



Charles Key

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1941 - 2005 Charles "Charlie" Key, 64, a longtime football and golf coach and a two-term member of the UTA Alumni Board of Directors, passed away at home in Arlington Friday, Aug 19, 2005. Memorials: In lieu of flowers, Charlie Key Athletic Scholarship at UTA Athletics. To contribute, call 817-272-2032.

Charlie was born in 1941 in Sherman to Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Key and grew up in Pilot Point. He moved to Arlington in 1953. Charlie's first love was his family. He fell in love and married Joy Ellen McAlpine in 1964 after he graduated from UTA. They later had two children, Jonathan and Leigh Ellen, who were his pride and joy. He was a beloved husband, father, son, brother, and uncle who often was the mainstay at family events providing delicious food, tall tales and wonderful camaraderie. Many friends and families would never know how good vegetables could be if it were not for Charlie's recipes.

Charlie's second love was the Arlington community and UTA athletics. Charlie spent 22 seasons on the University of Texas at Arlington Mavericks football coaching staff as the defensive coordinator (1980 to 1985) and the offensive backs coach (1964 to 1979). He was also the head golf coach for UTA from 1965-66 and 1974-76. Charlie was proud of the accomplishments of his players who were often nationally ranked. He played on the UTA football team from 1959 to 1962 and was captain of the football team in 1961 and 1962. He ranked fifth in scoring history with 155 points, including 17 touchdowns, 34 point-after-touchdown kicks, five field goals and two two-point conversions.

Charlie was a member of the UTA Athletic Alumni Chapter Advisory Board and was a two-term member of the UTA Alumni Association Board of Directors. He was inducted into the UTA Athletics Hall of Honor in 1993. Survivors: Wife, Joy Ellen Key; son, Jonathan Key; daughter, Leigh Ellen Key; mother, Lucy Key; brother, Harold Key and wife, Judi; sister-in-law, Barbara Meier and husband, Jim; brothers-in-law, Oscar McAlpine and Butch McAlpine and wife, Shirley; many, many family members and friends; and beloved dog, Fred.