



## Charles E. "Charlie" Winn

May 1, 1943 - November 18, 2013

Charles E. "Charlie" Winn of Cadillac passed away Monday, November 18, 2013 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. He was 70; born May 1, 1943 in Hamilton, Ohio, to William Harden and June Carolyn (Hathorn) Winn, Sr.

Charlie was the consummate "people person" and salesman. He was funny, charming, warm-hearted, positive and "un-filtered" Charlie genuinely loved his family and friends: old, new and yet-to-be-made. You could count on his loyalty to all those he loved and to any cause he believed in. He was a dear husband, father, grandfather, son and brother. We are sad to have lost him and he is greatly missed.

Charlie was a founder of Four Winns Boat Company, as well as Lakeside Charlie's Restaurant and Pheasant Ridge Estates, all in Cadillac. He was also a founder of the Charlevoix Country Club and, long ago, a Sales Manager at Investors Diversified Services (IDS) in Lansing, MI.

Charlie had a passion for water, antique boats and boating in general. He was a member of various yacht clubs in Florida and Michigan, as well as a member of the Antique and Classic Boat Society, Great Lakes Cruising Club, and the Pine River Association. Over the years, he collected and restored various antique wooden boats. His

enthusiasm for boating led him to explore harbors and marinas throughout the Great Lakes, North Channel and Florida waters, where he particularly liked taking day trips to out-of-the-way spots. He and his wife, Janna have also had many wonderful years living and loving at their home on the Pine River. "It is our little slice of heaven and we appreciate how lucky we have been."

Besides boating, Charlie was an avid fan of nice cars and motorcycles. As member of the Porsche Club of America and BMW Motorcycles Owners of America, he enjoyed many driving adventures around the countryside. It was always the journey rather than the destination to Charlie unless, of course, the destination was a restaurant. If ever there was an out-of-the-way or new restaurant to be discovered, he would find it.

Charlie was an avid reader with a special interest in current affairs, human interest stories and politics. He really liked the feel of a newspaper between his hands. He always appreciated a good political discussion and, no doubt, would be very disappointed that he is unable to vote in 2014!

He was a generous man, compassionate and fair. He was quick to lend a hand to anyone in need and encouraged all to value themselves and others. His strength and encouragement will live on in our hearts.

On September 11, 1977, in Lansing, he married the former Janna Kay Hendricks. She survives him along with 3 daughters: Wendy (Bill) Taylor of Haslett, Heidi (Kevin) Hall of Cadillac and Amy (Sean) Smith of Dewitt; nine grandchildren: Jeff Taylor, Morgan Taylor, Brad Hall, Bryant Hall, Brock Hall, Sean Smith, Jr., Mitchell Smith, Ian Spry and Hannah Smith; his parents: William H. and June C Winn, Sr. of Naples, FL; brothers, William H. Winn Jr. of Naples, FL and John (Zita) Winn of Charlevoix; nephews: George (Connie) Winn of Ft. Myers, FL and Billy (Melissa) Winn of Ft Myers, FL; Kenny Anderson of Baton Rouge, LA; and niece Zita Anderson of Traverse City, MI.

He is preceded in death by two nephews, Trent Winn and Taylor Winn.

Memorial services will be 11:00 am Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at the United Methodist Church in Cadillac. Friends may meet the family Monday, Dec. 2, from 2-4 and 6-8 at the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in support of the leukemia research efforts of Dr. Moshe Talpaz at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center. Contributions should be sent to: University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center, (c/o Office of Health System Development, 1000 Oakbrook Dr., Suite 100, Ann Arbor, MI. 48104-6815 or online at <http://victors/1b0m13p>) or the Michigan Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. On online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com)

# Tribute Wall

TG

“ Charlie, I have so many great K.M.I. memories of having you for a roommate. I hate that we will never see each other again in this form. I love you buddy.

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**Tom Galligan** - July 27, 2014 at 01:45 PM

BS

“ Charlie was a true friend and one you could count on. Many times when I needed a boost, I'd call Charlie and after a few minutes, my spirits were lifted. After many times of being lifted, he said that he was going to start charging me. Our love to Janna and pray she will have strength to carry-on with her Charlie. Sure do miss him.

