



Charles G. Cumbaa

June 23, 1936 - October 22, 2021



Charles Gladden Cumbaa, 85, of Nederland passed away at home, Friday, October 22, 2021. He was born on June 23, 1936, to Wilma and Jack Cumbaa in Mobile Alabama.

Charles grew up in Galveston raised by Wilma and Joseph Thompson, his mother and stepfather. He graduated from Ball High School, attended the University of Houston and graduated from Lamar University with a BBA degree. While at the University of Houston, he lived in a house off campus with his fraternity brothers. This is where he met the love of his life

Norma. He enlisted in the Air Force Reserves in 1961 and was honorably discharged in 1967. He and Norma wed in 1962 celebrating 59 years together this past July. Charles enjoyed a career as a CPM Certified Purchasing Manager with Norville Wilder, Drago Supply and retired from Temple Inland in 2000. He was an active member of Sabine Neches Association of Purchasing Management and served as president in 1977. Charles was always a very active father, coaching Randy's ball and rifle teams and supporting Gayle's dance class and drill team. He treasured holidays and spending time with his extended family. After retirement, he enjoyed traveling, and exercising- (SOCIALIZING) at the YMCA. He was an active member of The Golden Triangle Gun Club and NRA. In 1997 his life changed; he was blessed with a grandson. Cortland was the center of Norma and Charles' life. They traveled long distances to all of his ball games, cross country and track meets, and his March-In's at Aggie Stadium with the Texas A&M Maritime Academy.

Charles is preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Ora Cumbaa and Joseph and Wilma Thompson; and his older brother, Jack Cumbaa. He is survived by his wife, Norma Cumbaa of Nederland; son, Randy Cumbaa and wife, Shannon of Spirit Lake Idaho; daughter, Gayle Samford and husband, Steven; grandson, Cortland Samford of The Woodlands; younger sister, JoAnn Waldrip; and many nieces and nephews in the greater Houston area and Alabama.



























Graveside Service

Thursday, October 28, 2021 11:00 a.m.
Galveston Memorial Park
Hitchcock, Texas

Military Honors

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Southeast Texas Veterans Service Group

Memorial Contributions

Charles Cumbaa Wellness Fund at YMCA
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