



Mr. Charles Richard Dietz

November 10, 1939 - November 20, 2020

On November 20, 2020, Charles Richard Dietz of Hartsville, S.C. passed away surrounded by his family at 1:30 AM. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 3:30 PM on October 9, 2021, at Our Shepard Lutheran Church. The Rev. Ed Wolf will officiate and the family will receive friends following the service. Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Directors are caring for the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Prisma Health Midlands Foundation for the Heart Hospital (www.prismahealthmidlandsfoundation.org). The family thanks the wonderful team of doctors, nurses, and staff at Prisma Health Heart Hospital in Columbia, S.C. for the care and compassion they provided to Charlie over the past few years.

Charlie was born in Tacoma, Washington in 1939. He was the son of Carl and Minnie Dietz. In the 5th grade, Charlie moved to Lovell, Wyoming where he met the love of his life, Harriet. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this year. He graduated from Montana State University with a degree in Chemical Engineering. After graduation, he went to work at the National Reactor Testing Station (NRTS) in Idaho Falls, Idaho. He had a lengthy career with General Electric as a start-up engineer for nuclear power plants throughout the U.S. In 1980, Charlie accepted a job with Carolina Power and Light (CP&L). This led him to Hartsville, S.C. where he was the Vice President of the H.B. Robinson Nuclear Power Plant until his retirement.

He had many great memories from the people he worked with over the years. Although he often had a “serious” look, he was a true leader and earned the respect of those he worked with.

Charlie loved spending time at their beach condo in North Myrtle Beach. He loved spending time on the balcony listening to the ocean and looking for dolphins. Charlie was musically gifted and played the saxophone, clarinet, and piano. His faith in God was strong and he was an active member of Our Shepard Lutheran Church, where he served as the church president and played the organ. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed playing with friends and family throughout the years. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club and always enjoyed the friendly competition with his bridge club. Throughout the years, Charlie and Harriet traveled to many locations across the world and it wasn't rare that he'd bump into someone that he knew.

The thing he loved most in this world was spending time with his children and granddaughters. He could grill a mean steak, always enjoyed a great glass of cabernet sauvignon, and loved playing games with his friends and family. He was the rock of his family and was always there when needed most, to answer a call, respond to an email, or to just listen. His infectious smile and laugh will be greatly missed.

Charlie is survived by his wife Harriet Dietz, his sister-in-law Irene Dietz, son Bob (Margaret) Dietz, daughters Cynthia (Stephen) Badowski and Elizabeth (Matt) Byron, grandchildren Sarah, Allison, and Amelia, nephews Glenn (Deanna) Dietz, Craig (Piper) Dietz, Joel Dietz, and Kirk Dietz. He was preceded in death by his brother Warren Dietz. He also leaves behind many animals that provided him joy over the years.

Tribute Wall

SA

“ Sending special love to each of you . I grew up in Lovell, Wyoming and knew the Dietz family very well. We all loved them . I played in the band with “Dick” (as we called him) . We had fun and shared numerous experiences. Dick lived next door to my best friend so I saw him a lot. My Dad owned the town bakery and Dick would stop in for a donut often. Dick was just the same as his picture indicates. Always a smile on his face. Harriett, sending special love to you — I lost my husband Lou so I know what you are going through. You and Dick were such a cute couple. Judy Doerr Welch also send wishes to you. Much love to you. Suzanne Brown Anderson

Suzanne Brown Anderson - October 23, 2021 at 05:16 PM

GK

“ Prayers and thoughts are with the Dietz family. Charlie was a great person and I enjoyed working with him while he was at Robinson. He will be missed by many.



