

Dr. Charles D. Fox Jr.

October 12, 1941 - June 11, 2020

Harlingen - Charles D. Fox, Jr. died on June 11, 2020. He was born in Nashville, TN on October 12, 1941 to Charles D. and Patricia Brunner Fox who preceded him in death. He is also preceded in death by his first wife Janice Lynn Vollman Fox and brother, William Brunner Fox. He is survived by his wife Juanita Reza Fox, daughters Melissa (Craig Rones - Austin) and Jennifer (Anthony Guthrie - Dallas), grandsons Zachary and Joshua Rones, and sister, Margaret Ann (+Galen Adams - Harlingen). His family moved to Garland, Texas when he was one year old and then Dallas where he grew up.

Charles was a graduate of Jesuit High School Dallas, Southern Methodist University-Dallas, University of Texas Southwestern Medical School-Dallas. He completed his Internship and Surgical Residency at Dallas Methodist Hospital in 1973 and entered the Army of the United States stationed at Fort Campbell Army Hospital, Kentucky as Chief of General Surgery and a staff surgeon. Upon discharge from active duty he moved to Harlingen to enter private surgical practice at Valley Baptist Medical Center and Dolly Vinsant Hospital.

He became a staff surgeon at Valley Baptist Medical Center and later served as Secretary of the Medical Staff and then Chief of Staff. He taught classes to the Intensive Care nurses in critical care and pulmonary care. He was a Diplomat of the American Board of Surgery, Fellow of the American College of

Surgeons, and a member of the Texas Medical Association. He served on the Trauma Committee of the South Texas Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, as a consultant on the Emergency Care committee of the Texas Health Department. He was a founding member of the Harlingen Paramedic EMS System, the first south of San Antonio.

During his years in practice he joined the U.S. Army Reserve serving as a Company Commander and a Hospital Commander of two Reserve Army Hospitals in Oklahoma and in Ohio. He was a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College and reached the rank of Colonel. He served on active duty during Desert Storm at Darnell Army Hospital at Fort Hood, TX. Later he received a second Honorable Discharge. He enjoyed and learned from his experiences in life as a roustabout working in the Oklahoma oil fields, as a "mercenary" delivering babies for \$1.50/hr. at Parkland Hospital while in Medical School, as a Jail Doctor at the Dallas City Jail, and doing surgery in an Army tent operating room in the jungles of Belize and Honduras. He laughed a lot and smiled all the time. He retired in 2001 after thirty years as a surgeon. He then enjoyed family get-togethers in the hill country at Lake LBJ and cruising the Caribbean, Atlantic, Mediterranean and other oceans as well as seeing many cities in Europe. He enjoyed riding his Harley motorcycle from East coast to West coast, from Nova Scotia to Vancouver Island, across northern Mexico and western Europe. He rode over 250,000 miles and retired his motorcycle when he reached about 75 years old. His philosophy was he was blessed with life, there wasn't a problem that couldn't be solved eventually, or an adversity that could not be overcome.

Visitation will begin on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church from 9:00 A.M. with a funeral mass to follow at 10:00 A.M. The family wishes to thank the staff at VBMC emergency room, staff of STEC, and especially Dr. Tom Clark. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Priests of the Sacred Heart Monastery, PO Box 900, Hales Corners,

Wisconsin 53130.

Cemetery Details

Ashland Memorial Park Cemetery

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Harlingen, TX 78550
(956) 425-2939
<https://www.rudygarzafunerals.com/ashland>

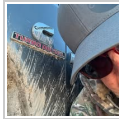
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Rudy Garza Funeral Home - June 16, 2020 at 08:59 AM



I am the husband of Charley's first wife's cousin, but he always treated me like family. He was fun and interesting, but also interested in me and others. He loved telling stories, but also listening to them. He was quick to smile and had a hearty laugh. I am grateful for having known him and being able to enjoy his family. He was generous and loved his family. I will miss my friend. Bill Vance

Bill Vance - June 16, 2020 at 05:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles D. Fox Jr..



June 15, 2020 at 03:41 PM

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“ *Janie, please accept my deepest condolences for your loss. Dr Fox was a fine and great surgeon. You were Blessed to have each other and share a life together. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.*

With heartfelt sympathy,

Gloria Morin

956-345-5795

Gloria Morin - June 15, 2020 at 10:41 AM

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Charlie was a great doctor, an outstanding businessman and a fun person. I knew him years ago when he was an intern and resident in surgery at Methodist Hospital in Dallas. He was very loyal to his Chief, Dr. Wayne Gossard and many of the other residents who trained with him. Charlie was the one who kept in touch with all of them and organized a yearly reunion with the former residents and The Chief along with Dr. Bill Bennett. He will be missed by all.

Ellen Hexamer Carter - June 30, 2020 at 10:07 AM

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“ *Dr. Fox was a wonderful man with a great spirit and sense of humor. It was always my privilege to speak with him-he always made me smile. God bless you..*

Pam Milczarski - June 15, 2020 at 08:13 AM