

Charles J. Averill, DDS 1927 – 2007



Burlington – Dr. Charles J. Averill, 80, a long-time resident of Burlington, passed away unexpectedly and peacefully in his sleep on Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2007, in his home in Burlington.

“Charlie” was born on Jan. 9, 1927, in Burlington, the son of the late Wilburt and Helen (Olmstead) Averill.

He attended Richmond public schools and graduated from Richmond High School in 1944.

He then served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After the war he attended the University of Vermont. Charlie was a standout baseball player, earning a tryout with the Brooklyn Dodgers. Following his studies at UVM, he entered the University of Maryland’s Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, where he graduated in 1952 with a D.D.S.

Charlie joined his grandfather’s dental practice in Burlington in 1952, and later established his own private practice. Two of Charlie’s sons later joined his dental practice which is still located on Pearl Street in Burlington.

He met Theresa Camire of Barre, at the Burlington Country Club and they were married in 1956. Together they raised a beautiful family of six boys.

He was an active leader in the establishment of the Burlington youth hockey organization in the late-1960’s/early 1970’s, serving as one of the early presidents of the newly established Can/Am league. He spent almost 15 years as an avid Rice High School hockey fan, watching his six sons play for the Rice teams.

When his children were growing up, he enjoyed taking them on week-long summer camping and hiking trips to Mount Mansfield.

He served as an associate trustee of St. Michael’s College, was an avid UVM hockey fan, active in “Friends of UVM Hockey” and the UVM Victory Club. He enjoyed gardening, stamp collecting, building model airplanes, and was an early adopter of computers.

He retired in 1993 after over 40 years in dental practice. He

loved his work and his patients. After his “retirement,” he remained active around the office in the dental lab.

Charlie was a longtime member of the Burlington Country Club. He loved the game of golf and the camaraderie of his golf partners. This past summer he scored his third career hole-in-one and came within a stroke of shooting his age on two occasions.

This past fall, Charlie and Terry celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, along with all of his children and grandchildren in attendance. Spending time with his family was his most cherished pastime.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Theresa (Camire) Averill, and his six sons and their spouses, James and Colleen of Ferrisburgh, David and Amy of South Burlington, Paul and Susan of Williston, Howard and Sharon of South Salem, NY, Bryan and Carey of Fayetteville, NC, and Jonathan and Amy of Shelburne; and his 13 beautiful grandchildren; Travis, Daniel, Erik, Tim, Emi, Kim, Kylie, Zoe, Jacob, Sam, Caroline, Charlie, and Jack.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Jan. 27, at 2 p.m. in The First Congregational Church, 38 South Winooski Avenue, Burlington. Visiting hours will be on Friday, Jan. 26, from 4 to 7 p.m. at The Corbin & Palmer Funeral Home, 71 South Union Street, Burlington. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the local Visiting Nurse Association (VNA), 1110 Prim Road, Colchester, VT 05446. The VNA is an organization that has been so kind to Charlie’s older relatives and patients in the past.