



Charlotte Rinker Domalik

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Died: February 11, 2021

Charlotte passed away on Thursday, February 11, 2021. Born in Lucketts, Virginia, Charlotte was the only child of Charles and Lillian Rinker. Although she was an only child she grew up in a large extended family surrounded by aunts, uncles and lots of cousins. She had an interesting start to life – born at home – her Aunt Grace delivered her into the world because the doctor had enjoyed himself a little too much at his weekly poker game earlier that evening!

Charlotte met the love of her life, her husband of 63 years, John, in Biloxi, Mississippi. Introduced by friends in June of 1957, it was love at first sight. By the Fourth of July, John had asked for her hand in marriage and the two love birds were married a few short months later on October 5.

Their early family included a number of four legged felines but soon it expanded to include two sons, Charlie and Brian. The Domalik household was always the center of activity for the boys and their friends! Everyone was welcome at all hours of the day and night and you could always count on a full candy bowl and some kind of food and drink! Charlotte was known as “Moms” to many.

If you couldn't find Charlotte at home you didn't have to look far. She was

usually working in a classroom or cheering from the stands at a ballfield or gym! As the boys grew older the circle of friends who came into Charlotte's orbit only grew and she was "Moms" to them all.

It wasn't long before the boys were off to college and soon there after getting married and giving Charlotte and John the opportunity to root and cheer on a new generation of Domaliks. Charlotte had a new title and one she wore well. She became "Gram" to not only her five grandchildren (Drew, Brianna, Miles, Lilly and John Thomas), her great-grandson Cove, but to their friends and their families.

She was a "Super Fan" for sure and she cheered on not only her family by blood but her very large extended family that included most everyone she met. Gram was truly one of a kind. She was always ready to lend a hand, cook a meal or sew costumes for the grandkids' school plays. She always had plenty of snacks, drinks and sunscreen at the ballfield and her voice could always be heard above even the noisiest gym crowds.

She was strong, kind and caring – sometimes all at the same time! She was one of a kind and will be missed by many.

A Memorial Service will be planned in the future when it is safe to gather and share our memories of a very special wife, "Moms" and "Gram."

If you would like, memorial contributions can be made to the Haiti Rummage Sale at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church. Charlotte was a huge supporter of the annual sale working many hours getting items ready each year and manning the check-out desk throughout the multi-day sale.

Donations can be sent to:

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church
Haiti Rummage Sale – In Memory of Charlotte Domalik
4491 Springfield Road
Glen Allen, VA 23060

Tribute Wall

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“ I've known Charlotte most of my life, our parents having been friends. Charlotte was one of those friends that you would feel comfortable telling your secrets to. She supported me in every way. I missed her greatly when she moved away, but our monthly phone calls would last for hours. She and John made me welcome in their home when Lisa was in hospital in Richmond, driving me back and forth to the hospital each day.

I believe God puts special people in our lives to make our lives more joyful, and Charlotte most certainly was one of those special people.

Pattie Palmer - March 04, 2021 at 06:10 PM

KJ

“ I met John and Charlotte maybe 8 years ago when St Michael the Archangel Catholic Church started a program for us to meet parishioners who lived in our neighborhoods. I was given a list of people so I visited with John and Charlotte who happened to live in my same complex. We became such good friends. They moved a year ago and I have missed them terribly. John kept me up to date regarding Charlotte. I am so happy that she went into the arms of Jesus. But, I miss her so much. John, please let me know when the service is so I can attend. Love you, John. Hugs for you and your family. Amen.

Kathleen Ann Joyce - February 21, 2021 at 04:29 PM

GH

“ We have been friends with Charlotte and John for 58 years and treasure all of our precious memories. What a wonderful Christian lady! We will miss her dearly but rejoice in the hope that we will be together again one day. Love and prayers to John and his sweet family.

Gordon and Barbara Hughes - February 20, 2021 at 05:14 PM

LG

“ After Saturday evening Mass, we enjoyed many meals at IHOP, Crackerbarrel, and O'Charley's with Charlotte and John. Sure miss those good times. She was a lovely lady, always smiling!
Larry and Susan Gidley

Larry and Susan Gidley - February 20, 2021 at 02:51 PM

TS

“ Charlotte meant so much to so many. We were all truly blessed to be on this earth at the same time as her. She loved all of us with out judgement. Her only care was that we were happy and fulfilled. And her sincere concern and encouragement made us stronger. Few people leave a lasting impression on so many. She was one of a kind for sure. All my love to the Domalik's. Holding you all close in my thoughts and prayers.

Tonie Stevens - February 19, 2021 at 11:07 PM

LO

“ I always knew Charlotte as a dear long time friend of my mother Pattie Palmer. When I was in the midst of my biggest life crisis, recovering from a stroke, I was hospitalized for a time near Richmond VA, not far from Charlotte and John’s home. My mom was extremely involved in my care and recovery and a tremendous emotional support. Knowing this, Charlotte and John kindly welcomed Pattie to stay in their home so she could visit me regularly at the hospital. To cheer me up, Charlotte brought to the hospital her wedding photos, so I could see my mom as a bridesmaid. She brought cookies and other gifts regularly and I came to understand why my mom had treasured this friend for so many years. What neither my mom nor Charlotte knew was that I had a crush on Charlie when we were in high school. If the moms had known, I think they would have tried to play matchmakers. Heaven has gained an angel!

Lisa Palmer ODonnell - February 19, 2021 at 04:52 PM

FG

“ The Graves family was so saddened to learn of Charlotte’s passing. We only find comfort remembering the wonderful times we all shared and knowing that Charlotte is now resting in peace with so many that went before. We send our love to John, Charlie, Laura, Brian, her grands and her great grand. May you all be blessed with wonderful memories of great times. May the Lord watch over you and let you find peace with the knowledge that you were her life. With much love.

Francie Graves - February 19, 2021 at 04:12 PM

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“ *Holly Harrigan lit a candle in memory of Charlotte Rinker Domalik*



Holly Harrigan - February 19, 2021 at 11:37 AM

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“ *Mrs Domalik was a part of all of our lives growing up- lending a hand in our classrooms, bringing us treats, attending our field trips, being a loving mom to all of us in Charlie's class. What a wonderful, selfless, ray of light she was! My condolences and love to Mr Domalik and the entire family.*

Holly Harrigan - February 19, 2021 at 11:36 AM