



Charles Murphy Cray Sr.

November 2, 1932 - March 1, 2023

Charles Murphy Cray, aged 90, passed away on March 1, 2023. He was born to John J. Cray and Margaret Belford Cray on November 2, 1932. He graduated from Seton Hall High School and earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Fordham University before pursuing a career in finance. He was a trusted Wall Street executive and advisor to many for over 45 years, starting his career with Hornblower and Weeks and eventually retiring as an Executive Vice President with Salomon Smith Barney in 2004. He served his country as an officer in the Army and was stationed in Paris, France from 1954-1956. He proudly told anyone that asked about his New York credentials that he was born in Brooklyn, grew up in Bay Shore, and went to college in the Bronx. He moved to Florida in 1975. He was predeceased by his older brothers, John Cray, Thomas Cray, his beloved sister Margaret Raven, and his first wife, Carol Marks Cray and his second wife, Jennifer Lynn Cray. Jenny and Charlie raised three children together, Heidi Kiselewski, Tad Johnson, and Murphy Cray. Heidi and her husband Donald Kiselewski blessed Charlie with three grandchildren, Katie, Chelsea, and Jackson. Charlie dedicated his life to serving his community and those in need. He served as the President of the Benjamin School Parent's Association, Secretary of the Board of Directors of Connor's Nursery and The Children's Place, a member of the Bishop's Ad Hoc Committee on AIDS, the Palm Beach Gardens Historical Society, an honorary member of the Exchangettes Club of the Northern Palm Beaches, and a member of Fordham's Golden Rams Club. In recognition of his unending

public service he was named to the Palm Beach Post “100 People Who Changed the Way We Live in the Last Century,” received the Jefferson Award in Washington DC, and received the Dr. Theodore Norley Community Service Award from the Urban League. A service will be held in his memory on March 20th at 10:30 AM at St. Jude’s Catholic Church in Tequesta, Florida. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR **20**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Jude Catholic Church
204 N U.S. 1
Tequesta, FL

Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Murphy Cray Sr.*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *My friend Charlie and I met way back in the 70's out in West Hampton. I always remember hoe gentle and warm-hearted he was with all. He was a most impressive gentleman. Time went by and we lost contact. Fortunately, as the Spirit would have it, we reconnected at St. Patrick Parish when Murphy was receiving his First Communion. His life was wonderful and he was so happy. Having Charlie as a friend has been a true treasure for me. He holds a special place in my heart along with his dear Jennie. Their love and friendship will always remain a special beloved part of my life. My deepest love, prayers and condolences are for Murphy and all of their cherished loved ones. Rest in the light of Our Dear Jesus.*



Bobbie Dickerson - March 15, 2023 at 04:01 PM



“ *We were neighbors, our children went to school and CCD classes together. We have many fond memories of Charlie. May he rest in peace, May his children find comfort in the loving relationship he provided and the memories they have.*
Sincerely, Art and Janie

Janie Micchelli - March 14, 2023 at 08:46 AM

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“ Charlie was a warm sweet man and a true gentleman. I have fond memories of his generosity letting us enjoy his boat, his home, and his company. Condolences to his family and friends. (Donna M.)

Donna M. - March 10, 2023 at 09:06 PM

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“ I have years of great memories of Charlie and one of my favorites was a day on his boat. A true gentleman and a truly special, kind-hearted man. My condolences to his friends and family.

wally baldwin - March 08, 2023 at 03:07 PM

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Heidi Kiselewski - March 07, 2023 at 10:51 AM