambeth. Illness cut short those duties and he returned to the U.S. Rev. Singman was Department Chaplain, Detachment Chaplain and past Chaplain of American Legion Post 6, Seaford.

Rev. Singman was elected Exalted Ruler of the Seaford Elks Lodge 2458 where he also served in multiple officer positions; he was State Chaplain for the American Legion and Sons of the American Legion, as well as Chaplain of the American Legion Post 6, Seaford; and a member of the Chesapeake Caledonian Pipe and Drum Band. He was also a member and past president of



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NARFE, Chapter 1992 of western Sussex County; he served on the Board of Directors of the Robert Burns Society of Annapolis; was the former Police Commissioner of Bridgeville; he enjoyed antiques and living his Scottish heritage; and travelling the world, especially to Scotland.

In addition to his parents, Rev. Singman is survived by his life partner of 36 years, Michael O. Dietz; Michael's daughter, Christine Dietz (DeCiancio) Thayer of Baltimore, MD; cousins Elizabeth and Eric Mucha of Harrington, DE and their son Flynn whom he loved as a son; numerous cousins, aunts, uncles, and friends; dog Stinkie; cat Paws; and grand-dog Logan.

Friends are invited to visit with the family on Friday, May 27, 2011, 6 PM to 8 PM, at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Hardesty Chapel, 202 Laws Street, Bridgeville, DE. A Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, June 12, 2011 at 11:00 AM at the funeral home, where friends may visit beginning at 10:00 AM. Interment will be private.

Following the Memorial Service, the family invites everyone to join them for food and fellowship at the Elks Lodge #2458, Seaford, DE.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to the American Diabetes Association, 100 West 10th Street, Suite 1002, Wilmington, DE 19801

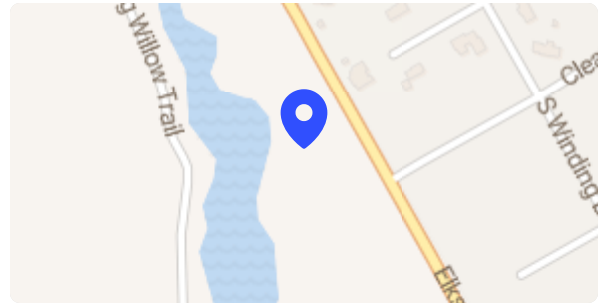
Please visit Mr. Singman's Life Memorial Webpage and sign his online guestbook at [www.parsellfuneralhomes.com](http://www.parsellfuneralhomes.com)

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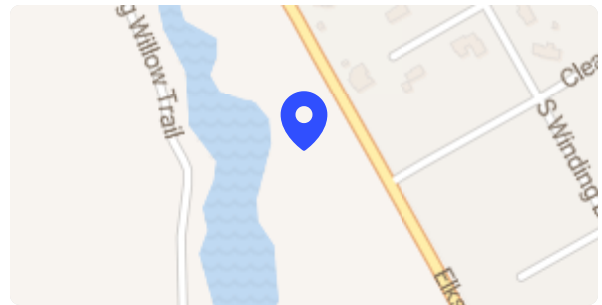
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SU

**Susan** posted:

Charles -----My brother is with you now. May you both rest in peace. Be good to my brother Charlie! And please don't fight with Peg -----Love -----Your favorite Sister-in-law -----Susan :)

July 26 at 8:00 PM

AE

**Arman Ebrahimi** posted:

Dear Tom and Loretta, I was very saddened to hear of passing of your Son. Please accept my sincere condolences and may his soul rest in peace. Best regards, Arman & Faranak

June 9 at 8:00 PM

SO

**Solmaz** posted:

Dear Loretta and Tom, We are so sorry to hear about your Son's untimely departure. May the memories of his extraordinary life and kindnesses give you comfort in this difficult time of sorrow. You are in our thoughts and prayers. With deepest condolences, Mali and Solmaz

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JB

**Jack & Shirley Bell** posted:

Sincere sympathy to Michael, Chris and the Parents of Charles. We hope you will be comforted by the warm and happy memories of the special times shared with this lovely Man. We have fond memories of the time he spent with us in Scotland. w

May 29 at 8:00 PM



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MB

**Mark And Jeanne Boening** posted:

MIKE, WE ARE SO SADDENED BY THE LOSS OF CHARLES. PLEASE KNOW THAT WE ARE THINKING OF YOU DURING THIS MOST DIFFICULT TIME IN YOUR LIFE.

May 28 at 8:00 PM

JB

**Jerry And Ann Brainard** posted:

We got to know Charles thru NARFE. He always was so friendly and will always remember him --a kind, friendly, modest man. Ann comes from England and she and Charles spoke often about her homeland a place Charles knew well. Rest in peace Charles, you will be missed by many--our condolences to Charles family and to Michael

May 27 at 8:00 PM

LD

**Laurie & Dennis Via** posted:

Sending our condolences to Loretta, Tom, Mike & Chris. We are very sorry for your loss and for the loss to our family.

May 26 at 8:00 PM

EM

**Elizabeth Mucha** posted:

Uncle Charlie, you will be greatly missed!!!! I am so happy I got to spend more time with you since I moved to DE. I am so glad Flynn got to meet you. f

May 26 at 8:00 PM

LM

**Linda Currie Migliore** posted:

What a sad day. Charlie was a beautiful person in every way.....fun, generous, kind .....a good man. Rest in peace, dear Charlie.

May 26 at 8:00 PM

BC

**Barbara & Jim Chambers** posted:

Our friendship was brief but we will miss you and the stories we shared.

May 25 at 8:00 PM



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JR

**Julie And Bill Rottkamp** posted:

We love you, Charlie....you will be greatly missed.

May 25 at 8:00 PM

SD

**Sarah Driggers** posted:

Within seconds of meeting Charlie I felt like he was my uncle. I will always remember him for his love, warmth and encouragement. My prayers go out to his family and friends.

May 25 at 8:00 PM

JH

**Jim & Ruan Harbour** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. We were blessed to have known Charles.

May 25 at 8:00 PM

BS

**Ben & Marge Sevier** posted:

Deepest sympathy to Charles'sfamily. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

May 25 at 8:00 PM

DP

**Dr. Gary M. Pryseski** posted:

Charles and I went through high school-Calvert Hall and college -Towson University together. We had a number of great times with our group. My condolences to the family

May 25 at 8:00 PM

RF

**Rev. Darryl Ford** posted:

My prayers are with you

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**Kim Endres** posted:

Whata wonderful person Charles was - always had a smile and willing to talk with you. Although I hadn't seen him in awhile he made an impression on me that will last my lifetime. He will be sorely missed.

May 25 at 8:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Charles by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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