Gail Kirven - October 11, 2021 at 07:35 AM

ME

“ Harriet, Charlie was one of Sam's and my favorite people! He was a great guy and a bright light in the Lutheran church. I know the people at Our Shepherd have been lost without him! Wish I had a way to Hartsville so I could attend his memorial service (I no longer drive. Take care of yourself, and I hope I will be able to see you again sometime soon.

modene echerd - October 09, 2021 at 04:30 PM

RY

“ *Rex E Yarborough lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Richard Dietz*



Rex E Yarborough - September 09, 2021 at 05:35 AM

WG

“ *Charlie was a fine example of what your supervision should be, always willing to advise, provide guidance, help out or just listen. He was truly one of the best the Robinson Nuclear Plant and the plant's family ever had. Rest In Peace, my friend.*

Wiley Grantham - November 29, 2020 at 08:38 PM

TB

“ *Over the past 22 years the Dietz and Byron families became one after son Matt married Elizabeth Dietz and our families celebrated so many holidays together. Charlie was a great guy and I can't think of anyone who didn't respect or like this man. He will be sorely missed by so many of us. Condolences to family and friends. Rest in Peace our wonderful friend.*

Terry & Louise Byron - November 27, 2020 at 06:49 PM

CW

“ My thoughts and prayers to Harriet, Elizabeth, and family in your loss and Heaven's gain. I fondly remember the many years at Our Shepherd worshiping, gathering together to share meals, and Charlie and other men of the church (John Brandt, Sam Echerd, Dick Stinson, Johnny Eades, and many more) keeping up the church and the grounds. Worship, communing with one another, and socializing and the Dietzes opening their home on many occasions for food and fellowship. His penchant for a good laugh and his smile and laid back style are other things I recall. I know he will be missed by all who loved him. May the Lord bless you and keep you.

Cheryl Wingert - November 26, 2020 at 10:46 AM

LG

“ Lisa Gates lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Richard Dietz



Lisa Gates - November 26, 2020 at 07:30 AM

ML

“ Elizabeth so sorry for you loss. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Mellette Lyles



Mellette Lyles - November 24, 2020 at 10:31 PM

EW

“ Oh God, what a loss, for the family, for Hartsville, for Kiwanis, for Our Shepherd, and for me. I came off a painful experience, but with Charlie’s leadership, the congregation and I began a healing process. There are too many stories to share here, but the times at Harriet and Charlie’s home were filled with laughter along with sharing our faith. However, I will never forget the Taipei service when the three musketeers and their spouses arrived late from a polo match!

Harriet, we love you, walk with you spiritually, and share in your grief.

Ed Wolff

Ed Wolff - November 24, 2020 at 09:39 PM

DS

“ *Diane Smart lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Richard Dietz*



Diane Smart - November 24, 2020 at 05:55 PM

EE

“ *A beautiful man with a generous and kind heart at all times. Fond memories at Our Shepherd Lutheran church where we served as musicians and council members. He will be greatly missed. Love to Harriet and the family..*

Elizabeth Eades - November 24, 2020 at 04:49 PM

EE

“ Elizabeth Eades lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Richard Dietz



Elizabeth Eades - November 24, 2020 at 04:46 PM

SE

“ Harriet, we are saddened to hear of Charlie’s passing. For the short time we lived in Hartsville, we enjoyed the time spent with you and your family. Charlie will be missed by many and was a man of exceptional character. Please accept sincere condolences on behalf of the Esposito family Scott, Cindy, Vincent and Gabrielle.

scott esposito - November 24, 2020 at 03:51 PM

RF

“ He was showed me such kindness. I give thanks to God for his life and witness.

Rev. Mary Finklea - November 24, 2020 at 02:32 PM

AP

“ Harriett, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. Charlie was so special to our family. Daddy had such a deep respect for him during their work years and I'm so glad he connected us all together at the condo. We had such wonderful "meetings" together in those years! Kimrey and I join you in celebrating his well lived life for God and with his family and friends. He was a true gentleman. Thinking of you and thanking God we were able to know him. Ann Marie, Kimrey, and Will Pennington.

Ann Marie Pennington - November 24, 2020 at 12:34 PM

HH

“ RIP my Facebook Friend.



Henry Hewett - November 24, 2020 at 12:07 PM

BT

“ Betty Huggins Turner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Richard Dietz



Betty Huggins Turner - November 23, 2020 at 11:24 PM

BT

Remember Charlie from CP&L. Good man to work for. So sorry for your loss. Prayers in the days ahead for his family.

Betty Huggins Turner - November 23, 2020 at 11:26 PM



“ Terry Byron said it best: "Charlie is one of the good guys". His quick wit and wonderful outlook on life made him a pleasure to be around. Love and prayers to the family.

