



## Charles J. Mayer

February 12, 1969 - February 1, 2014

Charles Joseph Mayer, 44, passed away February 1, 2014 at his home in Sharpsburg, GA surrounded by family after a year long battle of aggressive brain tumors. Charlie was born February 12, 1969 in Windber, PA to parents Carl and Carol Mayer. Charlie was an incredible husband to his wife, Karrie Mayer, for the past twelve and half years and a very loving and active father to his children, Jakson (9) and Mackenzie (8). He was truly the most amazing husband, father, son, brother and friend! Charlie was an Air Tran Airways Boeing 717 Captain based in Atlanta for the past eleven years, following aviation careers with Chautauqua Airlines and US Airways. He graduated from Windber High School and Kent State University (Phi Delta Theta), where he made many lifelong friends. Charlie always lived his life to the fullest and lived true to his favorite saying "Life is Good". He had a love for traveling, sailing, the Caribbean Islands, scuba diving, snow skiing, hiking, camping, mountain and road biking, woodworking, kayaking, water skiing and boating on Lake Wedowee with his family. A few weeks prior to his diagnosis, he and his wife went to the British Virgin Islands to fulfill their dream of obtaining their sailing certificates. Months before, he accomplished goals of riding in a 100 mile bike ride and completing his first sprint triathlon. One thing is for sure, he could never say, "I wish I would have" because he always did!

Charlie was preceded in death by his brother, Curtis Mayer. He is survived by his wife, Karrie Mayer, son, Jakson, daughter, Mackenzie all of Sharpsburg, Georgia; parents Carl and Carol Mayer and grandmother, Nova Mayer of

Windber, PA; In-laws, Gary and Cindy Hale, brothers-in-law Casey Hale (Liz), Cole Hale (Trisha), sister-in-law, Keely Lowe all of Ft. Wayne, IN. He is also survived by his nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family will receive friends at McKoon Funeral Home in Newnan, Georgia on Friday, February 7th starting at 3 p.m. A celebration of life memorial will be held at 4 p.m. Casual attire please per Charlie's wishes!

Condolences may be expressed online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com). In lieu of flowers the family has asked for donations to go to their local Newnan Summit YMCA in memory of Charles Mayer. The Summit YMCA has shown extraordinary support to the family through scholarships and support this past year. Please participate in helping the next family by visiting [www.ymcaatlanta.org/donations/make-a-donation.php](http://www.ymcaatlanta.org/donations/make-a-donation.php) Please put "In memory of Charles Mayer" in the Campaigner Name box.

McKoon Funeral Home 38 Jackson St. Newnan GA, 30263 770-253-4580

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 7. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home  
38 Jackson Street  
Newnan, GA 30263  
(770) 253-4580  
care@mckoon.com

## Service

FEB 7. 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

RF

“ *Our prayers and condolences are with you. Ralph & Cathy Facciani*

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**ralph & cathy facciani** - February 17, 2014 at 11:22 AM

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**Ralph & Cathy Facciani** - February 17, 2014 at 10:21 AM

LM

“ *Carl and Carol, What a wonderful human being you raised in Charlie! All that he did and believed will inspire all he has touched. Know that you are held tight in our prayers and surrounded by God's comforting love. Larry and Gerda*

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**larry and Gerda Moul** - February 15, 2014 at 03:42 PM

BP

“ *Dear Carl, Carol, Karrie & Family: I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. Charlie was a great friend growing up. I'll never forget riding dirt bikes together--some of my best childhood memories. We'd lost touch after high school, but I knew his career was taking off (quite literally) and that he had a wonderful family. Reading your powerful tribute, I was stuck at how full of life Charlie was. That's how I remember him too. Always positive, always up for a new adventure. We can all learn a lot from how he embraced life. I'm certain this legacy will live on through Jakson and Mackenzie. With deepest sympathy, Bill*

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**Bill Phillips** - February 14, 2014 at 01:48 PM

FG

“ *Life IS Good, especially when you live it like Charlie did. However it is too short. As an old friend and teammate, I remember how his father was in college. It seems like yesterday. And as I read the obit, I could not help thinking how ti is no surprise Carl's (Reptile's) son was as he was. Our deepest sympathy to you and all your family for your loss.*

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**Fred Garbinski** - February 13, 2014 at 04:01 PM

SL

“ *I was so sorry to hear from Michelle Moehler about Charlie's passing. We went to Kent State together and Charlie was always a riot. He was so full of life that it's hard to conceive that he's not with us now. My deepest sympathies to his family.*

