

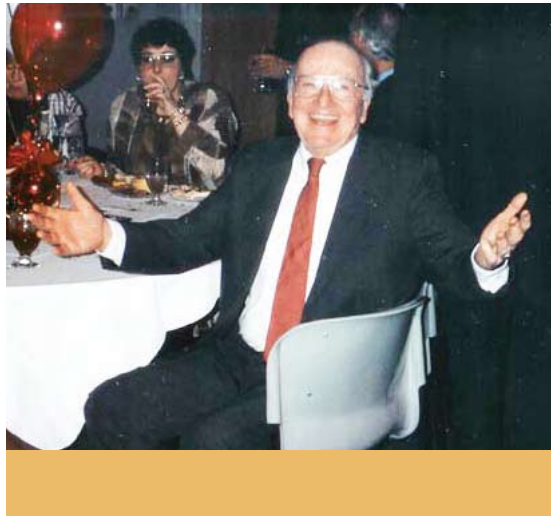
Celebrating the Life of CHARLES S. KILEY

1923-2008

A Portsmouth native, Virginia Tech graduate and World War II veteran of the Navy Seabees, Charlie Kiley became the municipal engineer and surveyor for the former resort town of Virginia Beach in 1951. Later Charlie was given the bold task of bringing two towns together, Princess Anne County and the Town of Virginia Beach, when he became the first Public Works director for the City of Virginia Beach. One of Charlie's biggest challenges was during the 1962 Ash Wednesday storm. He was in charge of the clean-up and resotation of the Oceanfront after it was nearly destroyed. No matter what it took, Charlie Kiley worked hard to give the citizens the best city in Hampton Roads.

Never one to toe the line, Charlie always pushed for excellence from his staff and he also stood up for them and their work. When working with Charlie Kiley, you knew a job well done was always appreciated. Louise Hayes, Public Works Real Estate, remembers: *"Everybody's job was important to Charlie whether you were paving the roadways or designing them."*

Charlie Kiley was pivotal in the city's first "green" project, turning a landfill into one of the city's biggest parks - Mount Trashmore. For many years, Charlie was present from design to construction of parks, roadways, and buildings. He was also active on the city's Volunteer Rescue Squad where he leaves his legacy. His two sons, Dan and Bill and a grandson, Gordon, have also joined the squad. After Charlie retired from the City of Virginia Beach, he continued to serve the city he loved so much and was appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission and various other city boards. Even during retirement, Charlie Kiley's contagious spirit touched



those who had never worked with him in the past. Sherry Iles, Public Works Operations Management, states: *"I only talked to him once and that was for his last appearance at the Public Works picnic and all I know is Charlie was a character."*

Charlie Kiley left an indelible mark on the City of Virginia Beach through excellent leadership and spawned a generation of Civil Engineers, Techs, Surveyors, Support Professionals, Aides, Maintenance Workers, Right-of-Way Agents and many more. To understand what Charlie Kiley meant to the City of Virginia Beach and Public Works employees, all you have to do is mention his name and people will tell a story that remembers him fondly.

"When you worked with Charlie Kiley, as a fellow employee and after his retirement, you knew he always had the good of Virginia Beach in his heart."

– Mark Johnson,
Public Works Highways



You will be greatly missed Charlie!