

CHARLES THOMAS HARGROVE
1942 - 2021
MEMORIES OF CHARLIE

Dan Hemmelgarn
April 14, 2021

Sorry to have only now learned of Charlie's passing. Our thoughts and condolences to Marilyn and all his family.

I first met Charlie over the negotiating table, but we quickly found mutual respect. Eventually we also found friendship and mutual interests.

His sincerity and honesty/integrity was always appreciated and it made him a person who truly left the world a better place.

RIP Charlie!

Carol (Whitmarsh) Eby
April 7, 2021

So sorry for your loss. Charley was a great person. The first thing I thought of was the good times he and Don would share. I always thought a lot of Charley.

Terry Hennkens
April 1, 2021

Charlie introduced me to harvey wallbangers in the late 60's. He also helped a young fellow City employee get accustomed to working life early in my career. I enjoyed our friendship over the years. Charlie was always kind and interested in how I was doing. I will miss him.

Bill Weitkemper
April 1, 2021

Charlie was my "financial advisor" while we were both at the city. Charlie used to enjoy playing jokes on fellow employees. I was told that Charlie once put small blocks under the legs of Lowell P. desk, replacing the blocks every few days with a longer block, until Lowell's chin was almost touching the top of his desk. Charlie will be missed. RIP Charlie.

William Margraf
April 1, 2021

I have fond memories of Charlie's activities regarding the Columbia Fire Department. In fact the CFD owes a great debt to Charlie. As I understand it he was VERY influential in the 1975 purchase of a new 85' aerial platform.

When I became Fire Chief in 1988 Charlie continued his interest in, and help to me and the CFD. Because of the guidance Charlie provided several tax issues supported by our citizens have resulted in a modern fleet of fire trucks, two additional fire stations, replacement of two stations and remodeling of several stations. Indeed, a great deal is owed to Charlie. He will be missed.

Carroll Highbarger
March 31, 2021

Marilyn, sorry for your loss. We all lost something with Charlie's passing. It was nice to work with Charlie on police department issues. He was firm, fair, and respected. Occasionally a group of us played cards with Charlie and enjoyed the give and take.

Charlie will be missed.

Mike Griggs
April 1, 2021

All of us at Parks and Recreation are sorry for your loss. For years, Charlie had an office in the Gentry building with all of us in Parks and Rec, HR and Fire Admin. I was just starting as the sports supervisor yet Charlie always made me feel like I was a long term valued City employee, even with my crazy "reinventing government" ideas.

He was a supporter of P&R programs and events and was involved with the model train club for many years. He later encouraged me to teach some classes at Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and always attended as many as he could, providing valuable perspective. He will be missed.

Mike Griggs, Director
Columbia Parks & Recreation

Susan Pendergrass
March 31, 2021

Some of our fondest Columbia, MO memories include gatherings at Charlie and Marilyn's home, always with music, food, laughter and stories that might or might not be fiction!!! Dennie certainly could elaborate on their time together with the City. I know he now is free of the physical constraints that he dealt with so masterfully throughout the years.

Our love to Marilyn and family.
Dennie and Susan Pendergrass - Florida



Charlie and his family at Christmas in 2014.

John Dewey Watson
March 30, 2021

Charlie was my college roommate at Ouachita. He was my lifelong friend. We shared political and philosophical views of life. After our working years, we traveled to Chicago, New Orleans, and Cajun Country together with his wife Maryland and my wife Sandy. We had wonderful times. We met year after year in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, home of Ouachita, with our professor, Bob Riley, and his wife, Claudia. We shared those Riley visits with Dick Norton and Gerald Congleton, also Ouachita alums. What great memories we have. We truly solved all of the world's problems; if only someone in authority had listened.

Dewey

**DEATH OF CHARLIE HARGROVE
ANNOUNCED ON FACEBOOK BY HIS SON ON MAR 29, 2021**

Jordon Hargrove

This evening just before 6, the world lost a great man. He was fair, kind, served our city for 34 years, and made me the man I am today. He was the best Father any person could ask for, always there. He loved, he laughed, and he was just so much fun to be around.

I love you dad. Travis and I will do our best to be the men you wanted us and expected us to be.

We will be making arrangements in the next couple of days. I'll make sure to put the information on here for all of his many friends that would like to know that I may not have contact information for.

Brian Rachel Michael

Sorry to hear this Jordon. Thinking of you.