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**Stacy Lumbrezer** - February 13, 2014 at 02:14 PM

TD

“ *Mayer Family: Carl, you and your family have my deepest sympathies. Charlie was one to always bring a smile with his quick wit. Rest assured, he has risen to the heavens and will watch over you all.*

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**Thomas Dolan** - February 13, 2014 at 11:36 AM

PN

“ *Charlie said "LIFE IS GOOD" and you must remember him that way. His accomplishments in life are impressive. We will pray for Charlie and the family that he leaves behind.*

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**PAUL NEATROUR** - February 13, 2014 at 06:47 AM

PS

“ Dear Carl, Carol, Karrie, Jakson and Mackenzi, I have been at a loss of words to express how very sorry I am for the loss of Charlie. I know all of you are experiencing a level of pain and loss that most people can't imagine and will never experience. But please know that Dale and I are praying that God would bring you and your family comfort, especially in the months to come. We will forever remember Charlie's dazzling smile and what a wonderful person he was. With sincere sympathy, Patrice

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**Patrice and Dale Stiffler** - February 09, 2014 at 10:05 PM

DG

“ Dear Carol, Carl and Karrie. My heart goes out to all of you at this most difficult time. You all have been in my prayers. What a great tribute to your son and husband. May we all learn to live life to its fullest.

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**Darlene Geist** - February 09, 2014 at 04:40 PM

TF

“ Carl & Carol, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May our heavenly Father bestow strength and understanding on you during this most difficult time. Take comfort in knowing Charlie is now "flying" in the place where we all hope to be reunited for eternity. God be with you, and may He comfort you always.

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**Tom & Helen Fetsko** - February 09, 2014 at 01:08 PM

SO

“ I am so sorry to hear of Charlie's passing. He was a wonderful high school classmate, always positive and able to make me smile. He was one of the first friends that I had made when moving back to Windber in the 4th grade. My sympathies and prayers are for you all.

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**Sonia Adams O'Stafy** - February 08, 2014 at 04:56 PM

RR

“ Carl and Carol, Although, we have not seen each other in years, I saw this sad posting and wanted to extend my condolences for your terrible loss. I can not imaging your anguish, and wish you strength and healing. Carl, it is easy to see "you" in your son, both physically and in his interests. Sincerely, Dick Ripple

Richard A. Ripple - February 08, 2014 at 02:24 PM

MM

“ Carol and Carl: I am so sorry about Charlie. Please know that my heart aches for you both and I know that God will comfort you in the days ahead and bring you peace. Love to all.

Margie Marron - February 08, 2014 at 12:47 PM

TM

“ Carl, Carol and family, We are deeply sorry for the loss of your beloved Charlie. You are constantly in our thoughts and prayers. Tom and Mert

Tom and Marianne Moul - February 08, 2014 at 11:45 AM

CH

“ Carol, Carl, and family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May the Lord comfort you.

Chris Harshberger - February 08, 2014 at 11:11 AM

BS

“ Rep. Deepest sympathy from our family to yours. Bill & Dot Sheleheda

Bill Sheleheda - February 07, 2014 at 11:34 PM

MM

“ Words can't express the sorrow I feel over the loss of Charlie. He was such a good friend, a great guy, and a true gentleman, Please accept my deepest sympathy,

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**Monica Novak Meagher** - February 07, 2014 at 10:19 PM

TR

“ We are so sorry for your loss! You are in our thoughts!

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**Thy Rooney** - February 07, 2014 at 04:02 PM

RP

“ Rep & Carol, Please accept our heartfelt sympathies on the passing of Charlie and please also pass our thoughts on to Charlies family.

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**ron & andi peters** - February 07, 2014 at 03:15 PM

MB

“ I have wonderful memories of Charlie when we were in high school and college. He had the best sense of humor and always made me laugh. Truly, he was such a caring and vibrant person. My deepest sympathies to his parents, wife and children. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Marie Cassanese Babb** - February 07, 2014 at 09:43 AM

JP

“ I knew Charlie from the days at Chautauqua. One of the Best... The Final Flight-Also called " I'm Free" by Anonymous Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free, I'm following the path God laid for me. I took his hand when I heard his call, I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day, To laugh, to love, to work, to play. Tasks left undone must stay that way, I've found that peace at the close of the day. If my parting has left a void, Then fill it with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Ah yes, these things I too will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My Life's been full, I savored much, Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch, Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free. Peace to you and yours and all who flew and knew him...Jake

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**JAKE FAA PIT-CMO-19** - February 07, 2014 at 08:28 AM

GJ

“ Carol, Carl and the entire family, Please know that you all continue to be in our prayers and have our deepest sympathy. Although it has been quite some time since I last spoke with Charlie, I have thought of him often and will remember the greatest of times that we shared together when we were young. These are the memories that cannot be taken away. Please stay strong and know that many are praying for you back here in Windber. Glenn, Lori, Gina and Kaylie Gaye

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**Glenn Gaye, Jr.** - February 06, 2014 at 11:47 PM

RB

“ We are sending you love and support. We are thinking of you all. We cherish our wonderful memories of Charlie and you and all the good times we had in Pittsburgh together. Richard and Patti

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**Richard Bensel** - February 06, 2014 at 10:38 PM

JN

“ My deepest sympathies to the entire family It was an honor to know Charlie growing up and will be truly missed. His family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Jim Novak** - February 06, 2014 at 08:47 PM

JW

“ There are no words to express the heartfelt sympathy at the loss of a child. You all are in our prayers during this difficult time. I remember Charlie as the nice young man when he would come into ASU to talk to his mom. God Bless you all

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**Jan and Dave Wise** - February 06, 2014 at 08:18 PM

VH

“ Carl and Carol, I can only say to you that I love you both and I am thinking of you during this time as I have during the past year. My continued thoughts and prayers to you both and to Karrie and the kids. I will never forget your support of me during the loss of my mother. To know that someone cares during such a time is the only thing that carries someone through sometimes. You will always be supported by myself and my family.

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**Victoria (Bense) Hiteshew** - February 06, 2014 at 03:29 PM

RW

“ A treasured memory: The first time Ray was on a plane, it was with his dear friend Carl It was a wonderful trip and during the flight their pilot Charles Mayer made a special announcement that he had two special people on the flight, his dad and godfather. Such a special moment and treasured memory. Charlie was always so special to us and Carol, Carl, Karrie, and family, we love you all. Jo and Ray Wozny Our caring thoughts and deepest sympathy are with you at this difficult time. Chris and Rob Kasisky and family

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**Raymon Wozny** - February 06, 2014 at 03:24 PM

JM

“ *Karrie, Carl and Carol, It is with very sad hearts that we send our condolences to you and the children and all of your family on the loss of Charlie. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Jim and Elaine Makuch** - February 06, 2014 at 10:35 AM

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“ *Carol, Carl, Kerri and children! I pray that god will be with you and support you in the days, and weeks ahead. Our love and support will be with you through prayer and anything you need just let it be known. With sincere sympathy, George and Bev Wiley*

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**bev and George Ziley** - February 06, 2014 at 08:05 AM

NS

“ *We are all praying for you. We are so sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful man and father. Love you all.*

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**Nancy Sawezyszyn** - February 06, 2014 at 08:02 AM

CB

“ *So sorry for your loss. My prayers go out to all of you*

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**Chris baker** - February 06, 2014 at 07:22 AM

LM

“ *Carl and Carol. My deepest sympathy to both of you and your entire family. Wish words could help with the heartache that you are having at this very difficult tme. Love and prayers to all*

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**Linda Malisko** - February 05, 2014 at 10:58 PM

DY

“ Carol, Carl, and Karrie, words can't express the heartache we feel for your family. We remember Charlie jogging through Windber inbetween flights a few years ago!! It had been a long time since we had seen or talked to him. Even though we knew he was on a tight time table, he didn't hesitate to take time to talk to us and catch up with things that were going on in both our lives. His big smile and caring attitude warmed our hearts. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. he always had

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**Dave and Carol Yonish** - February 05, 2014 at 09:37 PM

NM

“ Our deepest sympathies, thoughts and prayers to you all. Charlie was so sweet and gentle, and a wonderful and patient big cousin. He will be dearly missed. May God bring you all comfort and peace in the moments ahead. God Bless, Natalie, Jon and Alex

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**Natalie, Jon and Alex Moldofsky** - February 05, 2014 at 07:47 PM

SH

“ Carol, Carl and family, Our deepest sympathies. Charlie was such a great person. We have always cherished the two weeks he spent with us and those memories will always be with us.

