



Charles Ray Merrill

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Charlie Merrill, 76, passed away on Tuesday April 25 in Denver, Colorado. Born September 25, 1940, he is survived by Wendy (his wife of 50 years), 3 children (Whitney, Drew & Emily) and 6 grandchildren (Lola, Summer, Marsten, Bowen, Zander and Shane). Charlie was born in Orange, New Jersey. He was the son of the late Deane and Harriet Merrill, and brother of Jonathan and the late Dr. Deane Jr. He lived with his wife and family in Madison, New Jersey until moving to Denver, Colorado in 2006. He attended Deerfield Academy, Williams College and Harvard Law School. He received his Master of Laws, Taxation from NYU School of Law while working at McCarter & English Law Firm as a tax, computer, and intellectual property attorney. Charlie had a passion for the outdoors and was actively engaged in the Boy Scouts of America as a volunteer and leader for over 20 years. He earned his Wood Badge and received the Silver Beaver Award for Distinguished Service to Youth. He was an active member in the community and volunteered for many organizations including the Madison Presbyterian Church, United Way of Morris County, Montessori School of Morristown and the Madison YMCA. In 1974, the Madison Jaycees presented Charlie with the "Man of the Year Award." To his family and friends he will always be remembered for his green thumb, Christmas caroling with his banjo, master chess and bridge playing. He is most famous for his Cape Cod clam chowder. He was loved by all and will be truly missed. Donations may be made to the International Myeloma Foundation, 12650 Riverside Dr., North Hollywood, CA. 91607 (myeloma.org) or The Boy Scouts of America (scouting.org). The family is receiving visitors for a celebration of Charlie's life on Friday April 28th.