



Charles Frederick Steinmetz

November 29, 1941 - June 30, 2018

Charles F. Steinmetz passed this life on Saturday, June 30, 2018 at 6:57 am at Upper Chesapeake University of Maryland Medical Center from head and face cancer at the age of 76. Born November 29, 1941 to Charles and Grace Steinmetz; he was a native Baltimorean who grew up on Kingsway Road and attended the BCPS at Montebello Elementary, Roland Park Junior High, and Baltimore Polytechnic Institute from which he graduated in 1960. He received a B.S. degree from what had just become Towson State College (Towson University today) in June 1964. The family moved to Ruxton Towers.

Charles went to work for the Internal Revenue Service, but soon decided he wanted to pursue work in the entertainment industry where as an undergraduate he had formed a band known as The Caravelles. The group began playing in teen centers and on campus at Towson in 1962 and 1963. When the group outgrew him, he determined that he would book the band instead.

Milton A. Duggar, Jr. was auditioned by The Caravelles at Charlie's suggestion to become the singer fronting the group in 1963. Charlie and Milton were in the Towson Glee Club together. The group agreed to Milton's being the singer. At Charles's departure from the group, things eventually evolved to Milton's becoming the leader of The Chaumonts, the successor name to Caravelles, when in 1964 the group recorded its first record and ran into copyright

problems with the Caravelle name being owned by Bulova watch company.

A revamped Chaumonts recorded "Love is The Thing" in 1967 which led to the forming of Caravelle, Ltd, a Maryland corporation which included investments by Steinmetz, Dugger, and other members of the band that recorded the song. This gave birth to Bay Sound records ("A sound so good you can see it") in 1967. The label existed for five years until 1972. Charles helped choose its business location at 400 York Road in Towson. Charles also dabbled in the real estate business briefly.

Charles became a major player as an era booking agent after Bay Sound. He booked major attractions at regional universities and colleges: Edgar Wynter's White Trash at Loyola; Chicago at UM; The Jay Giles Band at Franklin & Marshall; blood, Sweat & Tears, The Association, and Chase at Towson; Harold Melvin's Blue Notes and The Platters, Drifters, and Coasters at Coppin University...and all kinds of local groups at area functions including The Bleu Lights, Nicky C. & the Chateau, the Full House, and many more...His agency was called The Charles F. Steinmetz Company located in Towson.

He continued to book bands until his health began to fail him as he reached his 70s. He had resided on Reed Street in Bel Air, MD until becoming ill in the mid-teens the 21st century; which led to his living at Forest Hill Health and Rehabilitation Center until found unresponsive on Wednesday, June 27, 2018; which led to his terminal stay at Upper Chesapeake.

He is survived by no known living relatives. His college friend Milton Dugger, Jr. and Paul Johns of the band SATURDAY, which was the continuation of The Chaumonts led now by Johns, were the last to visit and speak with Charles on Tuesday, June 26, 2018.

Wake followed by the Funeral Service takes place Friday, July 6, 2018 at

10:00 am and 10:30 am respectively in the March Funeral Home located 4300 Wabash Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215. Interment follows at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens 200 E. Padonia Road, Timonium, MD 21093. There is a 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm viewing at the funeral home on Thursday, July 5, 2018.

Cemetery Details

Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens

200 E. Padonia Rd.
Timonium, MD 21093

Previous Events

viewing

JUL 5. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

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Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Frederick Steinmetz*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

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I was recently wondering about Charlie and, sadly, I came across his obituary. I first met Charlie around 1974 when he worked for the band booking agency, "Wright Management." They had an office in Towson around. We had run into each other many times over the years until I moved away nearly 30 years ago. I always regarded Charlie as a totally fair and honest man in my business dealings with him and I never had any reason to question his integrity. I hope he knew how highly I regarded him. Greg Sinners

Greg Sinners - August 14, 2023 at 09:55 PM

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“ *Rest in Peace Charles. I am sorry to learn of your passing and know that you have reunited with all of your loved ones in heaven to include my Mom and Dad, and Ree. I can remember you from different times through the years as a little girl, coming to celebrate Christmas with our family. You and my Mom were cousins, which makes us family too. I'm sorry we lost touch with each other in recent years and pray you are at peace with the Lord!*

Beth Wilcox - July 17, 2018 at 10:13 AM

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“ *Charlie was our band manager throughout the 60's and 70's. The Vangardes I & later II, of Baltimore, performed in Maryland, Pennsylvania and Delaware in a variety of venues due to Charlie's input and expertise. It was a pleasure to have worked with Charlie.*

Dorothy Hajewski Tana - July 06, 2018 at 06:59 PM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - July 04, 2018 at 11:44 AM