Bill and Pat Shelley

Bill Shelley - November 23, 2020 at 06:15 PM

CT

“ Charlie always had a smile and a kind word. He loved life and people naturally loved him back. He will be missed!!!

Curtis and Pam Tyner - November 23, 2020 at 04:57 PM

SG

“ My first real job ('79 - '84 at BSEP) was in the shadow of this great man's wings. Most of the nuclear plant managers that I subsequently worked for were bureaucrats in the pejorative sense of that word; and my experience with Charlie made it oh so easy to see and avoid the influence of such men. He was THE Gold Standard in BWR technical competence. None in the industry had a greater impact on my career than Charlie Dietz; and many many times I'd find myself asking or commenting on what he would do here or there in this or that situation. Godspeed to you Mr. Dietz; I'll see you again in Glory Land!

Skip Gilliland

Skip Gilliland - November 23, 2020 at 03:18 PM

RY

“ Rex Yarborough lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Richard Dietz



Rex Yarborough - November 23, 2020 at 12:24 PM

JD

“ Charlie was a good man and an excellent supervisor at HB Robinson Plant. I knew him there when I worked there and as a member of Hartsville Kiwanis Club. He will be missed.

John Davis - November 23, 2020 at 09:49 AM

AM

“ *Ann & Michael Moren lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Richard Dietz*



Ann & Michael Moren - November 23, 2020 at 09:11 AM

CO

“ *Carol L Oliver lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Richard Dietz*



Carol L Oliver - November 23, 2020 at 06:07 AM

DJ

“ *Sorry to hear of Charlie's passing. Prayers of comfort to the family.*



David Jordan - November 22, 2020 at 10:33 PM

LG

“ *Lynn & CW Grant lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Richard Dietz*



Lynn & CW Grant - November 22, 2020 at 08:03 PM

JH

“ *John Haynie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Richard Dietz*



John Haynie - November 22, 2020 at 05:02 PM

RD

“ *Both my wife Sheila and I worked with Charlie at the Robinson plant. He was always the gentleman and even after he retired and we played golf together, my wife could never call him Charlie, always Mr. Dietz. Everyone respected him, he was a GOOD MAN!*

Ralph Downey - November 22, 2020 at 04:44 PM

DM

“ A patient, caring, funny, committed and the best mentor a Kiwanian could have, especially during BBQ day. I learned from him how to handle the stress of the day while we set up by putting down paper to protect the floors at TBThomas Center to staying the course by being the last ones to leave after everything was cleaned and back in order. He shared his love of the Lord through his action! He was a living sermon. I am saddened by his transition but grateful for having been in his circle on his journey to eternity. I also rejoice because he is completely healed and celebrating along with the loved ones who went before him. See you later my good buddy! Thank you for accepting me into Hartsville Kiwanis with an open heart and open mind. And, I do remember my badge #. Rest well, you fought the good fight, now enjoy the rewards of being a great man who walked among us as a true servant leader. Thank you Mrs. Deitz and family for sharing him with us all! May you know a level of peace and comfort which passes all understanding in Jesus' name. ☐

Lovingly, Darnell (Joseph) Byrd McPherson †

Darnell Byrd McPherson - November 22, 2020 at 01:42 PM

JR

“ Mr. Dietz was an excellent example of an excellent leader and Christian man.



Jeanne Rudick - November 22, 2020 at 11:43 AM

BH

“ Mr. Dietz was the first plant manager I ever worked for at Brunswick from 81-86. He was a great guy and set a positive and wonderful example on how to work hard but still maintain that human personal touch in a very tough environment. I have often thought of him over my 40 year nuclear career. Prayers to the family.

Bruce Hinkley

Bruce Hinkley - November 22, 2020 at 09:24 AM

CR

“ Charlie Dietz was a master of just about everything at the BNP. I worked with him when we had fuel leaks, a broken off-gas system, and had to limit power operation to control emissions. He was one of the smartest and best managers the BNP every had. A gentleman in every way.

