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Fort Myers, Florida – Charles Austin Scruggs, Jr. (Charlie) 75 years of age, passed away Thursday, January 26, 2017 at home. Charlie attended Miami Senior High School where he played on the varsity football team – Charlie was an offensive lineman and played the center position – they were State of Florida back-to-back Champions. Additionally, he played for two years for the University of Miami Hurricanes. Charlie and wife Bette moved to Fort Myers in 1966 where they became managers of the Tom's Peanut franchise. Loved by all, Charlie is remembered by many as a coach of little league baseball and Pop Warner Football leading the Fort Myers Rebels to many remarkable seasons. Charlie and Bette celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on May 5, 2016 with many friends and family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Austin Scruggs, Sr. and the former Katherine Magill and beloved son, Charles Austin Scruggs, III 'Bubba.' Charlie leaves behind his devoted wife, Bette (Wolff), a son, John and wife, Raeann of Fort Myers and a daughter, Lisa (Pfeiffer) and husband Scott of Cape Coral. Grandsons include Cameron, Sam and Bo and one granddaughter, Riley. A Visitation for Charles will be held from 2:00 – 4:00 PM and from 6:00 – 8:00 PM on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 inside the Chapel at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers, Florida 33907, (239) 936-0555. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated the following day, Thursday, February 2, 2017, at Saint Cecilia's Catholic Church, 5632 Sunrise Drive, Fort Myers, Florida 33917. At the conclusion of this Funeral Mass, friends and family will then proceed from the church to Memorial Gardens Cemetery where Charles will be laid to rest in the Resurrection Garden Section. Pallbearers were John Scruggs, Sam Settos, Scott Pfeiffer, Jeb Luster, Cameron Grabowski and Clyde Willems. To share a story, leave a tribute or to offer condolences to the family at this difficult time, please visit Charles' memorial webpage at www.fortmyersmemorial.com and sign his guestbook.



Tribute Wall

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BS

Bette Dr. Scruggs posted:

Thank you Larry – hope you are doing okay – I'm going to start traveling as soon as I get things in order here. Too many memories to deal with right now. I know you went through this a few years ago!

February 7 at 11:23 AM

BS

Bette Dr. Scruggs posted:

Thank you Karen – it has been a long time since we've seen you but Charles always enjoyed our times together – especially bike racing!

February 7 at 11:20 AM

BS

Bette Dr. Scruggs posted:

Debbie – thank you so much Charlie really thought a lot of you and enjoyed his time with you at the Rebels!

February 7 at 11:18 AM

BS

Bette Dr. Scruggs posted:

Thank you! it means a lot – you have gone through a lot yourself – Paula I admire you and Dick you are special people!

February 7 at 11:17 AM

BS

Bette Dr. Scruggs posted:

My family and I thank you! We will miss him!

February 7 at 11:14 AM

BS

Bette Dr. Scruggs posted:

Thank you so much for sharing this! I tried to get him to go to class reunions but he did not want anyone to see him in the condition he was in – he wanted people to remember him like he was in High School!!

February 7 at 11:06 AM



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EF

Ed Fleck posted:

I have had no contact with Charlie since our Miami High days as he was a year ahead of me, but I thought I would share a remembrance. One Saturday afternoon, several service clubs were building booths in the school patio for an event and Charlie was there helping. I was wielding a hammer when the head flew off and up into the air. The hammer head came down and landed on Charlie's head, causing a gash and bleeding. We had a big football that night and as usual all the players are instructed to stay home and rest that day. Charlie's big concern was not his injury but that no one mention the incident to head coach Ottis Mooney. Strange what sticks in one's memory bank. Yes, we won the game and Charlie had a great game (much to my relief).

February 6 at 11:45 AM

TP

The Peaks posted:

Sent a gift in memory of Charles Austin Scruggs

February 2 at 6:08 PM

LE

Linda Efaw posted:

I am so sorry for the loss of your dad. May God be with you at this time and give you the strength to get through. Thinking of you all

February 1 at 12:27 PM

CA

Carl And Karen Abrahamson posted:

Our hearts are so heavy, Bette, and our grief is profound for your loss. There are no words to express our sadness. Carl and I have tried to deal with our extreme sadness these past few days by talking instead about all the fun times we shared with Charles, you and our kids when they were very young. A number of years have passed since we last saw Charles and you, but please know we often thought about you. We will always be here for you should you ever want to talk or share a memory. I especially enjoyed reading your writing about about falling in love with Charles and sharing 50 years of marriage together. God bless you my friend and our love to your family.

Karen Abrahamson

January 31 at 5:01 PM



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RQ

Richard Queen posted:

So sorry for your loss. We coached together in the Rebels many years ago. My son Troy was on the team. Have wonderful memories of a great guy. May you Rest In Peace. Richard and Cathy Queen

January 31 at 3:45 PM

PH

Paula Hanley posted:

We are so sorry to learn of the loss of Charlie...you will be in our thoughts and prayers. May God surround your family with His divine comfort, love, and peace in this most difficult time. Dick & Paula Hanley

January 31 at 3:09 PM

BS

Bette Scruggs posted:

If you believe in love at first sight: Charles came over to my house to pick up my brother, they had become best friends, I had been away at U of F. I looked at him and he looked at me and I guess both of us liked what we saw. My brother said he asked about me not then but years later. I found out they would race my brother's car at the drag races at Opa Locka on Sundays. My sister-in-law was dating my brother then. Needless to say went to church with her that Sunday because she would always go to the races after church. He saw me there, asked me out, we saw each other every night after that. Three months later we were married. That was over 50 years ago, We celebrated our 50th anniversary on May 5, 2016!

January 31 at 2:45 PM

DL

Debbie Lawson posted:

Bette, Lisa & John, I am so sorry to learn of Charlie's passing. I have so many wonderful memories of our years together in Rebels. Charlie coached Jamie, and both my boys and I thought the world of Coach Scruggs. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. May God lift you up, comfort and strengthen you during this difficult time. Please give me a call if you need anything at all. Bette, when things settle down, let's you, Robin and me get together for dinner or coffee/dessert. Love you. Debbie Lawson

January 31 at 1:58 PM



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KH

Kyle Hoines posted:

Prayers are w Charlie's family. One of the "goodest" good old boys there ever was! The swamps will never be the same!

January 31 at 12:23 PM

VI

Violet posted:

Charlie's Angel's 😊

January 30 at 5:13 PM

JJ

John And Jackie Irby posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Charles Austin Scruggs

January 30 at 9:59 AM

MR

Mike Ranc posted:

Charlie, You are the one and only person to ever get me to hold a live gator. One of many memories. I love you slick. Godspeed sir. Mike Ranc

January 28 at 5:06 PM

LW

Larry L. Wilson posted:

Dear Betty, you have my deepest condolences during this time of your lost. I pray that you are well and strong during this difficult time. Please call me if you need anything or just for a sounding board, I'll be there for you. Larry Wilson 239-464-1854.

January 28 at 3:40 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Charles by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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