



Charles Phillip Smith

August 28, 1949 - October 5, 2022

On the night of Wednesday, October 5th, 2022, Charles Phillip Smith passed away at Willard Walker Hospice Home in Fayetteville, AR. He was 73 years old.

Charles (also known as Chuck and Charlie) was born on August 28, 1949 in Chicago, IL to Arnold and Jocelyn Smith. After graduating high school, Charles served for a brief time in the army before moving on to attend Kishwaukee College in DeKalb County, IL. There he met and married fellow student, Marla Plapp. In the early 1980's, Charles and then-wife Marla left the Chicago suburbs and moved to rural Arkansas to fulfill the dream of raising a family in a natural environment, far removed from the threat of negative societal influence. They built a beautiful homestead on 40 acres of raw Ozark wilderness, not far from Hardy, AR. Together they had six children, Darsey, Tarin, Fawn, Joel, Callie, and Brianne. Charles ("Chuck") was a life-long self-employed Arborist. His company, Chuck-N-Saw Tree Service, was well-known in Cherokee Village and surrounding areas. After retirement, Charles continued to do occasional tree work up until the stroke that ultimately ended his life. It's not every day you see a 70+ year old man with a chainsaw dangling from a rope 100 feet up a massive tree. But for Charlie, it was just another day of adventure, with no room for fear.

To Charles, life was about experiencing and learning new things and passing

on his knowledge and experience to others. He was an explorer, a joker, a philosopher, an avid numerologist, and an unapologetic breaker of rules. Above all, Charlie was a Seeker of Truth, Love and Light. He will be missed.

Charles was preceded in death by his father, Arnie, his mother, Jocie, and his two sisters, Linda and Carol. He is survived by his six children and seven grandchildren, Darsey (Elan, Evie), Tarin (Hallie, Vivian, Marla), Fawn, Joel, Callie (Kaida, Linley) and Brianne, as well as his brothers, Gilbert, Will, Joel, Jon and their families.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, November 26th, 2022 at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fayetteville, AR at 1 o'clock p.m. Donations and flowers can be sent to Fawn Smith at UUFF, 901 W Cleveland, Fayetteville, AR, 72701.

Tribute Wall



“ *Chuck came to Pensacola and helped us to recover from Hurricane Ivan. What a great man! I couldn't believe how he could do what he did with just a rope and a saw. Now I see what a fine human being he was - no surprise. - Pat Crawford, Pensacola, FL*

Pat Crawford - October 04, 2023 at 06:15 PM



“ *Charles Phillip Smith*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM