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## Charles Nystrom Obituary

Charles Walter Nystrom, Jr. Died August 14, 2008. Survived by his wife, Teresa; children, Bonnie (Ryan) Aherin and Zoe Nystrom; brother, Thomas Nystrom of Tom's River, NJ; grandsons, Ronan and Maddox Aherin. Charles was accepted into the Air Force Academy on the Vice President's signature at seventeen, and served in the U.S. Air Force from 1975 to 2006. He retired as a Lt. Col., flying as the Weapon System Officer in the F-111E during the Persian Gulf War. He then taught at the Accelerated Learning Laboratory in Tucson. Chuck was an outdoorsman who sought the same adventure as the young fighter pilot who enjoyed ski trips with his daughters in Switzerland, scuba diving in Hawaii, hiking in the Northern Thai Mountains, Alaska, and in Tucson with the Southern Arizona Hiking Club with pet boxer, Baci. After he retired from the USAF, he began his Master's degree in Education while teaching at ALL... and growing out his hair to a ponytail with an increasing large supply of Hawaiian shirts. He was an avid learner who appreciated the youngest of students to reach for their full potential. He will be remembered as the ace student from Jersey, the heartfelt military officer, the almost hippy school teacher, and friendly church member of the Mt. Avenue Church of Christ congregation. He will be always honored, loved and remembered for his light spirit, smile, and dedication. May he rest in peace. Visitation

will be Monday, August 18, 2008, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at BRING'S BROADWAY CHAPEL, 6910 E. Broadway. Memorial Service, Tuesday, August 19, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. at Mountain

Avenue Church of Christ, 2848 N. Mountain Avenue Road, with a private funeral at the USAF Academy in Colorado.

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**Jessica Jewell** March 13, 2024

I wanted to write here in case anyone keeps tabs here. I was a prior student to his and was in his first period class the day we found out he had died. I cried a lot and still have the t-shirt that says "Go Green for

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**Lois Anne DeLong** August 15, 2009

Teresa and family:

I did not know Charles but I do know a few things about losing a loved

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**Marilyn Barto** August 13, 2009

Dear Teresa, Bonnie and Zoe,

I am thinking of you all during this time that marks the anniversary of

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**Donna Frederick** August 13, 2009

Dear Teresa, Bonnie and Zoe,

I am thinking of you and praying for you as tomorrow marks the first anniversary of Chuck's death. He was such a wonderful man. May God continue to comfort you. Much love to all of you.

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**Warren and Janice Hansen** March 13, 2009

Warren and I learned of Charlie's death today through the Checkpoints mag. from the Academy. We send our love and sympathy.

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**Paula McCollough** March 9, 2009

Teresa, I'm still in shock over this recent information. You and yours are so easy to love and admire. There will always be a special place in my heart and Mot's for our friendship. I am so thankful our paths crossed many years ago in Sumter. On this side of eternity it seems like yesterday, on the other side it will just be. Get someone to hug you long and hard and think of me. Paula

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**Marilyn Barto** March 9, 2009

Perhaps ironically, I remember biking down Lochness, Scotland in 1979 with Charlie and Teresa. I had rented a little pump bike and they had their multi-speed bikes with saddle bags. I had a big old back back to carry my stuff in and was trying to keep up. I was really tired so Charlie took over carrying my pack as well as his own saddle bags. An Officer and a Gentleman!

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**Kari Romeo** March 4, 2009

I am delighted to write in this book because Chuck was such a fun guy to work with and fun to be around. I remember his laughter which was indeed distinct and contagious. I remember the love he had for his family and how they were never far from his conversation. I remember his respect for his fellow officers and friends. Chuck you left this rock too soon. You are missed.

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**Timmy Miles** November 7, 2008

I'm very very sorry for your loss of Charles. He was a very inspiration science teacher for the students of ALL. He would do everything for the students and his tragic incident happened on his way back to his house from ALL to his house. This is a show of what he would do for the students. We will always remember with our green Remember Charles shirts on Friday as a sign of our repect for Charles.

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**Julian Mintzis** October 28, 2008

I wanted to express my sincere condolences to Teresa and the rest of the family.

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**John McLaren** September 17, 2008

Teresa, Bonnie, and Zoe; Our heart and soul go out to you. Kathy and I were dumbstruck when we heard the news from Diana who just happened to hear an article on the news in Sierra Vista. When you have time, please send us a note at the below email. Take Care

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**Tony & Patti Cihak** September 15, 2008



Tony & Patti Cihak September 13, 2008

Hi Teresa-

We've just heard the news and wanted to pass on our sincere sympathies. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as part of our former CAOC family.

Tony & Patti Cihak  
(Qatar/ Overland Park KS)

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Anne McCaffrey Fouda August 30, 2008

Tommy & Teresa - My thoughts and prayers are with you. I know that it has been a few years since seeing you all but knowing Charlie and after reading the guest book it is obvious he will be greatly missed by many

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**student of charles** August 23, 2008

I was one of his students and he was a really great teacher. we had the memorial at school last night and i was really cool cuz we let a ton of ballons go.

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**Katie Eddleman** August 21, 2008

Dear Nystrom Family,

I am deenlv sorrv for your loss. Chuck was a kind. intelligent. dedicated

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**Jaci Gerard** August 20, 2008

Dear Nystrom Family,

Chuck was a man who was always the calm in the whirlwind that was the 612th Combat Plans Squadron (2000-2003); whose knowledgeable and

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**Nash and Rosemarie Huerta** August 19, 2008

Dear Nystrom family,

Yours is a great loss which has also reached many of us. Chuck was a

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**Kayley Clark** August 19, 2008

Dear Nystrom family,

I'm deeply sadden by the passing of Charles. My Daughter Kayley was

very sad on Friday about the news. The Clark family would like to send our deepest sympathy to the Nystrom family. Thank You Charles for making an impact in Kayley's life and all the other kids at Accelerated Learning Lab.

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**Bonnie (Nystrom) Aherin** August 19, 2008

In lieu of sending flowers, the family of Charles would like friends and family to send a donation to one of the funds listed below or to a cause of your choice in honor of Charles and his dedication to helping those

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**Greg Schmitt** August 19, 2008

Dear Teresa & Family,

Our very deepest sympathy to all of you at this sad and difficult time. I

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**Jean & Jim Gorman** August 19, 2008

Dear Teresa, Family and Friends,

Our hearts ache as our thoughts and prayers are with you. Please know

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**Misti Nowak** August 19, 2008

It's the unique people of this world who earn a special place in my heart. That is why I am so fond of Chuck, Teresa and Zoe. Although Chuck will be missed dearly, I am confident his family will continue to blaze new and exciting paths through life, proudly representing the Nystrom name. Love you guys.

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**Paul Frost** August 19, 2008

I regret I only had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Nystrom once, as he was a kind, intelligent person. My heart is with his family.

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**Lisa Elfring** August 18, 2008

Dear Teresa and family,  
I cannot express my sadness at your loss. I taught Chuck in a few classes and his insight and optimistic outlook really added a lot to those classes.

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**Shannon Collins** August 18, 2008

When I picked up my son on Friday (the day we had chosen to buy him a "big" present), I could tell that he was very sad. Knowing that we were about to buy something "special" for him, something that he had been

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**Mitch Axelrod** August 18, 2008

Teresa, Bonnie, Zoe and Tommy, Charlie is one of a kind, and his spirit lives on in you.

My love is with you.

Mitch

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**Mary Ellen Lenzen** August 18, 2008

Teresa & Family,  
My very deepest sympathy to all of you at this sad and difficult time. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Ellie Warder** August 18, 2008

Dear Teresa and all members of your family,  
I am so sad to hear about Chuck. He was such a delightful person and such a great addition to our graduate program in General Biology. Chuck was full of plans to finish his research and workshop this school year so he could spend next summer in Hawaii with his grandchildren. He will be greatly missed. May God bless you all in this difficult time.

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**Dave and Donna Frederick** August 18, 2008

Teresa, Bonnie, Zoe and family,

We're so sorry about Chuck's death. We're praying for God to give you peace and comfort during this very difficult time. We love you, Donna, Dave and family

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**Clara Cheek** August 18, 2008

Teresa,

It's difficult to put into words the pain I feel for you and yours. It has been nearly 3 years since we lost Homer and it most of the time it seems

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