



# Charles Benjamin Hart

June 21, 1935 - July 10, 2024

Charles Benjamin Hart, died unexpectedly yesterday at his home. He was born on June 21, 1935 and just celebrated his 89th birthday and Father's day with his family.

Charles was an Eagle Scout, graduated from Lamar High School in Houston, received a Bachelor's degree from the University of Houston and a Masters degree from American University in Washington, DC. He served proudly in the US Army 1958-1962. He was a Master Mason, a member of Scottish Rite and a 50 year member of the Karem Shrine in Waco, TX.

For many years, Charles was a board member of the Texas A&M University Hillel Foundation

and was President of the Texas Jewish Historical Society. He retired in 1994 from the US Department of Agriculture, Farmers Home Administration, as a loan specialist. After retiring, he and his wife spent several years traveling across the US and Canada in their motorhome. Chuck spent over 20 years after retirement teaching horseback riding at his beloved Echo Hill Ranch and at Greene Family Camp. He had a lifelong love of the outdoors, nature and animals and enjoyed raising cattle and taking care of retired ranch horses.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Jan Siegel Hart, daughters Debbie Hart, Kathy Hart, and son, David Hart and his wife Karen, six grandchildren, and sister-in-law Pam Joffre and her husband Joe. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, Texas Jewish Historical Society, Texas A&M Hillel Foundation or the charity of your choice.

# Tribute Wall



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Charles Benjamin Hart.*



July 22, 2024 at 06:28 PM



“ *When Jim and I think of life long friends we immediately think of Charles and Jan. We met in 1970 in Jacksonville, Texas. All of our kids were young, Charles and Jim bonded with their love of hunting, horses, camping and cows. Jan and I tagged along on their adventures! No matter where our jobs and life took us the friendship always followed. Charles will be greatly missed. Happy Trails Cowboy!*

Janie Whitnell - July 17, 2024 at 05:16 PM



“ *I was 12 years old when Jan brought Charles to meet our family. Charles my brother (in law) has always treated me with the greatest respect like an older brother would treat his little sister. He was always a jokester! For my 13th birthday he & Jan bought me a 200 piece bag of bubble gum since I had just gotten braces on my teeth and wasn't supposed to eat anything like that!! The last time I spoke to Charles was on his birthday in June. He had to tell me a funny joke. Now that he has passed away I will remember that joke as being apropos!!!! My brother, I hope you are in Horse Wrangler heaven!!! You will be dearly missed!!*  
*Pam Joffre*

pamela rose joffre - July 14, 2024 at 05:28 PM



*2018 was a good year for our family. We went to Echo Hill for the first time and had the great pleasure of meeting Chuck. At first , I knew I had a challenge to prove myself to this man. I also knew, without doubt, that this man loved my children and wife, unconditionally. I knew he would eventually love me too. And boy, did he love me. Sometimes tough, sometimes tender, always with compassion. The 6 years we worked together were a playbook of learning, laughing , growing and appreciating. In September of 2019, my wife Rayne and I were very fortunate to spend a wonderful weekend with Chuck, Jan and a good collection of Echo Hill alumni. We resumed our routine of loving, laughing and enjoying the company of our friends and family. It was an amazing weekend. Chuck was a fundamental part of our family's time in Texas and he was deeply loved and appreciated for his care and concern for our family. He is missed dearly and remembered fondly.*

Kevin MacLeod - July 14, 2024 at 09:48 PM

BG

“ My memory of Charles begins in 1971 when Sandy, my wife and I moved to Canton, Tx. We both worked for Farmers Home Administration (USDA). In my government work, in my opinion, there are good guys and gals, and some not so good. He was one of the good guys. If you had a problem, he would try to help. If you did something good, he would congratulate you. I don't remember when, but Charles invited Sandy and I to their home once when we were in Temple and made sure we were comfortable and relaxed, Thanks Jan. Even in the last few years, he has been a leader of our old timers' reunions and now our leaders are gone. He will be remembered and missed. Bob Giles

BOBBY A GILES - July 14, 2024 at 02:42 PM

RN

“ So very sad to hear about Charles but beyond happy to have known him. Larry and I valued all the times spent together and support and personnel friendship after Larry passed. May you find peace in all the memories.

Rosemary Neaderhiser - July 13, 2024 at 01:14 PM

JW

“ Marc and I were so sorry and shocked when we received the news about Charles. He was such a warm and welcoming person. We so enjoyed spending time with the two of you and were looking forward to seeing you in a couple of weeks. He added so much to the lives of so many, especially to all those camp kids! I know you have so many wonderful memories to help you through this difficult time and a wonderful family to support you. We send our thoughts, prayers and love.

Joyce Wormser - July 13, 2024 at 01:18 AM

AQ

“ I first met Charles in 1990 at their home. Kathy invited me to meet her family who welcomed with open arms. Mr. Hart told me stories of her childhood as we discussed everything from world history, the army, crop rotation, and current events. Charles and Jan always welcomed me as part of their family and I was so happy to FaceTime with them in May which was the last time I spoke with them. As always, Charles was asking probing questions to make certain I was keeping an eye on Jathy, my best friend. I will miss his charm, wit, and grace.

Aimée Quinn - July 12, 2024 at 06:55 PM

HM

“ Charles and I were lucky to be married into the Novit family. For 60 years or so we have enjoyed being together for a family Chanukah party which has grown to include 60-70 family and even the youngest ones enjoy and look forward to coming. But Charles and Jan were our leaders and the keepers of the Torah and seem to be the head of the family since the Older generation is gone. Charles always treated us with a big smile and welcoming. He was an original cowboy always wearing his Texas boots. So happy he got to have a ranch and horses and be outside which is where he passed. I think it was meant to be as he loved the outside. Bless you dear  
Charles. We will miss your big smile and hugs. You were our family Texas Cowboy!! Love and miss you, Cousin Harriet Mellow

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Harriet Mellow - July 12, 2024 at 09:50 AM

DS

“ I have many wonderful memories of Charles beginning in 1985, when he and Jan invited us to their home for dinner. As newlyweds and newbies to Temple, this was extraordinary. For me, Charles = extraordinary. He was warm, charming, funny, gracious, wise, and joyful. This Hart will always have a place in my Aggie heart. May Charles' memory always be a blessing.

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Denise Schnitzer - July 12, 2024 at 08:00 AM

BL

“ I remember him visiting us at Texas A&M and was always positive, smiling and had a good story. MAY his great smile and memories of his cheerful attitude and laugh be a comfort to you and your family.

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Barry Laves - July 11, 2024 at 07:00 PM

RB

“ I'm so sorry to hear this sad news. One time while visiting Echo Hill, Chuck and I had a deep conversation sitting outside the dining hall where he had me laughing but it was also a serious life conversation which I cherish to this day. He had the gift of making people feel good in his presence. My heart goes out to the entire family. He was a special man.

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Rachel Samet Bird - July 11, 2024 at 06:51 PM

LB

“ *Linda Botello lit a candle in memory of Charles Benjamin Hart*



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**Linda Botello** - July 11, 2024 at 06:06 PM