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**Bob Schuitema** - December 08, 2013 at 02:59 PM

PS

“ The first time Bob and I met Charlie was when he appeared on the dock just as we were coming into a boat slip in a major wind storm. He was right there when we needed him. He has been a great friend ever since.

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**Patti Schuitema** - December 08, 2013 at 02:52 PM

ZW

“ Keep it between the markers on your way to Heaven, Charlie.

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**Zita Winn** - December 08, 2013 at 10:17 AM

ES

“ Charlie, you will be dearly missed! You were a Great neighbor and a dear friend. You fought the fight with such courage, with your loving wife, Janna by your side! God Bless you, Charlie! With our sincere condolences to Janna & family!

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**Ed & Kathy Stengel** - December 07, 2013 at 08:51 PM

NL

“ Uncle Charlie,  
Nothing but fantastic memories on all of our visits growing up as a youth. You always made it such a joy to visit and you will be missed.  
God Bless

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**Nathan Lincoln** - December 06, 2013 at 01:52 PM

RJ

“ Loved the boats man, good luck up there!

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**Richard Johnson** - December 04, 2013 at 04:20 PM

ST

“ Are prayers and condolences to the family. God bless you

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**Simon D. (Veralex team)** - December 04, 2013 at 11:57 AM

RM

“ My heart breaks for Janna and the family. I will always remember Charlie's smile, and his genuine kindness. Prayers to Janna for comfort, and peace in your heart.

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**Rebecca Murdick** - December 03, 2013 at 11:41 PM

CM

“ *Are prayers to the family May God bless you.*

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**Carl and Kay Hoyt (Grace Marine)** - December 03, 2013 at 10:50 PM

EO

“ *We have some wonderful memories of Charlie, he will never be forgotten. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May God bless you.*

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**Eddie & Sally Ososki** - December 03, 2013 at 08:48 PM

DD

“ *I have been lucky to know such a great Man.*

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**David Dolan** - December 03, 2013 at 08:21 PM

PH

“ *Prayers to all the family and he will be missed here in Charlevoix.*

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**Paul Creasey & John Haggard** - December 03, 2013 at 03:07 PM

PH

“ *He was a great guy and will be missed here in Charlevoix.*

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**Paul Creasey & John Haggard** - December 03, 2013 at 10:58 AM

TB

“ *I believe you still hold the fastest time between your house on the South Arm and Charlevoix (Porsche). No regrets except your life wasn't long enough. God Bless!*

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**Tom Bickersteth** - December 02, 2013 at 07:36 PM

JP

“ We are sad for the loss of an old friend! But we share others thoughts of the Man who made us smile and laugh. I quote him often regarding retirement ”  
*You get up in the morning and have nothing to do and go to bed at night and only got half of it done!”  
He will be missed.*

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**Jim and Frances Paris** - December 02, 2013 at 06:40 PM

JF

“ Uncle Charlie, you will be greatly missed. I always enjoyed visiting with you and Aunt Janna. You always made sure us kids had fun whether it was playing hide and seek in your homes, playing games or on a boat ride. Thanks for being an awesome uncle!!

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**Jenny (Hendricks) Friedman** - December 02, 2013 at 11:20 AM

RL

“ Charlevoix is a better place due to Charlie. He is an always will be missed.

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**rik Lobenherz** - December 02, 2013 at 10:29 AM

MF

“ Charlie touched many lives with his kindness. Karl Fricke who did lots of electrical work for him, always spoke highly of Charlie.

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**Martha Fricke** - December 01, 2013 at 06:03 PM

RM

“ I'  
*ll always remember Charlie'  
s wonderful smile, his contagious laugh, but mostly his genuine  
kindness.  
Sending Janna and the family prayers for comfort, and peace in  
their heart.*

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**Rebecca Murdick** - December 01, 2013 at 01:58 PM

JO

“ *Charlie was always friendly and smiling when his roudy cousins  
were visiting, and always glad to show us around. Rest in peace.*

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**Jennie Ostendorf** - December 01, 2013 at 10:05 AM

LH

“ *Our prayers and sincere condolence to you and the girls. Praying  
for strength and peace to continue. Love you*

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**Larry and Teri Hendricks** - December 01, 2013 at 09:40 AM

RD

“ *Charlie was a good friend and always made me laugh. It was a gift  
knowing him.*

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**Rae (Sorensen) Dewberry** - December 01, 2013 at 07:58 AM

IH

“ *Dear Charlie: I don'  
t remember which of us got cancer first but we did support each  
other in our battles with treatment. I so appreciate that. Love, your  
cousin Ingrid & Lance*

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**Ingrid & Lance Harrington** - November 30, 2013 at 10:31 PM

KS

“ We are blessed to know Charlie as a neighbor who was most kind and generous with us. He was a man with a heart of kindness for his friends. We are grateful to call you our friend. We will miss you.

