



Dr. Charles Lee Cartwright II

May 10, 1964 - November 8, 2025

Dr. Charles Lee Cartwright II, 61, of Olathe, Kansas, passed away on November 8, 2025, surrounded by loved ones.

Charlie was known for his warmth and genuine kindness. A true people person, he greeted everyone with a smile and had a natural ability to connect with others. A gifted storyteller with a generous spirit, he left a lasting impression on all who knew him.

Charlie was born on May 10, 1964, to Charles and Juanita (Lampkin) Cartwright. He graduated from Olathe North High School in 1982, where he excelled in football and went on to earn an athletic scholarship to the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, playing for the Nebraska Cornhuskers. He later earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Missouri and completed his Doctorate at Cleveland Chiropractic College in 2002.

In 1983, Charlie married his high school sweetheart, Lori. They lived in Lincoln, Nebraska, for more than a decade before settling in the Kansas City area to raise their four children. Charlie was deeply passionate about his work and committed to personal growth. His early career experiences with UPS, FedEx, and as a chiropractor helped shape his leadership skills, eventually leading him to become a self-employed public speaker specializing in employee safety and leadership training. Outside of his professional life,

Charlie was a voracious reader and a thoughtful writer, always curious and eager to share ideas.

Charlie is survived by his children, Phoenixx (Cartwright) Salyer, Valhalla, Elysium, and Nasya; his ex-wife, Lori (Scott); his sister, Sherry Griddine; his mother, Juanita; and his son-in-law, Ethan Salyer. He was preceded in death by his father.

Charlie's warmth, wisdom, and unmistakable presence will be deeply missed, but the stories he told, the lessons he shared, and the love he gave will live on through all who knew him.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, January 3rd at 6 PM in the Museum at Prairiefire, located at 5801 W 135th St, Overland Park, KS 66223.

Tribute Wall



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