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Charlotte was born on a Saturday, July 31, 1937. She was the only child of Francis Lozano Champagne and Ray Champagne. She was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Charlotte was born an entertainer! She started playing the piano and entertaining before she was old enough to be in bars and clubs. She became a very well-known pianist in New Orleans performing at places like Maison Dupuy, the Sazerac Room in Roosevelt, The Governor's House and the Prince Conti, just to name a few.

She married Donald Joseph O'Leary in 1955 and they had two daughters, Laura Lynn and Charlynn (Charlie) O'Leary.

She was recruited by Royal Caribbean in 1982 as an entertainer and sailed with them throughout the Caribbean and Panama Canal. She sailed with the Radisson Diamond through the French and Italian Riviera, worked for Princess Cruise Lines and entertained on the Delta Queen River boat. Charlotte performed in Las Vegas at the Riviera as well.

She moved to Tulsa and married Richard S Sudduth in 1986. They traveled extensively together, cruising mostly, with their favorite destinations being Australia and Tahiti.

Charlotte is survived by her husband, Richard S Sudduth; daughters, Laura Lynn O'Leary, Charlynn (Charlie) O'Leary Andressen and her husband, John (Hammy), and Melanie Richardson; grandchildren, Aubry Miller and her husband, LaCour, Dusty Andressen and his wife, Alesha, Sarah McBrayer and her husband, Bradley, Julia Richardson and her fiancé, Kedrick, and Erica Richardson; five great-grandchildren, Harper Hampden Miller, Oden Lee Sanko, twins, Poppy LaCour Miller and Ovide LaCour Miller and Walker John Andressen.

Charlotte had a big heart and often took people under her wing, and they became family. Robin Selleck has been her 'adopted' daughter for almost 40 years and



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recently moved to Tulsa to spend time with her and her long-time friend from St Louis, Evelyn VanGoidsenhoven.

Celebration of Life Service will be 10:00 AM, Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at Floral Haven Funeral Home Chapel.

To view the services via webcast use the link below:

<http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/61722/hash:3C9D6A26E080ACE2>




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Celebration of Life Memorial Service

 **Tuesday**, October 12, 2021

 10:00 AM CT

 **Floral Haven Funeral Home Chapel**
6500 S 129th E Ave., Broken Arrow OK 74012





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AP

Andre Porter posted:

I just noticed that Miss Charlotte passed. I remember her on the m/s Song of America at the Schooners Bar - Piano Bar in 1986 --Great musician and entertainer. Such great memories !

March 31 at 9:21 AM

CE

Christine Erwin posted:

Miss Charlotte was my godmother. She was my mom's best friend for as long as I can remember. Some of my favorite childhood memories are of spending Christmas Eve for so many years at her house on Avron (and, then, I think on Green Acres?) - the million presents under the tree, some with coded numbers on the bottom for her to try to keep track of which present went to whom among her loved ones. Her German Shepherd locked up because it was terrified of kids. Miss Charlotte was beautiful and lit up a room with her smile. Mom was so happy for her when she and Dick found each other. I last talked with her about a year before mom passed. She was still as sweet as ever. Laura, Charlie, Dick and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. May the good memories continue to comfort you and brings smiles and laughter.Christine Erwin

December 26 at 6:18 PM

EG

Evelyn Van Goidsenhoven posted:

Charlotte will reside in my heart forever. She has been my best friend for 36 years and there are no words to describe the extent of loss that I feel. My love to all her family. She loved them so much.Evelyn van Goidsenhoven

October 12 at 7:15 AM

ME

Melanie October 27 at 6:26 AM

Thank you Evelyn! She loved you so too! Come visit us soon. You are always welcome.
Melanie



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Claudette Allison posted:

Dear sweet Charlotte, my "sister" more than a cousin, who brightened everyone's life. Perfection! The world will be a sadder place now, though our hearts will be filled with countless precious memories. Loved by so many generations and the twinkle in so many eyes, the angels are welcoming her to their choir. Blessings and peace.

October 11 at 8:54 PM



Melanie October 27 at 6:29 AM

Claudette, thank you. Yes, so many precious memories!



Anonymous sent a Love's Journey to the Sudduth family.



October 11 at 3:31 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Sudduth family.



October 11 at 12:23 PM



Susan & Chuck Carter sent a virtual gift in honor of Charlotte.



October 8 at 1:19 PM



Susan October 8 at 1:21 PM

Wonderful and kind person, who will be missed by so many. With sympathy on the loss of your beloved Charlotte.



Anonymous sent a Pink Tribute Spray to the Sudduth family.



October 8 at 12:51 PM



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Anonymous sent a Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses to the Sudduth family.



October 8 at 6:13 AM



Teresa Randazzo posted:

Our dear friends, Charlotte & Dick, drove to Springfield, Il. to be at our wedding. We had a piano player for our reception. As soon as he left, Charlotte went to the piano and said this is how it's done! I think she played for a good hour or so. We were so blessed to have her in our lives. ❤️
Teresa & John

October 7 at 3:27 PM



Melanie October 8 at 4:24 AM

Thank you Teresa! I love this story. This was our Charlotte! She loved you both ❤️



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Sudduth family.



October 7 at 12:42 PM



Anne Wesenberg-Acker lit a candle in honor of Charlotte.



October 7 at 9:27 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Charlotte by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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