

A Tribute to Our Friend, Charlie Olson



Charlie had a zest for life that was apparent to all who knew him, and it was readily apparent in the twinkle in his eye and quick smile. Sadness came to all of us when we learned that he had passed away on July 18, shortly after suffering a stroke. Many of us were with Charlie at Paul and Irena's home the week before this happened. Fortunately, Charlie lived an active life right up until its end. At the luncheon following his funeral service, Grace recounted the fun they had on numerous trips they had taken and events in which they participated over the past few years. As many of us learned from his children and grandchildren, Charlie was an active, involved parent and grandparent. They also related a number of funny stories including ones that demonstrated why he was never involved with an orienteering club. He had a knack for

getting lost – near home, on small islands with only circular streets - and just about everywhere else.

Charlie was a member of our club since March of 1998. During those twenty-one years, he served as a Concours judge (including judging for other JCNA clubs), chief judge, assistant chief judge, Concours chairman for over ten years and president for eight years (2007-2014). Additionally, he readily volunteered to take on many other tasks to support our club and was a valuable member of the executive committee of DVJC. In fact, Charlie never stopped volunteering right up to the time he suffered his stroke.

Grace, his family and all of us who had the good fortune to know Charlie, will miss him and are better for having known him and shared time with him.

God Bless our Friend, Charlie Olson