



Charles Clinton Bush

August 12, 1944 - June 1, 2016

On Wednesday, June 1st, 2016 one very unique, kind, caring, loving heart took its final and last beat here on earth. The chapters were all written in his book of life and the ending was a final closure of the life he led here with all his friends and family. Charles Clinton Bush (age 71) or better known as "Charlie" to all breathed his last with a heart that was very tired and troubled at times along with a body that became stressed with age and medical issues over the years that finally called his time on earth complete. He was the 2nd child born 13 months after his older brother on the 12th day of August 1944 to (Doc) Clarence Andrew Bush and M. Darleen (Clark) Bush of Beach ND. He was known in the family as the protector and caregiver to many. It seemed that his life would always take a back seat while he gave more than he received in his life never expecting more from it. It was just his born nature of going the extra mile for others, first and foremost. He received his early education in Beach ND at a private church school 1st thru 8th grade. After completing those grades he moved on to high school where he finished that in 3 years attending Sheyenne River Academy in Harvey ND and then moving on to MT Ellis Academy in Bozeman MT. Immediately following his high school years he went off to college at Walla Walla where he earned his BA in English. Throughout his high school and college years he never chose to walk in his graduations, that just wasn't for him. After his 1st college run he joined the United States Army in August 1968 as a Medical Corpsman and was honorably discharged in February of 1974. He served overseas in the Vietnam

War and also worked at the Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington DC. After being discharged from the military he went back to college for his RN degree at the Dickinson State University in Dickinson ND. He worked for his father at the 2 previous hospital locations in Beach. He later became administrator of the Golden Valley Manor for several years which was a job that he dearly loved and had such a true passion for the elderly in caring for them. He took a "wild" adventure in the late 70's early 80's and placed a bid on a closed restaurant and unbeknownst to him he was the "lucky" winner of what became Charlie's Cafe for several years. Charlie's Cafe was well known for their fried chicken night on Mondays as well as the large homemade caramel and cinnamon rolls and of course his wide selection of tasty pies and homemade cookies. He didn't know anything about how to run a cafe but he sure enjoyed learning how and I think he became pretty good at it as his fellow co-workers state he was "The best boss they ever had". He was also involved with several rental properties around the town of Beach that he helped his mother with over the years. Some of the neat stories from meeting people that use to rent from him state that if they had fallen in hard times he would let their rent slide and ask if they needed anything always checking on them and when they were able he would start collecting rent from them again. He headed back to the Golden Valley County Hospital to work for a few more years before it was due to close in the early 90's. He worked in the 90's at the Wibaux County Nursing Home of which was another well loved job of his. After leaving the nursing home job he ventured to Glendive where he commuted from Beach to Glendive for his work there at Eastmont until it closed its doors. After leaving Eastmont, he worked at the Vets Nursing Home in Glendive for a few years. He went for a change from the elderly and disabled to working in the Glendive State Prison there as the nurse for a few years, not a job that he liked by any means but he said he learned so much in doing so. In between all of his work places he still found time to attend college in Glendive and get his medical transcriptionist degree as well as taking some hobby classes in photography, art and music. He was always like a sponge

that was thirsty for more knowledge in learning about anything. I think he would of been the happiest just staying in college and taken everything they offered. He was an avid reader and loved history and also knew the history of the town of Beach and all that lived there, as well as the surrounding communities. He enjoyed a "good" conversation and it was hard to peel him away from someone that he was visiting with. He enjoyed oil painting, ceramics, making gorgeous quilts with his dear and close friends Forest and Rosemary Hodges along with John Foster. The last few years found him doing crafts in crocheting from making hats for adults and babies in the hospital as well as pot holders and he even tried his luck at making jewelry. He loved doing leather work, writing his own music of which he was a lover of jazz and classical music. He learned to play the piano beautifully at a young age and later on bought his dream piano which was a white baby grand that now belongs to his niece as he gifted it to her years ago. He also played the clarinet and the accordion. He would spend hours in the kitchen cooking and baking and shared special memories with his sister in doing so when they were younger by hanging out in the cabin on the place and making up some pretty interesting meals to try even using goose eggs in the recipes. He also loved to jitterbug and 2 step but his favorite was the jitterbug and he taught a few of us how but no one could really match his steps he had. His biggest rewards in life seem to be those of his constant giving to others whether it was family or friends he was always showering them with some special gift or something. His gifts were not small by any means either. He challenged himself several times in reading the bible thru from start to finish a couple times and also studied in depth all of the religions. He still remained a 7th Day Adventist up to the end. His next favorite religion was Catholic as he found the religion very intriguing. He had a huge love for horses and owned many in his time and use to ride faithfully. Along with several dogs and a few pet birds were all his animals of choice. His weakness was shopping which is rare for a man but he dearly loved to go shopping where his wardrobe would be doubled

in size. He loved taking long drives and just seeing the country side. He also loved to plant a rather large garden that was only suppose to be a few rows long that turned into what seemed like an acre long. Charlie was a huge practical jokester he always had something up his sleeve it seemed from scaring someone to spraying them with water you just never knew what was coming up next when he was around. Things changed shortly and his joke playing was never the same after he went thru triple bye pass surgery in 2014. He survived it, but it was a tough road for him to get thru and he was a changed person greatly after that and never quit felt up to pare.

