



## Charles Augustus Grainger

December 7, 2005

Charles A. Grainger, 69, of Green Lake Drive, died Wednesday, at Myrtle Beach Manor, December 7, 2005. He was born December 21, 1935, in Horry County, a son of the late Hallie E. Grainger and Stella Carter Grainger Watts. He served in the U.S. Navy, U.S. Air Force, and retired from the U.S. Foreign Service / U.S. Department of State, with thirty-five years service. He grew up in the Chestnut Cross Roads Community on a family farm; attended Loris High School - Class of 1953; attended Mt. Leon Baptist Church and Ocean View Baptist Church. He was assigned to the Defense Intelligence Agency, the Pentagon, Washington, DC, 1967-1970. In December 1968, he was selected by the DIA for temporary duty in Paris, France, to provide critical intelligence support to the Chief United States Negotiator to the United States / Vietnamese Peace Talks and was subsequently awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal. Following his military service, he received an appointment in the United States Foreign Service / U.S. Department of State as a Foreign Service Communications Officer. His permanent assignments were to the American Embassies in: Caracas, Venezuela; Moscow, USSR; Abidjan, Ivory Coast; Paris, France; La Paz, Bolivia; Berlin, East Germany; Brasilia, Brazil; Minsk, Belarus. He was assigned to other Embassies on a temporary basis. He traveled to forty-one foreign countries during his career. He was predeceased by two brothers, Elmon Grainger and Kenneth Grainger. One sister Leona Hardee. Survivors include his wife Shirley Chestnut Grainger. One daughter, Sylvia Matthews

and her husband Jim of Libreville, Gabon. Two sons, Charles "Rick" Grainger and his wife Shelly of Pretoria, South Africa and Robert "Robbie" Grainger of Florence. Three grandchildren, Charlie Grainger, Charlie Grainger, Robbie Grainger and Daniel Grainger. Two sisters Mildred Stevens of Conway and Wilma Medlin of Loris. A funeral service will be held 2:00 PM Sunday December 12, 2005 at Mt. Leon Baptist Church with the Rev. Mark Stevens and Dan Edge officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association, 2711 Middleburg Drive, Suite 205, Columbia, SC 29204. Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *KNOW that God is with you and your family during this such sorrowful time. We're keeping you all in our hearts and prayers. May God Bless you continuously... Tom and Darlene Strickland and "Momma.##imported-begin##Darlene Strickland##imported-end##*

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“ *To the Grainger Family, I am so sad for your loss. My mother called tonight to tell me and about seeing all of you. She spoke of the fondest memories and the pride she had for her cousin. She then told me of seeing Robbie, Sylvia, and Shelly& Ricky across the room and how kindly you spoke of me. I would love to see you all. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers, Eve##imported-begin##Eve Lambert Taylor##imported-end##*

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“ *Our hearts go out to you at this time of sadness in your life. May God bless you and keep you in his care. Ed & Sybil Thompson##imported-begin##Ed & Sybil Thompson##imported-end##*

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