



Mr. Charles E. Phykitt

November 18, 1940 - December 6, 2016

Mr. Charles E. Phykitt, 76, of Cheshire, passed away on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at Berkshire Medical Center. Born in New York City on November 18, 1940 the son of Dorothy and Eric Morgan, he attended schools in New York. He was adopted by his mother's second husband William Phykitt.

He was a US Navy Veteran serving on the USS Gearing during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He joined the Seabees in 1972 and served on a special training and construction project on the island of Palau in the south Pacific. He concluded his naval service in the mid 80's after spending several years in the Navy Reserves.

Mr. Phykitt's Seabee training set in motion a life-long love of carpentry. Over the years, not only did he renovate several homes, but also added several additions to his home in Cheshire and built a barn for the family horses.

He was owner and founder of the Charles Phykitt Insurance Agency in North Adams.

Charlie was passionate about his love for animals, including dogs, cats, horses. After retirement, he became an avid organic farmer and was known for his heirloom tomatoes and honey-nut squash which he sold at farmers' markets in Hancock and North Adams.

He will be remembered for his good humor, quick smile, his eagerness to help people, and most of all his loyalty to the friends and family he held dearest.

Charles' family was the center of his universe and he is survived by his wife, the former Nora Young, whom he married on December 12, 1976. He is also

survived by his two daughters, Sarah Phykitt and her partner Michael Creason and Julia Phykitt and her partner John McDermott; his grandson Flynn and granddaughter Andi McDermott; his sister, Anita Connelly and her children, Tom, Linda and Leigh.

Funeral Notice:

A memorial service for Mr. Charles E. Phykitt will be held in the spring. If friends desire, donations may be made to Puppies Behind Bars, care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, in his memory. DONATIONS CANNOT BE MADE ONLINE, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.