Tanner Johnson

Here if you need anything!

Jill Robison Villasana

Sorry for your loss Jordon. He was a great servant of our city and a very good neighbor.

John Lee

I am so sorry and my deepest sympathy to you and your family.

Sarah McCarter Bullard

I'm so sorry Jordon and family.

Andrea Ford

I'm so sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and your family.

Tony St Romaine

Sorry to hear this news. Charlie and Ray Beck made a great team managing the City thru some tumultuous times.

Scott Green

Truly a wonderful man, he will be missed.

Julie Griggs

We're sorry for your loss.

Richard Green

I lost a great friend and business partner today. We had some wonderful times together. Please accept our sympathy and know that your family is in our prayers.

Steven Sapp

Condolences to the Hargrove family on their loss. My father, Jack Sapp, had the pleasure to work with Charles during his tenure with the City and always spoke highly of Charles. Charles was the definition of a public servant.

Aimee Fine Veile

I loved your dad. I was always proud to call him my uncle. I cannot tell you how much I will miss him. Please let me know if you two or Marilyn need anything

James M Frazier

Sorry for your loss

Kyle Uptegrove

Sorry for your loss.

April Anne

So sorry for your loss. Hugs to you and your family.

Daniel AuBuchon

Condolences on your loss. Prayers to you and your family

Amanda Jacobs

I'm so sorry Jordon. Your dad was a very kind man. My prayers are with you and your family.

Jerod Hawkes

I'm sorry man.

Phyllis Hardin

Jordan you are so right. Your Dad did a fantastic job of raising you boys. I know he was very proud of you both. I know you will miss him so much .

Denver Lybarger

Sorry for your loss sir.

Jan Bonnes

So sorry for your loss your dad was one of the good ones - prayers for all of you.

Toby C. Barnes

Thinking of you guys. Sorry for your loss.

Pat Rachel Terrell

Charlie was one in a million. He always had a great story. I am so very sorry for your loss.

Kelsey Lee Brandkamp

Your extended family is here for you.

Makenna Leeann

I'm thinking of you and your family. let me know if you need anything .

Sarah Perry

My heart goes out to the Hargrove family and the many friends who will miss him. I have great memories of your dad and always valued his help, guidance and patience when I started at the City.

Samuel Thomas

So sorry for your loss! Prayers to you and your family.

Rob Clarahan

You are absolutely right Jordon Hargrove !
He touched so many lives in Mid Missouri...
Me included !

Jason-Amy Pringle

Sorry for your loss Jordon.

Julie Wainscott Ausmus

I'm so sorry to read this! ☹️Thoughts and prayers to the family! Charlie was a Gem!

Stephanie Browning

Jordon and Travis, I am so sorry for your loss. The day I came for my interview in COMo was Charlie's last day before retiring. He still managed to be a presence when I started my job here and I really enjoyed our conversations. He embodied public service. He made me laugh a lot and he loved his family.

Dick Malon

He was a good man and my friend and I'll miss him. At last he is free of his shackles. RIP.

Dennis Smarr

Sorry for your loss. He was indeed a good man

Megan Riley

My deepest condolences. Your Dad was a good guy, always very kind to me. I am praying for you and your family. If there's anything you need please let me know. Much love to you, Jennifer, Brooke, and Christopher.

Aric Camp

Sorry for your loss buddy

Cheryl Hamlin Vanwinkle

Great guy. He was always good to come see my folks and uncle Edsel.

Evan Miller

Sorry for your loss, please let us know if you need anything.

Tom Schneider

One of the great ones.

Syrena Case Hargrove

We are so lucky to have known him. So sorry he's gone.

Margrace Ewing Buckler

So very sorry to hear about your dad. Truly one of my favorite people. He taught me a lot.

Brian Frey

My condolences to you and your family my friend.

Mindy Robbins

Jordon Hargrove I'm still in shock but my heart is grieving for the whole family. Thank you for posting a fine tribute to a finer man.

Peggy Gray

So very sorry for you and everyone, including me, who was touched by your father.

Jim Marberry

My condolences to the entire Hargrove family. Charles was a great friend to many of us. He is and will be missed.

Susan Finlay

I'm sorry for your loss.

Marcia Atkinson

Charlie hired me for my first job in the City Manager's office in 1975. I remember Jordan and Travis were in the office often as young boys. So very sorry for your loss—he touched so many lives in a positive way.