Our brother, uncle and friend is missed beyond words from his unique voice and laugh that he had to his well known knowledge that he loved to share and his big ole bear hugs to his gracious and giving gifts. Rest easy Charlie your time on earth may not have always been a smile along the way but you sure endured the storms that were thrown your way. Loving you beyond the stars until we meet again.

Charlie was proceeded in death by his father (Doc Bush) Clarence in 1975 his brother Carl in 1994 his mother M. Darleen in 1999 and a niece Stephanie Bush in 2006.

Surviving Charlie is a brother Clarence Bush Jr. of Fresno CA, sister(s) Karen Elliott of Paw Paw, Michigan, Cheryl (Kent) Shaw of Beach ND, Clareen (Paul) Lester of Rapid City SD, Lindy Iwaniuk of Cabot Arkansas, Cindy Bush of New England ND, brother Christopher Bush of Beach ND, and sister Missy (Jeff) Nelson of Wibaux MT. 3 very special nieces whom he was extremely close too and adored more than anything were Jacey, Madison and Morgan Nelson. Along with numerous other nieces and nephews. And a special namesake nephew "Charlie".

The family of Charlie Bush would like to thank each and everyone of you that have been there for us and continue to be there for us since his untimely passing. May God bless each of you!

Silha Funeral Home of Beach was entrusted with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Beach City Cemetery

Beach, ND 58621

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 4. 11:00 AM (MT)

Beach City Cemetery
Beach, ND 58621

Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Clinton Bush*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *i was proud to work with charles ,, he never let anything stop him not even when he got sprayed by a skunk. yes he came to work with that strong cologne on. it shows your dedication to your coworkers and patients. thank you for letting our paths cross in this lifetime, i pray for strength for the family.*



Janet Welch - July 14, 2016 at 08:09 PM



“ *Debby (Brown) Martin lit a candle in memory of Charles Clinton Bush*



Debby (Brown) Martin - July 14, 2016 at 07:45 PM



I remember him at the cafe joking with the staff one of whom was my mother Ruth Brown. Missy, you & I would walk in there for pie or cookies & hear the laughter between them in the kitchen. We stopped & smiled at each other & wondered if we should go on in the kitchen or snatch a cookie & leave. He will be greatly missed. Now him & my Mom can laugh together in Heaven. Prayers for comfort & peace to you & all the family. God bless.

Debby (Brown) Martin - July 14, 2016 at 07:50 PM

PF

“ My condolences to the family. When the enemy death strikes, it leaves us with pain and feelings that are difficult to process. May you be comforted in knowing that God (Psalms 83:18) can give you that Peace of God that surpasses all understanding when you draw close to him in prayers daily.

pfl - July 13, 2016 at 01:16 PM

PK

“ Charlie was in a group of students at DSC who regularly met for coffee in the student union. We all loved his laugh and his pithy remarks on the state of the world. We had some mighty discussions.....loved having his company.....we all lost track of each other over the years, but I am sure he is well remembered.

pj klein

pj klein - June 29, 2016 at 08:24 PM

SW

“ So sorry to hear of Charles passing. I worked with him years ago at Eastmont and he was just the most amazing person, loved his laugh and the kindness he brought to this world.

Sandy Whitney - June 22, 2016 at 11:14 AM

GF

“ Please accept my family's heartfelt condolences on the loss of your dear loved one. May you find comfort in fond memories, and The Almighty God's promise in the Bible, to restore those asleep in death to perfect life on a paradise Earth.

Greene Family - June 18, 2016 at 10:21 AM

ME

“ *Rest in peace, my friend. Margot Eckes*

Margot Eckes - June 16, 2016 at 11:59 PM



“ *My condolences to Charleys family. I pray that the Lord comforts each and every one of you through this terrible time. Special thoughts for Cindy and Chris. Sending all my love.*

Maxine Fragosa - June 13, 2016 at 11:33 PM

MN

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Missy Nelson - June 09, 2016 at 03:31 AM

LK

I did not know him personally but I had the privilege of teaching his younger brother and sister at the church school. Missy and Christopher. Wonderful kids! And a very special family!

Liz Swingle Kilpatrick - January 17, 2024 at 07:22 AM

BT

“ *I had the honor of working with Charles at Eastmont he was a intelegent person and made wonderful Beautiful Quilts. He will be missed.*

Rest in Peace!

Becky (Chouinard) Tipton

Becky Tipton - June 07, 2016 at 09:01 AM

JF

“ *I'm so sorry to hear this. I worked with Charlie at the nursing home and we had some good talks and lots of laughs. He had a great heart for the residents and I always appreciated that so much. Thinking of you Missy and family. My hugs & prayers..*

Judy Frasch - June 07, 2016 at 08:12 AM