



Charles Joseph Zollinger

December 17, 1924 - December 10, 2021

Charles Joseph Zollinger passed away peacefully on December 10, 2021 at the age of 96 due to natural causes, surrounded by loved ones.

Charles “Charlie” Zollinger was born in Brooklyn, New York to Charles and Elizabeth Zollinger. He is the older brother of Joe Zollinger.

Following his graduation from the Brooklyn Highschool of Automotive Trades program, Charlie enlisted in the United States Navy on March 10, 1943.

Throughout the duration of World War II, he served on the U.S.S. Pasadena, a Cleveland-class light cruiser, as a gunner’s mate. Charlie was honorably discharged from the Navy as a Seaman First Class on February 17, 1946 and was awarded the Philippine Liberation Medal with 1 star, the Asiatic Pacific Medal with 6 stars, the American Theater Medal, and the Victory Medal.

After returning home from combat, Charlie married his beloved wife, Genevieve “Gen” Edna McHugh, on September 28, 1946 in Brooklyn, New York. Charlie and Gen lived for 39 years in New York where he worked for Prudential Insurance and they raised 2 daughters, Meg Vredenburgh and Amy Flannelly (Lawrence) before retiring to Murrells Inlet, South Carolina in 1985.

During his retirement years in Myrtle Beach, Charlie—an avid handyman—spent his time tinkering with home improvements, fishing off the pier, and playing cards with neighborhood friends. As a loving husband, father, and grandfather, we will all miss him more than words can say. Charlie’s sense of humor, loving spirit, and generosity touched everybody’s lives around him and will forever be in our hearts.

Charlie is survived by his brother Joe, two daughters, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC **29**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home Beach Chapel
11528 Highway 17 Bypass
Murrells Inlet
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576