Michael Bruce Drain

So sorry to hear of Charlie's passing. He was such a good friend.

John Karigan

My condolences to you and your family. Im sure you have become the man he is proud of. Sorry for your loss brother, you and your family are in our thoughts!

Pat Stephens

My husband and I always had great admiration for your father, but we really came to love him after he and Marilyn were married. We were so glad they had each other, and so glad they had time to enjoy their life and travels together. So sorry for his loss and for all of you who will miss him so much. (Mike's sister)

Bakur Kvaratskhelia

My condolences to your family! They hosted me back in 2009 when I was visiting all the way from the country of Georgia. He was a good man. RIP!

Jennifer Ann

So sorry for your loss. I will pray for you and your family

Charlene Roberts

I am so very sorry for your loss.

Heidi Bonnes

So sorry to hear this.

Prayers to you and the family.

James Allen Gray
Tears love your dad a good man. Rev

Emma Jane Culver
Charlie hired me in 1966 to work for Mike Sanford as Secretary in Health Department. Then I was hired for Secretary to Fire Chief in 1973. So many memories of Charlie. What a great human being. So sorry for your loss.

Dennis Veach
Aww, what a great guy. Simply one of the smartest men I've ever known. A quick wit but always caring at the same time. I'll be thinking about you all.

Brian Harris
Sorry for your loss.

Buddy Anliker
Sorry brother

Jerry Sigmund
My sympathies to the family, sure enjoyed my years of friendship.

Gene Baumann
Very sad to lose a good friend and inspiration to all. Condolences to the family.

Marie Marie
Sorry for your loss

Julie Schwartz
Oh Jordon, we are so, so sorry for your loss.

Terry Fillmore Weston
Oh, my. Thanks for letting us know this sad news. I will get in touch with Marilyn this morning.

Sandra Moritz
Sorry for your loss. Many memories of Charlie while working at the City. A true public servant.

Clint Seaman
Sorry for your loss! Prayers

Sandy Duck
We are so sorry for you and your family's loss, Jordon!!

Levi Soderstrom
My condolences Good Sir..

Robert Ross
I am very sad to hear this news. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

Scott Van Kirk
My deepest condolences

Dennis James

Oh thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. He was an important member, especially early in the establishment of the Central Missouri Chapter of the Train Collectors Association. His name will be added to our member's memorium.

Lynnanne Baumgardner

Sending condolences and prayers for comfort

Bruce Hamlin

Sorry to here that. He was a very special person.

Al Miller

I grew up with Charles on Rockport Street in North Malvern Arkansas. In so many ways his courage and determination to be a regular guy has made a positive influence on my life. Countless times I have used him as an example of overcoming adversity to live an exemplary life. He has been an important part of my life. I thank God for Charles Hargrove.

Rod Green

Jordon, Travis and Marilyn, we are so sorry to learn of Charlie's passing last evening. He was a good man and I am so glad that he was Scott's #2 Dad. May he rest in peace.

Janice Wall Finley

Oh no. I'm so very sorry for your loss. I worked with Charlie for many years. Yes, a great man he was.

Mona Ajans

My condolences Jordan and to Traves. Your dad was amazing man.

Ray Beck

I'm so glad I got visit with Charlie yesterday. With a nod of his head, he acknowledged my presence, and each of the memories we shared about his family, his important role in our growing city, and our long friendship. I can't over emphasize his many wonderful contributions as Personnel Director and as the Assistant City Manager for several Managers, including myself.

Charlie and I had an excellent working relationship over several decades and I valued his sound and ethical judgment on many issues. Like so many, Dee and I enjoyed our wonderful, longtime friendship with he and Marilyn. He will certainly be missed.

Linda Vogt

So sorry for the loss of Charlie Hargrove. As a county commissioner I always felt that he had all the peoples well being at heart.

Judy Elliott

What a great man. I would like to send Mariyn a note or a card.

Harry Hoffert

Sorry for your loss

Facebook messenger

Michael Drain

Charles Hargrove, Malvern High School class of 1960. died yesterday in Columbia Mo. No obit available as of now.

Bill LAMKINS

We have lost a great man. Charlie taught me how to overcome adversity and face the challenges of life by setting a shining example by his conduct and demeanor.

I was fortunate to have him visit me in Fayetteville in 2000 and we re-newed our friendship dating back to North Malvern Elementary School in 1948. We were classmates until we graduated in 1960.

We shall not see his like again!

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