



Charles Michael Klayman

January 15, 2025

Charles Michael Klayman (age 76) died on January 15, 2025 at Cincinnati's VA Medical Center (his home away from home). He is survived by his wife, Gail (Westendorf) of 47 years, his son Ryan, daughter Lauren and granddaughter Charlie. Charles was the son of the late Sam and Dorothy (Bell) Klayman of Cincinnati. His youth was full of fun times bonding with great friends for life. He graduated from Woodward high school and he loved competing on the Cincinnati Pepsi Marlins swim team and working on cars. He attended Miami Dade College and University of Cincinnati. He was drafted in 1969, just a few months after his 21st birthday. After training, he was shipped to Vietnam in May 1970. His experience drained his soul and PTSD changed his life and fears forever. When he returned from overseas, he worked at Supreme Records Distributing Company which his father owned. Music was one of his joys. He later met Gail playing volleyball and 3 yrs later they were married. They joined Congregation Beth Adam which Charles could relate to in a very meaningful way. He quickly volunteered to pick up bagels for Sunday school and delivered them to each classroom for many years. He loved being called the temple Bagelman. Charles also enjoyed family time, especially on their boat and on fun vacations. His last career move was when his dear friend, the late Ed Levine called Charles to come work at Champion Windows. Charles worked at Champion for 37 years until he retired after a work injury. When Ryan and Lauren moved away from home, so did Charles and Gail. They moved to a one level condo in Ludlow KY, with a view of the

river and sunset. There, Charles and Gail were voted King and Queen at their Clubhouse Prom. The icing on their years of happiness came seven years ago with the birth of their granddaughter, Charlie. Her sunshine brought so much joy. Charles would beam when she was present. She was allowed to braid his hair. But he wouldn't let her streak his hair pink like she did to grandma in Florida 2 weeks before his death. Well, when Charlie came to say goodbye to her Dear Zayde at VA, she brought her hair dye to send him off with a nice pink streak. We laughed, cried and talked about fun memories. We knew Zayde would be laughing too. His ashes will be returned in a few years since he donated his body to UC medical school to help teach others and to advance science. Charles, and later, Gail, will be buried in the National Cemetery in Williamstown, KY. Charles was being heroic for our country early in life and even at his end of life he heroically gave his body to science to provide information that could possibly prevent, treat or cure illness or disease, decreasing pain and suffering in this world. We are blessed.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, April 27, 2025 at 1:30pm at Congregation Beth Adam, 10001 Loveland Maderia Road Loveland, Ohio 45140.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to VVA & Beth Adam in Charles' memory would be greatly appreciated. VVA Chapter 10 8418 Reading Rd. Reading, OH 45215 or The Robert & Terri Barr Lecture Congregation Beth Adam 10001 Loveland-Madeira Rd Loveland, OH 45140.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 27. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Congregation Beth Adam
10001 Loveland Madeira Road
Loveland
Loveland, OH 45140

Tribute Wall

DS

“ Sorry to hear of Charlie's passing. Grew up behind his house in Paddock Hills. Intene swimmer, and really funny guy.

David Sapadin - April 28, 2025 at 12:32 PM

GK

Thank u David. He spoke of u.He was a great guy. Both of our children swam and our granddaughters on a swim team now. She loved her Zadie. Tx Gail

gail klayman - May 02, 2025 at 01:36 PM

AP

“ We have so many memories of Charles . Every single one of them makes us smile 🍷 Charles was not just our friend. He and Gail have always been like family to us. Every time we planned a vacation , Charles would never hesitate to take us to CVG and then drive our car back to their condo until we returned home. It never mattered if the flight was 6:00 am or 11:00 PM, Charles was always there. We feel like our kids grew up together because every summer our families boated all summer together in Lake Cumberland during so many weekends. Those memories are endless 🍷 Then of course as the years passed by quickly, we continued our boating together including our grandchildren. We shared in each others joy with so many celebrations over the years. There are no words I can write here to describe how much we will miss our sweet Charles. He always had a gift for interjecting funny comments 🍷 Although Charles physical being is gone , his soul will 100% live on forever and ever 🍷 Charles, you might be out of sight, but you will ALWAYS LIVE IN OUR HEARTS AND OUR MINDS for all time. I suppose God needed a SPECIAL ANGEL, so he took you before we were ready to say good bye 🍷 We love you Charles 🍷
Love, Anita and Larry 🍷

Anita Phillips - April 24, 2025 at 06:55 PM

BT

“ I remember Charlie from Woodward, class of '66. He is a good memory; and from his many tributes and obituary-eulogy I see he hadn't changed.

May he always rest in peace.

Bryan Taplits

Bryan Taplits - April 23, 2025 at 11:02 AM

AD

“ In 1966, Eddie Levine, Louis Katz, Art Daniels and Charlie Klayman set the Woodward High School 200yd. Medley relay record for the Woodward High School swim team. It was never broken!

Quite a splash!

Art Daniels

Arthur Daniels - April 23, 2025 at 10:16 AM

RK

“ 1 file added to the album klayman skyline



Robin Klayman - April 22, 2025 at 10:07 PM

RK

“ My dear cousin Charles you will be missed by mom, me and the family! I loved running into you at Everybody's Records a few times, having dinners together and hearing your Vet stories! It was also touching to see you with your first grandchild, Charlie! May you rest in peace.

Robin Klayman - April 22, 2025 at 10:00 PM