



## Charles Mallory Pettiford

August 18, 1956 - September 28, 2023

Charles Mallory 'Vincent' Pettiford, of Columbus Ohio, succumbed to a traumatic brain injury on Thursday, September 28, 2023 with his three children by his side.

Born on August 18, 1956 in Franklin County, Ohio, he was the son of Charles Edger and Julia Faye (Sneed) Pettiford.

Mallory, or "Mal" as he was known by friends and family, could occasionally be found sitting in the sun with a book in one hand, a cold beer in the other, and sports radio in the background. During the football season and when his schedule allowed, Saturdays were spent with friends and family watching Buckeye football while hooting and hollering about whatever cheatin' team they were facing that week. On NFL game days, he held out hope for a Raiders super bowl and was proud they never had an 0-16 season, unlike other teams which will remain unnamed.

Mallory found joy in simplicity. He enjoyed working outside with his hands and hot, sunny days. He was quick to smile; his laugh was contagious and he had an uncanny ability to find friends in the most unlikely places. His hobbies included bike riding, long walks, meeting new people, reading whatever book caught his attention, comics, movies, fishing, swimming, grilling out with friends and family, political debates and, most of all, being with his children

while staying hydrated.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his aunts Genevieve (Pettiford) Mixon and Christine Lacy; close friends Trease (Jividen) Payne and Michael "Chipper" Chapman. He is survived by his loving children Julia Mae, Charles Isaac and Aimee Elia-Marie Pettiford; his only brother Tetsuo; sister-in-law Virginia "Ginny"; niece Muriah; nephew Zachary; great-niece Gianna Luna and great-nephew Kovi Pettiford; his life-long best friend, Bryan (Latsy) Payne; second cousin Anthony Lacy (and Lacy family); aunt Bernadine and Cindy Whittaker; cousins Dr. Ronza Nash, Shelley and Wyda Nash, and Wanda "Katie" Owens; and a host of other family and friends.

Mallory will be remembered for how he spread kindness to those that he encountered, his affinity for helping those he could, his dedication to THE Ohio State Buckeyes (O-H!), his appreciation for a glorious summer day and the adoration he held for his three children.

Continuing his legacy of kindness and generosity, Mallory was a proudly registered organ donor in the hope that he could be a hero to anyone who was waiting on a life-saving gift. An Honor Walk preceded his passing in recognition of his compassion and willingness to save and heal lives through his decision.

He is loved by many and will continue to be dearly missed by those who had the pleasure of having him in their lives.

A Celebration of Life for Mallory will be hosted by his children in the Spring of 2024.

Mallory's children would like to recognize the staff of OhioHealth Grant Medical Center and Lifeline of Ohio who uplifted their family throughout this

process. Thank you all so much for your love and dedication.

# Tribute Wall

KY

“Mr. Charles” was one of my favorite residents I’ve ever had, he is unforgettable and will forever have a place in my heart. He was unbelievably hilarious without ever trying and he was beyond kind. Any time he would tell me a story or share his commentary on a situation that was happening around us, I couldn’t contain my laughter, no matter what type of day I was having. If he saw that I wasn’t my normal lively self, he made it a point to talk to me and cheer me up.. it always worked! We took turns buying ice pops for the freezer over the summer and if we saw each other in the hallway, we would always encourage each other to go get one. I’m grateful I had the opportunity to get to know him and he will never be forgotten.

Kyrstin - January 10, 2024 at 11:54 PM



“Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles Mallory Pettiford.



October 22, 2023 at 01:26 PM

SH

“Growing up, I remember the family get-togethers, and the laughs. I was blessed to have Mallory walk me down the aisle at my wedding. Shelley.

Shelley - October 22, 2023 at 03:36 AM

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“ Shelley lit a candle in memory of Charles Mallory Pettiford



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Shelley - October 22, 2023 at 03:30 AM

AD

“ Julia, Isaac & Aliya; you have managed to encapsulate the heart and soul of a genuine genius who was just as comfortable doing calculus in his head (who needs paper?) and breaking down the sonnets of Shakespeare as well as determining whose powers were most practical between the Fantastic Four, Thor or Adam Warlock.

Besides all else, he was a legendary outside shooter and scorer for Wehrle back in the day. From Camp St. Joseph to Boy Scouts, there were several seemingly contradictory aspects to his life, but that was the result of Mal being Mal.

He never was a person who made an enemy, doing all that he could to be at peace with everyone, all the time.

Lynn and I have many fond memories of Mallory, Bryan and the gang at "The Rally in the Alley" and his ability to give me a run for my money in knowing facts that no one else is aware of.

Blessings to you all, and we'll be in touch.

Adrian & Lynn

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Adrian - October 19, 2023 at 06:58 PM

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Beautifully written

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stacie - October 19, 2023 at 08:18 PM

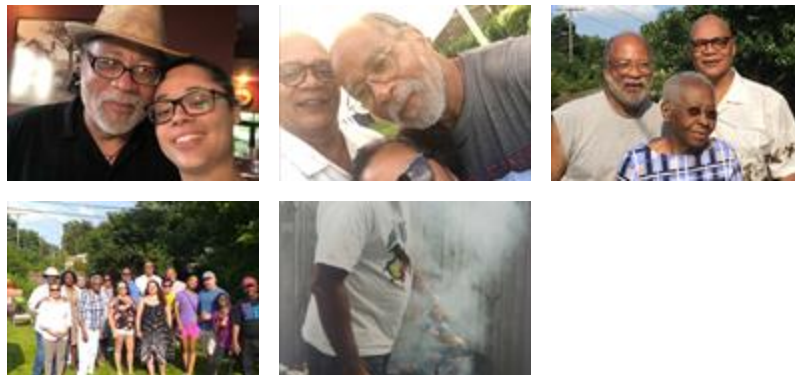
SA

“ so many memories of Briyan, Mallory, Victor, Denise and I in the double on Kent. You will be missed dear Mallory and Thank. you for the memories

Sandi - October 18, 2023 at 07:17 PM

JP

“ 11 files added to the album Our Dad



Julia Pettiford - October 18, 2023 at 06:10 PM

MP

Sorry for your loss.  
I'm your dad's first child and would like to know anything about him you're comfortable providing (health stuff). I'm in the Columbus area. Please let me know if you would like to meet.  
Matthew Parker

Matthew Parker - September 24, 2024 at 03:16 PM