

DOWD, Charles Joseph ('Charlie', 'Dude') - Born March 11, 1944 in San Francisco, passed away tragically September 13, 2012 in Haigler, NE at the age of 68. Charlie is survived by his wife of 45 years, Patricia Dowd, children Jennifer Dowd and Kevin Dowd (Jerusha Osborne), grandchildren Anthony and Alexandra Dowd, brothers James (Fran), John (Mary), and Philip (Bonnie.) He is also survived and will be missed terribly, by many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Charlie was a graduate of St. Philip's School, a student at St Joseph's Seminary as well as a graduate St. Ignatius High School, and San Francisco State University. Charlie was a respected Army reservist, dedicated retired member of the San Francisco Fire Department, and successful owner of BMC Tax & Business Services in Burlingame.

Charlie will long be remembered for his dynamic personality, crazy sense of humor, goofy storytelling, love of travel and thirst for adventure. From family camping trips every summer in Lake Wildwood (Penn Valley,) to 17 different cruises with his wife, to his many, many trips to Montreal to visit his son and grandchildren, he never tired of traveling to destinations, old and new. And, he always went a different route; by plane, train, car or boat. Charlie was known for giving unique nicknames to everyone. One of the family friends who searched for him in Nebraska and Colorado, Nicole, he lovingly referred to as 'Nickel,' or more often, 'Dime.' He was a huge fan of Taco Bell and especially loved dining at the Taco Bell in Linda Mar Beach, Pacifica, California.

Friends and family are invited to celebrate Charlie at a funeral mass Saturday, October 6, 2012 at St Phillip's Church 725 Diamond St. San Francisco, CA at 12pm, with private interment to follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Peninsula Humane Society, 1450 Rollins Road; Burlingame, CA 94010.