



## CHARLES NATHANIAL RATCLIFF

December 16, 1940 - April 1, 2021

Charles Nathaniel Ratcliff, 80, of Gary, WV, passed away Thursday, April 1, 2021 at the McDowell Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Gary. Born December 16, 1940 in Gilbert, WV, he was the son of the late Robert Ward Ratcliff Sr. and Alice Stella Robinson Ratcliff.

He was a graduate of Gary High School in 1958. Charles was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving as a MP from 1958 to 1960 and he joined the Merchant Marines from which he retired.

Those left to cherish his memories are two brother, Robert Ratcliff Jr. and wife Carole of Philadelphia, PA, and James Ratcliff and wife Naomi of Havaco; five sisters, Mary Ratcliff of Alexandria, VA, Ginny Grenke and husband Carl of Woodbridge, VA, Ann Flanagan and husband Mike of Crawfordville, FL, Katie Lutterell and husband Jimmy of Havana, FL and Shirley Duffy of Woodbridge, VA.

Following the wishes of the deceased the body has been cremated and there will be no visitation or funeral services.

The Douglas Mortuary in Welch is serving the Ratcliff family. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.douglasmortuary.com](http://www.douglasmortuary.com)

# Tribute Wall

MR

“ Charles, your gentle face and patient smile with happiness we recall. Now the voice is mute and the heart is still that loved us well and true. Bitter was the trial to part from one so good as you. You are not forgotten by loved ones nor will you ever be. As long as life and memories last we will remember you .No one can fill your vacant space, nor anyone will take your place. I will never forget you. I will love you always.

Your Big Sister~Mary  
Wodbridge, Va

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Mary Ratcliff - April 05, 2021 at 09:04 AM

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“ My brother Charles was a man of honor and integrity. He had many friends. He had a heart of gold and was generous to a fault. He believed in family closeness. He shared his good fortune with family as well as others. He always remembered Mother's Day and Father's Day of our parents, their birthday and all of his siblings birthdays. He always came baring gifts for all occasions to family members. While serving in the Merchant Marines, he visited numerous Countries. He always brought gits to family members from his travels. His love and life was the sea, but he always made sure he had time and love for family. He was a great man who traveled the world and offered so much. He will forever be etched in my heart and mind. I reflect upon the fun times we had as children growing up together. His memory brings a ray of sunshine to my aching heart. R.I.P. Charles. I will always love you.

Shirley (Ratcliff) Duffy  
Centreville, Va

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Shirley L Duffy - April 04, 2021 at 08:02 PM

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“ Charles was my oldest brother and a great one to have. As kids we played together and had fun but at times we would fuss and fight with one another. One memory of him was when he was a preacher. We had a neighborhood pet cemetery where we had funerals when our pets would die. We put them in a box and took them to the cemetery where they would be buried. All the kids would sing songs and we played music on empty cake tins. After singing and talking about our pets Charles would preach the sermon. He was very good at this. After growing up leaving home, getting married and having our own family he would visit us and cook delicious meals. He was a great cook and enjoyed cooking for us. He took a lot of pride in this. I loved him then and I love him now. I will miss him greatly but he will be in my heart forever. Rest In Peace Charles. I love you-Ann

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**Ann Ratcliff Flanagan** - April 02, 2021 at 03:43 PM

MJ

“ To all the Ratcliff family that i grew up with on Wall St.-I and all the Honosky family are sadden of the news. Praying for your heart to heal. Love to all! You kn ow me as Little Mary!

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**Mary and Victor Johnson** - April 02, 2021 at 03:19 PM