



Charles Richard Simmons

September 9, 1944 - May 12, 2026

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Charles Richard Simmons of Johnstown, NY. Charlie passed away at Grand Strand Regional Medical Center, Myrtle Beach, S.C., from natural causes on Tuesday, May 12th, 2026.

Charlie was born on September 9, 1944, in Cobleskill, New York. He was the son of the late Barbara Mae Empie and Keith Dewey Simmons. Many of the “male” Simmons clan bore the first name of Charles, so he was affectionately called “Dick” by the family and friends he grew up with in Cobleskill.

In March of 1962 just 3 months before he would have graduated from Cobleskill High School, he apparently decided to “make the world his classroom”: and enlisted in the United States Navy. Dick proudly served his country as a Yeoman aboard the U.S.S. Yosemite (AD19-a Dixie-class Destroyer Tender). Upon completing his military service, he attended the New York State Police Academy and went on to serve as a member of the New York State Police for 22 years before retiring. It was during those years that he became known as “Charlie”. He was a valuable employee of the Amico Funeral Home for many years.

Charlie (a.k.a.Dick) was happiest when he was traveling. He enjoyed traveling all over the country, whether visiting family in New Mexico, North Carolina,

New Jersey, and California, or exploring Virginia, Arizona, Colorado and many other destinations. He especially looked forward to spending several months each year in Myrtle Beach, where he could enjoy milder weather and golf throughout the winter. He was an avid golfer, deer hunter, and reader. He also loved following NASCAR and NHL hockey and testing his impressive knowledge of facts and history. If there was a trivia contest, he was the person everyone wanted on their team. His quick wit, intelligence, and friendly competitive spirit made him a favorite companion and friend. Charlie was a member of the Cobleskill Fraternal Order of Eagles and a member of the Association of Former NYS Troopers, Capital District Chapter.

Charlie is survived by his beloved wife of 35 years, Kathleen "Kat" Simmons; his three daughters, Darcy Simmons of Sylva, North Carolina, Diane Willson (Matthew) of Niskayuna, New York, and Stephanie Krantz (Doug) of Los Alamos, New Mexico; his stepdaughter, April Halcom (Terry) of Sparta, New Jersey; and his cherished grandchildren, Chloe, Kaya, Olivia, Myella, Addison, Hudson, and Grayson. He is also survived by his stepmother, Norma Simmons; his brothers Dennis and Timothy, and his sister Penny Feuker; several cousins, nieces, nephews and many dear friends. Charlie was predeceased by his sister Gail Lahman.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the compassionate physicians, nurses, and staff at Grand Strand Regional Medical Center for the exceptional care and support they provided to Charlie and his family during this difficult time.

Our beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and son who was the heart of our family will live on in all of us who loved him. He will be remembered for his family, friends and adventurous spirit. May his memory be a blessing to all he touched.

Family and friends are invited to attend a memorial service at Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery at a later date. Details will be announced when arrangements have been finalized.

Memorial contributions in Charlie memory may be made to Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10306 or Fisher House Foundation, Inc., 12300 Twinbrook Parkway, Rockville, Maryland, 20852.

Amico Funeral Home, 150 South Main Street, Gloversville, NY is assisting the family. Online condolences may be made at www.amicofuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Gerald B. H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery

200 Duell Road
Schuylerville, NY

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall



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