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**Steve and Jan Hancharick** - February 05, 2014 at 07:21 PM

AS

“ Karrie you and your children our in our thoughts and prayers. Charlie was truly a fun loving person who as I remember loved chocolate chip cookies! So sorry for you loss. Stiffler Family

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**Arlene Stiffler** - February 05, 2014 at 06:50 PM

BZ

“ *Our prayers and sympathies to all of your family.*

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**Barb and Denny Zahurak** - February 05, 2014 at 05:50 PM

HG

“ *Your family is in my prayers. Charlie was such a wonderful, caring person. He always kept us laughing.*

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**Heather Kalmanir Grove** - February 05, 2014 at 03:23 PM

KG

“ *Our sympathy and prayers of comfort to you, Carol, Carl and Charlie's family and friends.*

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**Kathy and Zeke Geiser** - February 05, 2014 at 12:39 PM

JH

“ *My most sincere and deepest sympathy. I have a fond memory of Charlie as a student.*

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**Joe Hancharick** - February 05, 2014 at 12:10 PM

GD

“ *Charlie was a loving and gentle soul. We will always remember his sweet smile and his and his fierce love of his wife, children and parents. He had many accomplishments in his short life and lived it to the fullest. He was a courteous, respectful,, and loving nephew and we will miss him dearly. His legacy lives on in his wife and dear children. Much love Aunt Joanne and Uncle Gerald*

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**Gerald and Joanne D'Arcangelo** - February 05, 2014 at 11:21 AM

RB

“ Carol and Carl, We wish to express our sincere sympathy at the loss of your son Charlie. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and Charlie's wife and children. Barbara and Richard

Richard and Barbara Blasic - February 05, 2014 at 11:14 AM

SS

“ Our deepest sympathies and prayers. Charlie was a very special person who "left his mark."

sandra gary smith - February 05, 2014 at 11:00 AM

GP

“ We are thinking and praying for you and your family. We miss you and hope that all the things Charlie did in life will bring some sort of peace to you both He certainly lived a full life. Millie and George

George & Millie Pierre - February 05, 2014 at 10:37 AM

CY

“ All of our thoughts and prayers are centered around Kerrie, the kids and Aunt Carol and Uncle Carl. We send our love to all of you.

Chris Yonish - February 05, 2014 at 09:26 AM

EJ

“ May strength and comfort and guide you through this difficult time. Loving prayers surround you as the Mayer family will remain in our thoughts and humble prayers. May the sweet memories of Charlie shower you with comfort and peace.

Elaine Jetmore - February 05, 2014 at 08:15 AM

LM

“ Please feel our hugs. We are holding you all in our hearts and lifting you in prayer. We know how hard it is to loose someone you love so much. He will live on in your hearts and memories. What a wonderful active child he was, and a goal-oriented young man. He really lived life to the fullest. And he left a legacy in those beautiful children. May God bless you and give you His perfect peace, We send our love and deepest sympathy.

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**Leonard and Debbie Mayer** - February 04, 2014 at 10:38 PM

GB

“ Karrie, Jakson, and Mackenzie, our deepest sympathy to you at the loss of your beloved Husband and Dad. He was one of the nicest people we have ever come to know. We send our love and prayers. Cherish all the great memories you have of him, they will make you smile even on the toughest days. God Bless.

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**Gary and Julie Brown** - February 04, 2014 at 09:43 PM

AF

“ Karrie you are being lifted up in prayer for strength and comfort, Charlie was a great husband and dad. I love you

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**Amy feller** - February 04, 2014 at 09:01 PM

LK

“ So sorry for your loss. You are in my prayers and thoughts.

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**Le Ann Kaltenbaugh** - February 04, 2014 at 08:35 PM

EP

“ *Carl & Carol, My heartfelt sympathy to you and Charlie's family, Karrie, Jackson & Mackenzie. His obituary was a beautiful tribute to his character and how he lived his life. I join your many friends in Windber in offering my support and continued prayers, Evelyn Phillips*

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**Evelyn Phillips** - February 04, 2014 at 08:27 PM

KM

“ *My sympathies on the loss of Charlie. Your family is in my prayers.*

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**ken maxwell** - February 04, 2014 at 07:43 PM

LK

“ *Our deepest sympathy Ken & Lee Kitting (Ray Wozny's sister)*

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**Lee Kiting** - February 04, 2014 at 07:08 PM

SH

“ *Charlie was a wonderful man, husband and father. Art and I are deeply touched by your loss. We will continue to pray for comfort and peace for you and your family. Susan Holbrook*

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**Susan Holbrook** - February 04, 2014 at 06:25 PM

CS

“ *We are sorry for your loss. You all have been and will continue to be in our prayers. Love you, Schiefersteins*

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**Cristi Hale Schieferstein** - February 04, 2014 at 06:05 PM