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**Kathy and Richard Stanke** - November 30, 2013 at 10:33 AM

RA

“ Charlie was a regular in my restaurant the bb. I had to be nice to all my customers I didn't have to like all of them. i liked Charlie.

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**Robert Adler** - November 30, 2013 at 09:56 AM

DH

“ We gave thanks this week for our many blessings. We thankfully counted Charlie and Janna as close friends. Charlie lived life with class and enjoyment, it was fun to be even a small part. In our Canasta games, when I could not hold my cool when Lois or Janna got the pile, Charlie took it in stride, win or lose, " he just enjoyed playing the game" . He will be greatly missed.

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**Dennis & Lois Hogerheide** - November 29, 2013 at 07:53 PM

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**Dennis & Lois Hogerheide** - November 29, 2013 at 02:50 PM

JH

“ Charlie lived life full-strength, and during the last few years dealt with his illness the same way he approached life; with honesty, humor, compassion for others and courage. To say he was one of a kind is an understatement.

We were fortunate to have him be a part of our lives. God Bless Charlie.

Our tears go out to Janna, and hope that the many good memories of her Charlie will bring a smile to her face and comfort to her heart.

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**Jon and Carol Hisey** - November 28, 2013 at 12:44 PM

NB

“ We will miss that wit, sly smile, and twinkle in his eyes. With our sincere condolences.

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**Norm & Linda Bryan** - November 28, 2013 at 12:27 PM

JD

“ You are dearly missed. The times we spent together will live with us forever.

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**John & Irmgard DeYoung** - November 27, 2013 at 08:29 PM

PB

“ Our condolences to the family from the Class of 1963, Greenville High School, Greenville, MI. You will be missed Charlie. God Bless!

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**Pearl Ann (Hansen) Bartolo** - November 27, 2013 at 02:59 PM

AS

“ My greatest memory of being with Charlie and his daughter, Wendy, was a long time ago. I was up in Cadillac with them and they were doing the photo shoot for the 4-Winn' s boat literature and I was included in the photos. When that was done I was given the opportunity to learn to water-ski. I did manage to get up on the skis and if it wasn' t for his patience and kindness...I would have never made it up on those skis. I am laughing as I recall this memory...I wish all family and friends comfort during this time.

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**Audrey Shaffier-Clark** - November 27, 2013 at 01:41 PM

CW

“ You were such a great support to us and we will miss you..

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**Chuck and Mary Wright** - November 27, 2013 at 07:56 AM

ZA

“ Love you Charlie. Have a beer with Taylor and Trent for me. Miss you!

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**Zita Anderson** - November 26, 2013 at 10:46 PM

AO

“ Charlie will always be my Cape Coral Uncle. He was so unbelievably kind to me throughout the years. Charlie was a rare person who could light up every room with his magnetic charm and positive energy. He was also funny as heck! This world is much less interesting without Charlie. He was loved by many, including me. I will miss you Charlie!

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**April Olson** - November 24, 2013 at 07:28 PM

JS

“ Charlie: You have touched so many hearts! We will always remember you picking up the redhead at the airport and you said, " I just want my blonde Janna back" !! Your humor was contagious, we loved you so much and will miss you more!!

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**Jerry and Karen Saxton** - November 22, 2013 at 09:07 PM

TW

“ I will always remember the laughter, banter and good natured " give and take" with a conversation with Charlie. He positively touched a great many people. God bless you, Charlie.

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**Ted Walker** - November 22, 2013 at 05:31 PM

MT

“ Grandpa, you will be dearly missed. You were a great man whom I had nothing but the utmost respect for. Love you so much. RIP.

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**Morgan Taylor** - November 22, 2013 at 04:25 PM

NC

“ see you on the other side

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**neil s cross** - November 21, 2013 at 06:16 PM