



Charles Crittenton Baldwin

January 24, 1925 - May 27, 2011

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Charles Crittenton Baldwin II died at St. Francis Hospital on May 27, 2011, at the age of 86. He resided at The McAuley in West Hartford, Connecticut. He was born in New York City on January 24, 1925, and served his country in the US Army in the Italian campaign during World War II. After returning from Europe he attended St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland.

After graduation Charlie went to Berlin, Germany for an extended stay to work with his father in the US-led cultural rehabilitation of Germany, endeavoring to assist young artists and musicians in resuming their interrupted careers.

Upon his return in 1951, Charlie joined the Aetna Life Insurance Group Department in Buffalo, New York. It was there that he continued to expand his interest in the arts, singing in the Buffalo Chorale and acting in local drama groups. He met Virginia Hamilton in the Chorale and they married in 1958. In 1960 their first son, Andrew, was born.

In 1962, Charlie transferred to Houston, Texas, where his sons Bernard and Charles were born. He joined the Grand Opera Company and sang in the chorus of every opera for the next five years.

Charlie transferred from Houston to Trieste, Italy in 1967 as Director of International Marketing, working for the Aetna in collaboration with the Assicurazioni Generali. This position required much traveling throughout Europe, and Charlie's skill with languages served him well.

In 1972 Charlie moved to the Aetna home office in Hartford, Connecticut, where in his leisure time he continued to pursue his interest in the arts. He studied at the University of Hartford and was awarded a Bachelor of Fine Arts in 1988.

Though finally confined to a wheelchair, Charlie continued to study and travel widely. His love of art, literature, music, and languages never abated. His cheerfulness and determination in the face of physical trials has been inspiring, and his family and many friends will always remember his kindness and generosity.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, June 16, 2011 at 2:00 PM at the McAuley, 275 Steele Road, West Hartford.

Tribute Wall



“ *It was only recently that I found out of Charlie's passing. I just want to say that I enjoyed every single moment I shared with him at the Wadsworth Antheneum Art Classes and our famous lunches with our artist friends.. Conversation with Charles was loaded with information especially enjoyed touring the galleries with him. There was always something interesting to hear and to learn from Charles. I was very saddened to hear of his passing but I know that wherever he is, it is a good place. To his family my condolences. It is always a sad day for the world when a good man leaves us.##imported-begin##Mary Lou Wall##imported-end##*

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