



Charles D. Churchwell

November 7, 1926 - September 19, 2018

Charles Darrett Churchwell passed away Wednesday, September 19, 2018, in St. Louis, Missouri. Charles was born November 7, 1926, the middle of nine children of John Dozier Churchwell and Leeannah Delaughter Churchwell of Dunnellon, Florida.

Charles married his wife Yvonne Ransom in 1957, in Texas, and was a supportive husband and father of two. Charles was a boundary pusher who surmounted odds throughout his lifetime that were both inherent and invited. He was always highly respected for his principles and ability to solve tough issues; and his dry wit was endearing. Charles' legacy is that he inspired us to continually improve ourselves. He lived by example, showing us you can always aim higher.

Charles was predeceased by his wife of nearly 60 years, Yvonne R. Churchwell (passed May 27, 2017). He is survived by his youngest brother, Nyle Churchwell and wife Mary Churchwell of Houston, Texas; sister-in-law Ruth Churchwell of Dunnellon, Florida; daughter Linda L. Churchwell-Varga and granddaughter Oona Yvonne Varga of St. Louis; daughter Cynthia D. Churchwell and son-in-law Steven J. Duede of Belmont, MA; and daughter-in-spirit Angela A. Roberts of St. Louis.

In lieu of flowers, please consider honoring Charles' memory with a donation

to the James E. McLeod Endowment Fund, named after a dear family friend who helped welcome the Churchwell's to the St. Louis community. This fund supports rising minority scholars in advancing their education and reflects Charles' ideology. Charles was an advocate for increasing the presence and equality of diverse people on university campuses throughout his career.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to :

James E. McLeod Endowment Fund

Washington University in St. Louis

One Brookings Drive

Campus Box 1082

St. Louis, MO 63130

(In Memory of Charles D. Churchwell in the memo)

Memorial Service

Saturday, October 13, 2018, 10:00AM

Cote Brilliant Presbyterian Church

4673 Labadie Ave.

St. Louis, MO 63115

Repass following Memorial Service

Parking available at and nearby

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

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St. Louis, MO 63115

Tribute Wall



“ *Charles D. Churchwell*

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“ *I had the honor of having a Great Man as My Uncle. My memories of him and Aunt Yvonne are very clear and special. He looked, acted and talked as if I wanted to emulate every thing he did. She was like royalty in the way she walked, talked and moved around the house. I was young at that time however old enough to know they were special, different from what I saw in the streets but like my Grandmother Juanita Hunter and James Churchwell his sister and brother. I was blessed to be named after my dear Uncle, Our middle names Darrett. I was blessed to have a treasure. My interview I recorded with him. I want to thank Cynthia, Angela the Attorney and my Uncle Nyle for the connection. Linda & Cynthia Uncle Nyle our family and friends my heart goes out to you. Love His and Her Nephew Shelton Hunter and family.*

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