



Charles Eugene Little

July 7, 1942 - December 3, 2021

Charles Eugene Little, age 79, of Salisbury, passed away on December 3rd at the Glenn A. Kiser Hospice House in Salisbury, with complications from cancer.

He was born on July 7, 1942, to Earl and Helen Little of Altoona Pennsylvania. A 1960 graduate of Altoona High School, he was an educator and coach. Coach Little is survived by his wife of fifty-six years, Phyllis Hefner Little. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his sisters-in-law, Charlene Hefner Hendrix of Conover, Pauline Hefner Pope (Larry) of Hickory, Millie Hefner Martin (Brent) of Claremont, Crystal Sipe Hefner; nieces, Laurie Hefner Jacobs of China Grove and Wendy Martin of Claremont; nephews, Dale Pope of Conover, Todd Hendrix and Darrin Hodge of Hickory, Eric Hefner of Newton and Patrick Hefner of Conover. He is also survived by his nephews in Pennsylvania: William Little of Williamsburg, PA, Michael Little and Steven Little of Altoona, PA, Thomas Little of Hollidaysburg, PA, and sister-in-law, Barbara Wineland Little of Duncansville, PA.

He was a member of the 1959 Western Pennsylvania football team and played in the East-West All Star Game. He was a graduate of Catawba College and was a four-year starter on the football team, playing both offense and defense. An avid supporter of Catawba, he served two terms as President of Catawba Chief Club, and is a member of the Catawba College Hall of Fame. He cherished his time at Catawba and maintained a close bond with his fellow teammates throughout the years. His love for Catawba football was

evident as he formed a special organization, the Gridiron Club, to unite former players and friends of Catawba football, for the sole purpose to aid and support the program. He coached many sports and was proud of the young men he coached through the years. Many went on to receive college scholarships. He was especially proud to be close friends with his fellow coaches who became his life-long friends. He was a member of First United Church of Christ, and was an active member of his neighborhood organization. A service to honor his life will be held on Monday, December 6, at 11:00 on the lawn at First United Church of Christ in Salisbury. A reception will follow in the Church fellowship hall, with Covid protocol measures in place. Memorials may be made to: First United Church of Christ, 207 West Horah Street, Salisbury, NC 28144 or Charles E. Little Scholarship, care of Catawba College, 2300 West Innes Street, Salisbury, NC 28144. Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Little family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Church of Christ
207 W. Horah St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

MP

“ Will miss seeing Charlie at Jeter’s and Christmas Eve at church. Was always fun listening to his stories about my dad’s shenanigans. I’m sure they’re watching football and keeping their eyes on us as well. My prayers and thoughts are with you.

Mary Peelee - December 14, 2021 at 03:31 PM

BM

“ Charlie and I were not close friends during the 1 year I was a freshman and he was a senior even though we were both on the Catawba football team. It was only well after our Catawba days when we collaborated about support and status of Catawba football. After that we collaborated with others to facilitate fellowship and gatherings of ex-Catawba athletes and with the transportation and organizational efforts of Bryan Applefield, to go visit Coach Don Maphis in Virginia as well as attend the funeral of John Scott in New Jersey. Through all of that travel and visiting we developed a friendship that was most important to me. He was a marvelous story teller even after multiple tellings. He was really quite an amazing person. RIP Charlie and sincere condolences to Phyllis and all his family and friends.

Bob McLeod - December 07, 2021 at 04:05 PM

GC

“ I had coach Little as one of my teachers at Boyden high school. He taught me biology in 1966, and Problems of Democracy in 1968. He taught us how to fill out federal income tax forms which allowed me to be able to complete all of my tax forms until much later in life when my income changed, and I finally had to have an accountant to fill it out. He was just a wonderful person, coach, and teacher during the days Pete Stout was at Boyden. I believe he may have gone to Walter Williams High School in Burlington and coached with Pete Stout after leaving Boyden, but I am not sure. Walter Williams was my mother's Uncle being married to my Grandmother's sister.

I am sure he made life better for many of the students he coached and taught. He surely made life better for me. All of us will miss him so very much.

Gordon Correll, Class of 1968 Boyden High School

Gordon Correll - December 06, 2021 at 08:51 PM

MM

“ Mrs. Little,
You have been in my thoughts and prayers...
Praying for your strength, loving memories, and restfulness.

Myra Cansler Meyerhoeffer - December 06, 2021 at 12:39 PM

HB

“ Helen and Charlie Belcher purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Charles Eugene Little.



Helen and Charlie Belcher - December 06, 2021 at 07:47 AM

EB

“ We were great friends. We always sat together at Winks when we got together on Thursday. We always had same ideas as coaches! I will miss him greatly. Sympathy and condolences to his family. He was a good man that helped so many! Coach Ed Bowles

Ed Bowles - December 05, 2021 at 06:51 PM

GK

“ Loved Charlie. He was passionate in his love of his alma mater, Catawba College. Used to enjoy sitting at lunch with Charlie, Pete Stout, Bobby Pharr, and Bill Cansler and hear their stories and laugh until I had tears in my eyes. Those guys all coached with Charlie and they shared a great common bond. Charlie will be sorely missed by many. RIP.

Gordon Kirkland - December 05, 2021 at 03:18 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles Eugene Little.



December 05, 2021 at 02:53 PM

MB

“ Larry Beightol, a teammate of Charlie, and Marian Beightol mourn the death of Charlie. He was an exceptional person, a good friend, and could always tell a story with great wit. We are so sorry that we will never see Charlie again in this life. However, we are grateful for the good times that we had with Charlie over the years. Our thoughts are with Phyllis.
Larry and Marian Beightol

marian beightol - December 04, 2021 at 01:35 PM

MT

“ *Phyllis,. My sincere condolences to you and the entire family. A fine man!*

Monte Taylor - December 03, 2021 at 06:50 PM

DH

Phyllis my prayers are with you. Charlie was one of a kind. Dedicated, creative and always had a great sense of humor

david hankee - December 08, 2021 at 11:47 AM