



Charles Brannan

November 2, 1954 - December 26, 2011

Charles L. Brannan, 57, went home to be with the Lord on December 26, 2011. He died with his family by his side at his home in Providence Forge, VA. He was born November 2, 1954 in Newport News, to Ernest and Margaret R. Brannan. At an early age, he began to develop his work ethic and his talent for fixing things by helping out at his father's gas station on weekends. Mechanical repairs and maintenance was to become his career as well as his hobby. He worked many years for Ball Metal Container and then Anheuser Busch InBev, where he excelled at his job as a maintenance technician. In 2003, he and his wife, Sonia, moved to Providence Forge, VA and began to fulfill his lifelong desire for a quiet, rural lifestyle. He loved fishing, bird-watching, working in his garden, and especially appreciated time with his children and grandchildren. Over the years, "Big Charlie" was much loved by family, friends and co-workers who admired his unfailing positive outlook on life, his "gentle giant" nature, and his ability to make others laugh. He had a remarkable way of seeing the good in every person and every situation. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Sonia, who considered him to be her best friend and the love of her life. She will miss him terribly. Charlie is also survived by his mother, Margaret R. Brannan; his sister, Margaret Elizabeth; a daughter and son and their spouses, Christina and Mohit Gupta, and Daniel and Krystal Brannan and his three grandchildren, Gabriel, Jake and Annika. He will be sorely missed. A memorial service will be held 7 p.m. Thursday, December 29th at Vincent Funeral Home & Cremation

Service, 9923 Pocahontas Trail, Providence Forge, VA 23140. The family will receive friends 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, December 28th at the funeral home.