



Charles Fehlig

March 12, 1946 - August 19, 2011

Conway, SC...Capt. Charles Jerome Fehlig, USN (Ret.), age 65, died Friday, August 19, 2011 from injuries received in an accident in Washington, DC.

Capt. Fehlig was born in Lincoln, NE, a son of the late Charles August and Irmgard Pebler Fehlig. "Big Daddy" faithfully loved and served his Lord and Savior, his family and his country. He earned his bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering and Masters degree in Public Works Administration at the University of Missouri, Rolla. His service to his country included a 30 year Naval Career retiring as a Captain with duty stations in Vietnam, Washington D.C. The Presidential Retreat at Camp David, Charleston, SC, Key West, FL, Norfolk, VA and Diego Garcia. Upon retirement, he continued service to his country in Baghdad, Iraq following 9/11.

He was a humble servant to his wife, children and 6 grandchildren. He enjoyed world travel with his wife of 43 years, pursuing outdoor adventures with his sons, grandsons and brother, he was an avid gardener and spent countless hours attending sporting events cheering on his grandchildren. He faithfully served his church, Bible Study Fellowship and touched countless lives by sharing the love of Christ.

His passion for the risen Lord Jesus guided his walk and made him the husband, father, brother, uncle and friend that we all know and love.

Surviving are his wife, Janis Fehlig of Conway, one son, Charles J. Fehlig, Jr. and his wife, Pam Fehlig of Conway, one daughter, Andrea Fehlig Minter and her husband, Travis A. Minter of Myrtle Beach, six grandchildren, Emily Lynn

Fehlig, Charles Watson Fehlig, Charles Wade Fehlig, Travis Aaron Minter, Jr., Andrew Nelson Minter and Alexander Keith Minter, one brother, Ken Fehlig and his wife, Kathy, of St. Louis, MO and one sister, Carmen Heard and her husband, Tom of St. Louis, MO.

Funeral services will be held at 4:00 PM Thursday at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel with Rev. Robert Duddleston officiating. Burial with Full Military Honors will be in Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

The family will receive friends from 2:30 PM until 4:00 PM Thursday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers we ask that memorial gift be made to Jeremiah 29:11 Ministries. This is a mission ministry that our former pastor, Pastor Duddleston, has established to do world wide missions. Memorial gifts should be sent to: Jeremiah 29:11 Ministries, Inc. 2315 Vanderbilt Drive Charleston, SC 29414

Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Russell Thackston lit a candle in memory of Charles Fehlig*



Russell Thackston - February 18, 2012 at 02:26 PM



Dear Janis and family,

Please accept my deepest sympathies for the loss of a great man. He was a positive influence and model of how to live a principle centered life. If not for Charlie, I would not have joined the Civil Engineer Corps and may not have remained in the Navy for the next 24 years. We served together in Charleston and again in Key West (he was my boss), and his strength of character continued to influence me throughout my career. I still remember you telling me what a BMOC (Big Man on Campus) Charlie was and his affectionate response about you, and I thought how fortunate the two of you were to have each other.

He will be greatly missed by many.

Know that my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sincerely, Russell Thackston, CAPT, CEC, USN retired

Russell Thackston - February 18, 2012 at 02:28 PM

ZR

“ *Dear Janis & Family -*

We were so deeply saddened to read in your Christmas letter of Charlie's passing. I have always commented to Charlie and others that he was the best boss I ever had. I suspect many others can attest to the same. I learned so much from him during my formative working years and will always be so grateful for those 2-1/2 years serving directly under him in Key West. He loved to fish in Key West and I will always treasure my one-on-one time fishing with Charlie.



Charlie had so many great qualities that are rarely found all bundled into one person. His 30 years as a Naval officer followed by more service in Iraq as a civilian are testament to his great love of country. I can not think of a finer person than CAPT Charlie Fehlig.

I know his family meant everything to him and I know you must be so proud of his many, many really significant accomplishments. The things he did in the Navy directly supported the mission of the Navy, and also benefited so many sailors and their families in ways many will never fully know. Charlie he can rest assured that you are his greatest legacy. He will be deeply missed, but never forgotten.

Zane Myers, LCDR, CEC, USN, ret. - December 17, 2011 at 11:49 PM

C(

“ *Janis and Family -
Mimi and I just learned today of Charlie's passing. Our hearts go out to all of you! Charlie was one of the very best officers with whom I served. Our time together at Public Works Center, Norfolk was professionally and personally rewarding for me...and, I know that Charlie had a good time too! He was SPECIAL in every way...and, he will be missed!!
We wish we could be with you in person at Arlington for the services. Please know that we will be there in spirit and that all of you will be in our prayers.
Stan and Mimi Holm*

Captain Stan Holm, CEC, USN (Ret.) - November 22, 2011 at 10:40 AM

KL

“ *Charlie's Family,

I met Charlie while working with him on a project at Fluor where we spent many months working side by side. I regularly reflect back on that assignment and fond memories I have while working with him. I will miss him greatly.*

