



## Mr. Charles Henry Perry

October 12, 1943 - October 20, 2019

Charles Henry Perry, 76, of Rochester, NH, and Lady Lake, FL, died on Sunday October 20, 2019. Born in Laconia on October 12, 1943, he was the son of James Eugene Perry and Jessie Mae (Clark) Perry.

He graduated from Laconia High School in 1961 and Plymouth State College in 1965.

Charlie taught in Newport NH, at Spaulding HS in Rochester, where he coached track and field, and at Oyster River High School in Durham, retiring in 2002. He was active in the Oyster River Teachers Guild, serving as chief negotiator for many years. A member of Nippo Lake Golf Club in Barrington, NH, for 30 years, he mowed fairways after retirement. He was the most improved player in 2000 and in 2011 he and Ellen won the Member-Member tournament. In 2009 they began wintering in The Villages, FL. Charlie, Ellen and the cats loved being warm in the winter, but also looked forward to summer and fall in NH.

Charlie is survived by his wife of 34 years, Clara Ellen (Yeaton) Perry; his sons, Charlie Jr. of Rochester, Kenny (Jen Boulanger) of Westerly RI, and Malcolm (Joan) of Derry; his daughter, Annette Perry (Derrick Webber) of Mesa, AZ; siblings, Lorraine (Don) Morin of Laconia, Frances (Richard) Zahn of Virginia Beach VA, Becky Roy of Leominster, MA, Bill Perry of Indianapolis, IN, and Teena Hawkins of Deer Park, NY; brother in law, Kevin Brown of Billerica MA; and mother in law, Margaret Yeaton of Hallowell, ME. Five beloved grandchildren survive: Brett and Alex Perry of Mystic CT, Cole and Jason Perry of Derry, and Susan Webber of Mesa, AZ. Rufus, the last of the cats, misses Charlie greatly. Charlie was predeceased by his parents, his stepfather Henry Perry, father in law Carl Yeaton, and siblings Mary Brown and James E. Perry Jr.

Charlie believed that laughter was an important addition to everyone's day. In his memory, tell a joke then laugh like it's the funniest thing you have ever heard. Don't let it bother you if no one else thinks it's funny, because you will be getting your dose of laughter for the day.

At Charlie's request, there is no funeral. A celebration of life may be held at a later time. In

lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to a food pantry, a humane society, or a homeless shelter in his name.

# Comments

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“ We send our sincere sympathy to Ellen and Charlie's family. He was a good friend and coach during our days at Spaulding High School. He had quite a sense of humor! We both treasure our memories of those days with the Perry family. Sincerely, Hugo and Beverly Bolin

Hugo and Beverly Bolin - November 10, 2019 at 04:44 PM

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“ I am so saddened to read this. I was in Mr. Perry's chemistry class at Spaulding High in 1975. "Better never than late" he said often. RIP Mr. Perry. You were one of the greats. Pamela (Houle) Columbia

Pamela Columbia - October 29, 2019 at 11:23 AM

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“ Mr. Perry will forever be one of my favorite teachers. His work with leading the ORHS Chemistry Program was fantastic - he was definitely ahead of his time in teaching the history of scientific discovery, basis of experiments used, along with the chemistry topics themselves. As an ORHS Class of 1988 graduate, we were also one of the first classes to benefit from his work in starting the Physics Program. His work in coordinating with the Math/Calculus Program to incorporate more mathematics into the science program was awesome - I still remember him leading us in Physics Class with developing Bernoulli's Equation (fundamental equation of water hydraulics) beginning with  $E_1 = E_2$ . I look back at that time as a foundational higher education experience in my life. Another fond memory is of him driving me and a few classmates up to southern ME to listen to Linus Pauling (controversial Nobel Laureate) speak; not many other teachers put that type of passion, planning, and effort in me and my classmates' education. He was a fantastic educator and mentor - I am very grateful to have had him as science teacher - he was very instrumental in my choosing an engineering career. Rest in Peace and thank you for everything.

Todd Bragdon (Colorado Licensed Professional Civil Engineer)

Todd Bragdon - October 28, 2019 at 03:58 PM

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“ Sending prayers and loving thoughts to the family of Charles Henry Perry, at this very sad time. Steve & Eileen Ladieu-Sohn

Eileen Ladieu-Sohn - October 28, 2019 at 02:07 PM

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“ Mr Perry was a wonderful teacher. I tuly enjoyed his chemistry class at ORHS. Jen and I sat in the back and made a list of his funny science jokes. The whole class got in on it and we presented him with a 3 paged typed list of Perry-isms. He will be missed

**Michele Samuels** - October 28, 2019 at 11:19 AM

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“ To whomever drafted, Uncle Charlie’s obituary: thank you for the way you worked Grandpa in by calling him Uncle Charlie’s parent. Thank you for listing my Dad among the siblings. Both made me tear up. I hadnt seen Uncle Charlie since, I think, 2012. But I remember we laughed that night like there was no tomorrow.. And I know my Mom absolutely revered him.

**Kevin Brown** - October 27, 2019 at 10:38 PM

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“ His class at Spaulding was the most fun and engaging in my 4 yrs. Mr.perry was a quick witted man,very funny if you listened close. His favorite was" better never than late".I use that line to this day. Sorry for your loss.

Les Sirois

**lester sirois** - October 27, 2019 at 08:45 AM

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“ I had Mr. Perry for Chemistry at Spaulding and learned so much from him! I didn't realize how much until I went to dental hygiene school and I seemed to be one of the only students in the class who knew any chemistry even though it was a prerequisite for the program . I wrote him a letter and thanked him for being such a great teacher! I heard through the grapevine that the letter meant a lot to him...he deserved it! So very sorry to hear of his passing. Sincere condolences to his family and friends.

Wanda Cossette, Class of 1971  
Saco, ME

**Wanda Cossette** - October 26, 2019 at 05:19 PM

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“ Our sincere condolences to Charlie's entire family and friends

Roland and Carole Maheux  
Jericho, VT

**Carole Maheux** - October 26, 2019 at 03:39 PM

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“ I remember building a guitar out of particle board, using a cross country ski as a neck, for Mr. Perry's physics class. It was the jankiest instrument you've ever seen, and I don't remotely remember what I was trying to test. Mr Perry just shook his head and let the mayhem proceed. I was never good at physics, but Mr. Perry was a great and engaging teacher. Condolences to his family.

**Tim Myers** - October 26, 2019 at 01:31 PM

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“ Oh so many wonderful memories! Charlie was a wonderful colleague and friend. Although as he retired we lost touch...our daily interactions with our connected classrooms warm my heart often. My heart goes out to his family and especially Ellen! Hugs sweet lady!

**Barbara Hopkins** - October 26, 2019 at 08:21 AM

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“ So many great memories of family gatherings out at the farm; and then the annual family reunion at Uncle Charlie and Ellen's house. Sure do miss all those wonderful people I got to call family. Ellen, Charlie, Ken, Annette, Malcolm - you are all in my prayers! Love you! Donna

**Donna Breault** - October 25, 2019 at 08:05 PM