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**C**harles Benjamin Patrick "Capt. Charlie", age 84, of Mt. Dora, passed away on May 10, 2009. He was born in Glen Cove, NY. He was the former owner of "Capt. Charlie's" Dora Canal Cruises from 1984 to 2003. In his last years he worked at Wal-Mart of Mt. Dora from 2003 to 2009. Everyone he came in contact with knew him as "Capt. Charlie". He was a Veteran of the US Coast Guard serving during WWII on the USS Cepheus (AKA-18) from 1943 - 1946, which aided in the Invasion of Normandy during WWII. He is survived by his sons, Charles Jr. of St. Petersburg, William A. of New Port Richey, Leonard of Miramar; brother, Alexander (Roberta) Patrick of Cocoa; cousin, Edna Shotwell of Glen Cove, NY; grandchildren, Kristin Patrick of San Francisco, CA, Christina Patrick, Port Richey, Kevin Patrick of Miramar. A Memorial Service will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 23, 2009 at Steverson Hamlin & Hilbish Funeral Home.



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

Words alone cannot express what a Good Person with a Great Big Heart Charlie was. He was a good friend to myself and others. Rest in Peace Charlie you will always be a friend never forgotten. Sail On!##imported-begin##Bob Podosek##imported-end##

May 25 at 7:28 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Well Dad...What can I say, we were never close particularly in your later life. But you are my dad. I wish it could have been different. I will always remember you and am very proud of your military service and thank guys like you for our freedom today. I know you are in a better place...anything is better than that trailer. I Love You##imported-begin##Leonard Patrick (The Other One)##imported-end##

May 25 at 7:10 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Some of my fondest memories are of trips to Florida and going to see Uncle Charlie on his boat. I even remember at about 8 years old Bill and I got a brief turn at the wheel. My love to my Uncle, my respect to a veteran, and my condolences to the family.##imported-begin##Bill & Alby Sack##imported-end##

May 25 at 6:23 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Charlie you were loved by many and you will be missed! Mathieu loved having the opportunity to work with you and I loved being able to come in and listen to your stories. We pray blessings over your family in this time of grief and sorrow that the Lord will give them the strength to go on and live/pass on your legacy to your GrandChildren. God Bless to the Family and again YOU WILL BE MISSED!! :( WE LOVE YOU Charlie!!##imported-begin##The Moseley's##imported-end##

May 22 at 6:51 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

I did not personally know Capt. Charlie however from all that I have heard and read he was the personification of "The Greatest Generation". A young man who joins the USCG in a time of a great war... Selfless... a man who takes over the helm of a troop transport ship on her way to battle when the helmsman falls ill...Selfless...a man by all accounts who was loved by all...Selfless... A man with campaign ribbons with bronze stars from both the European and Pacific theaters... A BONAFIDE AMERICAN HERO Capt.Charlie and others like him make me feel proud to be an American.God Bless You All.Chris McCabe American Legion 16th District Chaplain##imported-begin##American Legion Dist 16##imported-end##

May 22 at 6:01 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

For every tear, a memory. For every memory, a smile. Many memories and endless smiles (and laughs). Rest well "Dad." Love, Ellen##imported-begin##Ellen Buck##imported-end##

May 22 at 2:42 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I have fond memories of the tour you took me on way back in the day. I hope heaven is like one long canal cruise-- only with someone else paying for the gas.Rest in Peace, grandpa.##imported-begin##Kristin Patrick##imported-end##

May 22 at 1:28 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Charlie, I didn't grow up with you like Ike, but did know you for over 50 years with many of those years vacationing in Florida, before we moved down permanently. Enjoyed many memorable times. May God grant you eternal rest.##imported-begin##Roberta Patrick##imported-end##

May 22 at 11:36 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dad, you were one of a kind. I miss you. May God Bless You. Chuck##imported-begin##charles benjamin patrick jr.##imported-end##

May 21 at 2:13 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

We go way back to high school days. You will be missed. Rest in Peace Charlie.,##imported-begin##Elsie Cameron##imported-end##

May 21 at 8:31 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Charlie was my big brotherwe grew up in the Landingsection of Glen Cove,LI. Sum-mers we would be swimming orout in a rowboat among thelarge yachts or fishing,ormaybe walking the beach andclimbing the cliffs, lookingfor Capt Kidd's pirate trea-sure. Dad gave us chores, feeding the chickens, tendingthe garden, then at age 17Charlie left school and enlisted in the Coast Guard,shortly after he was assigned to the AKA Cepheus,after the ship was commissioned, and sea trials,they loaded cargo and crossedthe Alantic to the Europeanwar then to the Pacific. After the war Charlie camehome, we were no longer kids,but we always enjoyed beingtogether and we always kept in touch with each other. Alexander Patrick (Ike##imported-begin##Alexander Patrick##imported-end##

May 21 at 7:45 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

My deepest sympathy to the family of Capt Charlie. I took many a trip with Capt Charlie down the Dora Cana. Friends/family always said the trip was the highlight of their vacation to FL. Capt Charlie was so knowledgeable and not matter the time of year, I/we learned something new. Thank you, Capt Charlie. May he rest in peace.##imported-begin##Mary Ann Blaubach##imported-end##

May 20 at 6:22 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Our community is richer by far because of you and your love of nature and humanity. "Sail on, Capt! See you in the canal."With love, honor and respect from Capt Reg and Ms Judy Bale and our captains and crew.##imported-begin##Regency Leisure Services, Inc##imported-end##

May 20 at 1:35 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

My deepest condolences to the entire Patrick family and to all who knew and loved Charlie.##imported-begin##David Tims##imported-end##

May 20 at 8:53 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Pop Pops i love you. You will truly be missed. I remember when i was little we would go on ur boat along the canal and your birds! You were a wonderful person and the best grandpa ever! I love you and miss you tons! RIP PopPop!##imported-begin##Christina Patrick##imported-end##

May 19 at 4:51 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Rest in peace "Captain Charlie".##imported-begin##Cheryl Patrick##imported-end##

May 19 at 3:23 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I can still see him driving that big cadillac. He will pinch you if you sit too close! = )##imported-begin##Jimmy Fyke##imported-end##

May 18 at 7:54 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Some of my earliest memories include my Uncle Charlie--and when I was a little girl, he was always larger than life. He walked into a room, and you knew he was there. He wasn't a huge man, but his laughter and charisma just filled that room to capacity. He was very good to me when I was a child, and I will always remember those kindnesses. I will never forget the hot dogs and orange drinks that he would slip me as I sat at the counter of his lunch wagon down at the dock. I spent many an hour sitting on that bar stool just loving every minute of being with him. Thank you, Uncle Charlie, for making my childhood special. I will always remember those times.##imported-begin##Sandy Fyke##imported-end##

May 17 at 2:50 PM



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**Anonymous** posted:

Rest In Peace Dad...##imported-begin##Bill "Willie Lump Lump"##imported-end##

May 17 at 2:26 PM



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