Kevin Lugo - August 30, 2011 at 10:06 AM

RS

“ *To the family of Charlie Fehlig -- our deepest condolences and heartfelt prayers go out to you. I had the distinct pleasure of getting to know Charlie a few years ago when we worked together on a number of projects at Fluor. Charlie was a man of strong intellect, good humor and tremendous integrity. His sudden and tragic loss comes as a shock. All of us who knew him will miss his strong but gentle spirit and unflagging good will. I consider it a privilege to have known him for the short time I did. Please know that Charlie was a force for good to everyone with whom he came in contact.*

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JT

“ I worked with Charles at Fluor. really enjoyed the passion he brought to every endeavor. He will be missed.

Jay Toadvine - August 30, 2011 at 07:21 AM

KC

“ I worked with Charles for several years as he offered consulting services to Fluor Federal Services in Greenville, SC. He was so pleasant to work with. I grew to admire him very much. I'm just heartbroken to hear of his passing. Please know that Charles was admired and respected at Fluor in Greenville, SC.

Kellie Cawthon - August 29, 2011 at 02:50 PM

DB

“ I will miss you Big Guy.



Darrell Ball - August 29, 2011 at 02:25 PM

SE

“ *Janis & Family - I want to express my deep sadness for your loss. Charlie was the truly one of the best Naval Officers I have ever had the pleasure of working for during my career with NAVFAC. In fact, I had the pleasure of working for him on two separate occasions, but the Portsmouth Naval Hospital stands out because of the team that he put together to accomplish that project. I was honored to be personally selected by Charlie to be in charge of the Civil/Structural/Architectural Team and will always be grateful for the mentorship and trust he had in me and his ability to bring out the best in people around him. His leadership and dedication in whatever task he was working on is beyond comparison and he will be missed. My prayers and thoughts are with all of you - May God Bless your entire family.*

Steve Emrick - August 29, 2011 at 09:34 AM

SE

“ *Steve Emrick lit a candle in memory of Charles Fehlig*



Steve Emrick - August 29, 2011 at 09:11 AM

KB

“ *Ramon and I were shocked to hear the news about your father. We are deeply saddened that your family has to endure this pain. Your children were very blessed to have had such a wonderful man in their lives. We pray for your healing during this very difficult time. Remember the wonderful memories that you created with him and your family. That can never be taken away. Find your strength in the Lord. Our deepest and heartfelt sympathy to all of your family.....Kathleen Mann & Ramon Boyd*

Kathleen Mann & Ramon Boyd - August 26, 2011 at 10:23 AM

JS

“ To the family of Charles Fehlig, my heart hurts with you in this lost. I just learned of it today and I am at lost for words. I do know that our heavenly father promised he would never leave or foresake us. Keep looking to the hills from whence cometh your help because all your help and strength cometh from the Lord.



I worked for Charlie as his secretary at the Naval Hospital Portsmouth, VA when it was being built.

Joyce G. Smith - August 25, 2011 at 09:41 AM

CS

“ May God be with you and the family during these times. I worked with Capt. Fehlig at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital as a Supervisory Construction Representative. He was a fellow brother in Christ first, and the Boss next. Once a month he would go with me crawling under the interstitial and taking notes on his green pad as we ducked under all type of mechanical systems. The most memorial event was when he requested and was granted to fly his father flag on the new hosiptal.

May God bless his family,

Pastor Clarence T. Sloan,

Clarence T. Sloan - August 25, 2011 at 09:40 AM

KW

“ Ms. Janis, please know that my heart hurts for you and your family and that all of you will be in my prayers. We know that God will not forsake us during dark times. When the Lord calls our loves ones home, he leaves a gift of memories in exchange. I cannot take away your pain, but I can listen if you want to talk or need a shoulder to lean on. My prayers will be for you to know peace.
Kathy Watts

Kathy Watts - August 23, 2011 at 12:50 PM

SS

“ You have my deepest sympathies during this most difficult time. I am so very, very sorry for your loss. As you most certainly know, God is faithful to take you through this, providing you strength and comfort. I pray you will have peace with the knowledge that Charles is with our beloved Savior. Know I have been praying frequently for your family.

Stacy Stonstrom - August 22, 2011 at 10:17 PM

KB

“ I'm so sorry for all of you. Please know that your family is in our prayers. My heart breaks for you all. Mrs. Kristi (Alex's Bible study teacher from preschool)

Kristi Burch - August 22, 2011 at 07:58 PM

JP

So sorry to hear about Charlie. He was my leader last year in BSF. His leadership and guidance has given me a closer walk with God. His inspiration continues to influence my life everyday. Looking forward to seeing him in Heaven. May God wrap his arms around each of you.

Jim Pruitt

Jim Pruitt - August 23, 2011 at 07:34 AM