Carlton Robertson

Carlton Robertson - November 21, 2020 at 08:34 PM

GK

“ It was always a pleasure working for Charlie when he was at Robinson. I know that he will be missed by many. Thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Gail Kirven

Gail Kirven - November 21, 2020 at 07:10 PM

BF

“ Charlie is one of the best. Whether here or in the next life, you know he has our backs. He is a Friend, a Coach, and a Mentor. Thank you for the profound effect you have had on my life.

Bill Flanagan - November 21, 2020 at 01:21 PM

MS

“ *Melanie Skipper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Richard Dietz*



Melanie Skipper - November 21, 2020 at 12:31 PM

BT

“ *I worked for Charlie when he was Lapland Manager at Brunswick Plant. Before that he was GE Ops Manager during startup while I was there. Really knew the BWR technology. He was a great manager and friend - sorry to hear of his passing. Best wishes to his family.*

Bill Tucker - November 21, 2020 at 10:36 AM

BG

“ *Harriett and family, we are saddened to learn of Charlie's passing. May God give you comfort during the coming days. Sending our love and prayers to all.*
Don and Bess Gore

Bess Gore - November 21, 2020 at 07:43 AM

VM

“ *I worked with Charlie under his great leadership at RNP. His passing is a loss for not only the Nuclear world but society in general. My heartfelt condolences for his family and I will remember him in my prayers. RIP my friend.*



Victor Makowski - November 20, 2020 at 11:42 PM

AS

“ Arlene Stokes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Richard Dietz



Arlene Stokes - November 20, 2020 at 10:25 PM

BS

“ Worked at Robinson during Mr. Dietz tour there and he was a great leader and true person to all of the employees there. He was a great people person too and I had the greatest respect for him as a person and as a leader of Robinson. He will be greatly missed as a good friend and co-worker and retiree of Robinson. Prayers of comfort for the family during this trying time.



Brad Starnes - November 20, 2020 at 10:13 PM

RD

“ Worked at Robinson Nuclear Plant when Mr. Dietz was there. He was always a pleasure to work with. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Rosemary Dixon - November 20, 2020 at 08:58 PM

SW

“ Charlie Dietz was my favorite boss. He was so humble to hold such an elite position. I grew under his leadership. You will be missed. Our prayers go to Charlie's family.



Sherri Wright - November 20, 2020 at 08:19 PM

DL

“ *Dick LaBelle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Richard Dietz*



Dick LaBelle - November 20, 2020 at 08:14 PM

MB

“ *Charlie Dietz was my favorite VP at Robinson. Very polished and personable. My deepest sympathy to his family. My favorite memory of him was when he asked RNP site management if there was a human performance error code for "stupid".*

Mike Burch - November 20, 2020 at 06:26 PM

JU

“ *Jean Underberg lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Richard Dietz*



Jean Underberg - November 20, 2020 at 05:22 PM

LH

“ *Larry Huggins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Richard Dietz*



Larry Huggins - November 20, 2020 at 04:09 PM

LH

Recently talked with Charlie at the hospital and could tell he was a very spiritual man and I'm sure he's in heaven today.

Larry Huggins - November 20, 2020 at 04:13 PM

RH

“ *Rick Harrold lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Richard Dietz*



Rick Harrold - November 20, 2020 at 03:38 PM

LW

“ *Worked for Mr. Dietz while he was at Robinson Nuclear Plant. Charlie was a pleasure to work for. Prayers to the family and may he rest in peace.*



Leroy Watts - November 20, 2020 at 03:04 PM

DT

“ *Denise And Mike Tyner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Richard Dietz*



Denise and Mike Tyner - November 20, 2020 at 02:53 PM

RC

“ Rick And Pam Conner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Richard Dietz



Rick and Pam Conner - November 20, 2020 at 02:40 PM

MS

“ Mark And Scarlet Shealy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Richard Dietz



Mark and Scarlet Shealy - November 20, 2020 at 01:49 PM

MJ

“ Melissa Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Richard Dietz



Melissa Jones - November 20, 2020 at 12:12 PM

MW

“ Mike And Pam Ward lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Richard Dietz



mike and pam ward - November 20, 2020 at 11:24 AM