



Charles E. Hines, III

August 22, 2024

Charles E. Hines III, who peacefully died on Thursday, August 22, 2024, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on March 19, 1947 to Charles E. Hines, Jr. (Cincinnati) and Eileen (Neville) Hines (Co. Cork, Ireland). The family moved to Carlsbad, New Mexico in 1957 and Charlie graduated from the Carlsbad schools in 1966.

Upon graduation from high school, Charlie worked for the U.S. Postal Service to help pay for college and attended New Mexico State University and Texas Tech University before graduating from The Ohio State University with a B.S. in Biology. During summers as an undergraduate, Charlie enjoyed studying at the OSU Stone Lab at Put-in-Bay harbor (Lake Erie) which was credited with motivating a lifelong interest in microscopic aquatic invertebrates and environmentalism, interests Charlie lovingly shared with the granddaughters when they planned and conducted science fair projects.

On August 29, 1987, Charlie married true love Ellen Steele Molnar, a graphic artist and painter who was a constant companion until her death. They enjoyed cooking together, photography, antiques, and hiking and explored over 80 nature preserves in Ohio during their years together. In 2015, the couple moved from their treasured home in Waldo, Ohio to Lancaster County to be near their grandchildren and because Ellen's health was failing. Charlie spent the next seven years as a devoted caregiver to his wife and to all living

creatures that had the good fortune of inhabiting their yard.

Charlie retired as a chemist (specializing in pesticide residues in agricultural products) from the Nestle Quality Assurance Center in Dublin, Ohio after working many years at the Battelle Memorial Institute in Columbus.

Friends and loved ones will remember Charlie as a loyal and gentle person with a wry wit and a deep commitment to animal welfare and human rights. Surviving family include brother Tom Hines (Mindy) who led Charlie on many hikes through the rugged terrain of New Mexico and his children Robyn Robertson (Tim) and Kelly McCarty (Micheal) and grandchildren Ashley Robertson (Jesse), Cody Robertson (Summer), Peyon McCarty, Piper McCarty, and Pryce McCarty and great-grandchildren (Cooper, Cole, Riley, and Brynlee Robertson); sister Mary Walker (Terry decd) who blessed Charlie with three adored nieces, Katie Middleton, Laura Meyer (John) and Sheila Brown (Blaine), and their children (Morgan Brown, Will Brown, Hannah Middletown, and Lucas Meyer); step-daughter Stacie Molnar-Main (Donald Main) who is inspired by Charlie's life-long commitment to learning, growing, and changing; and granddaughters, Naomi-Jeanne Main and Carolynn Main, who will miss Charlie's Seussian rhymes, thoughtfulness and insatiable curiosity.

The family appreciates the loving care provided to Charlie by staff at the inpatient center of Hospice & Community Care, Lancaster. A private online celebration of life will be held at a later date. If interested in joining RSVP to events@marottamain.com.

Those who wish to acknowledge Charlie's passing are encouraged to plant a pollinator garden or donate to the "Ohio Natural Areas and Preserve Association" or the "Center for Biological Diversity."

Tribute Wall

JH

“ *It's ironic the reason Charlie's family moved to New Mexico because he suffered from severe asthma and doctors recommended they move to a dry climate then he eventually returns to Ohio. Sorry to hear of his passing and the recent death of brother Tom.* ”

John Hines - April 04, 2025 at 03:19 PM

KA

“ *So very sorry to hear about the passing of my cousin Charlie. Sending thoughts and prayers to the family. 🙏🙏🙏* ”

Kathleen McGraw Atkinson - January 13, 2025 at 03:10 PM



“ *Sorry to hear about my cousin's death. -- Richard Hines* ”

Richard Hines - January 12, 2025 at 11:46 AM

JV

“ I have many fond memories of Charlie from our lunch times at Nestle. He orchestrated potluck Mardi Gras luncheons every year for a few of his chem colleagues, and I was honored to be included even though I was a microbiologist. He made sure there was always a King Cake to top off the festivities complete with a baby token baked into it.

When I went camping with my husband to the UP one year, I brought back some beautiful rocks that I found on the shore of Lake Superior to give my co-workers. While most of my colleagues were ho-hum about the stones, Charlie was so excited. He kept the stone on his desk and brought me a book to read about Lake Superior rocks!

First Charlie and Ellen moved to PA. Then my husband and I moved to WI and Charlie and I became pen pals (e-mail pals to be exact). Every fall, I am reminded of an email in which he mentioned a bit of folklore his Irish mom shared with him: catching falling leaves in autumn will bring you good fortune. So I tried it and found out how deceptively elusive that accomplishment is! Lesson learned. I'll remember Charlie when those leaves start falling. RIP. Condolences to Stacie and her family and gratitude for contacting me.

Jen Ventura - September 06, 2024 at 08:34 PM

JW

“ My name is Joe Walter and I worked with Charlie as his HR person at the Nestle Quality Assurance Center. Charlie was a kind and positive person in all my experiences, and I feel grateful that I was able to meet him and see his example. Sending my appreciation, thoughts, and condolences. - Joe

Joe Walter - September 04, 2024 at 05:31 AM