

CHARLES L. WOOD JR.



Charles L. Wood Jr., 89, of Jupiter, Florida, passed away on August 13, 2023. Charles, otherwise known as Charlie, was born on July 11, 1934, in New York, New York to Dr. and Mrs. Charles Wood (Muriel). His lifelong passion for ships led him to the University of Michigan, where he graduated with a BSE in Naval Architecture in 1956. After graduating, Charlie served as an officer in the U.S. Navy from 1956 - 1959,

before joining Alcoa and settling in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1959. While at Alcoa, he held a variety of assignments, culminating in working with the major domestic automobile producers on the topics of recycling and repair.

In 1961, Charlie married the former Martha (Marty) Andrews, to whom he was married for 61 years and had four children. He also continued his education, earning an MBA from the University of Pittsburgh in 1967. Upon retiring from Alcoa in 1993, Charlie served as a consultant to The Aluminum Association until 2002. Both when active and retired, Charlie undertook numerous volunteer activities with the American Red Cross, the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix, and the Carnegie Science Center while in Pittsburgh, then while in Florida the Maritime Museum, the Children's Museum of the Treasure Coast, the Marinelife Center of Juno Beach, and the Maltz Jupiter Theater.

In retirement, Charlie and Marty enjoyed the company of friends and family and travel. They were snowbirds until 2017 when they settled full-time in Jupiter. A terrible golfer, Charlie enjoyed tending to his extensive miniature ship and toy train collections. He cherished his time with family and is fondly known for his infamous culinary experiments known as "Chuck's surprises," his ever-elusive "score ones," his legendary sweet tooth, and the way he rubbed his hands together in excitement. His love of travel and learning new languages, his kindness, his wit, his outstanding intellect, and his eternal quest for knowledge were the hallmarks of his personality. Always adventurous, he traveled to both the Arctic and Antarctic while in the Navy, learned to scuba dive in his 70s, and went skydiving in his 80s. Charlie's presence will be deeply missed, but his love, laughter, and guidance will live on through his children and beyond. Charlie was predeceased by his parents and his brother, Lawrence. He is survived by Marty and their four children: Chris, Larry, Anne (Curtin), and Carolyn (Rutin), and three grandchildren: Andrew, Michael, and Matthew.

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