



Martin Charles Puetz

March 23, 1950 - August 18, 2025

Martin C. Puetz, of North Augusta, South Carolina, passed away peacefully with family by his side on Monday, August 18, 2025, at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia, after a courageous battle with an unexpected illness.

Marty is survived by his loving wife of twenty years, Cathi V. Chambley; his two children, Joseph and his wife Catherine Kjarstie Puetz, and their children, Joseph, Gabrielle, and Charlotte; and Rebecca Lynn Puetz and her husband Hanssel Infante Campos. He is also remembered by his former wife and the mother of his two wonderful children, Sharon Ann Puetz, of North Augusta; his siblings and their spouses Roberta (Puetz) and Steve Lehmkuhl, Rosemary (Puetz) and David Rinaldi, Brian and Diane Puetz; as well as many nieces, nephews, and their families. Marty was predeceased by his parents, Floyd and Lucy (Frings) Puetz, and his youngest sister, Barbara Puetz.

Born in Streator, Illinois, in 1950, Marty was raised with a strong foundation of faith, kindness, and a deep sense of responsibility to others. He graduated from St. Francis Seminary in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1968, and went on to earn his bachelor's degree from St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota, in 1972. These formative years instilled in him the values of service, integrity, and compassion that became guiding principles throughout his life.

After serving honorably in the U.S. Army at Fort Gordon, Marty chose to make his home in the Augusta area, where the warmth of both the climate and community welcomed him. His faith and sense of duty, strengthened by his military service, naturally led him to the practice of law. He pursued his legal studies at Mercer University in Macon, Georgia, earning his degree in 1978.

For the next 47 years, Marty built a respected career as a defense attorney in both Georgia and South Carolina. He started out at the Federal Public Defender's Office, then transitioned into private practice, spending the majority of his years as a sole practitioner. He became known for his tireless dedication, unwavering integrity, and the genuine care he showed to each and every client. Marty lived to serve, and for him, the law was not only a profession but also a calling—a way to stand beside those in need and give them a voice. His colleagues remember him as a trusted friend in the legal community, and his clients will always remember him as a steadfast advocate who never gave up on them.

Beyond his work, Marty gave generously of his time to the wider community. He volunteered with Golden Harvest Food Bank and loved reading to children at Barton Chapel Elementary School, finding joy in helping others and encouraging young people. Whether in the courtroom or in the classroom, Marty's presence was marked by warmth, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to making a difference.

Marty will be remembered most for the love he poured into his family, especially his children and his grandchildren. He will also be remembered for the devotion he showed to his clients, and the quiet but powerful ways he served his community. He was quick to help others and never met a stranger. His faith, humor, and generosity of spirit will live on in those who were blessed to know him. Though he will be dearly missed, the legacy of his service and the example of his life will continue to inspire all who were touched by his

kindness.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, August 28, 2025, from 5–7 PM, at Posey’s Funeral Directors, 1307 Georgia Avenue, North Augusta, SC. A memorial service will follow on Friday, August 29, 2025, at 4 PM, in the Posey Funeral Chapel. Friends and family are warmly invited to celebrate the life of a man who gave so much to others.

Memorials may be made to the Aiken County Animal Shelter, 333 Wire Road, Aiken, SC 29801 or Golden Harvest Food Bank, www.goldenharvest.org

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **28**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Directors
1307 Georgia Ave
North Augusta, SC 29841
(803) 278-1181
admin@poseycares.com
<https://www.poseycares.com>

Service

AUG **29**. 4:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Chapel
1307 Georgia Avenue
North Augusta, SC 29841

Tribute Wall



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Martin Charles Puetz



Posey Funeral Directors - August 29, 2025 at 09:36 AM



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Martin Charles Puetz



Posey Funeral Directors - August 29, 2025 at 09:24 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Martin Charles Puetz.



August 28, 2025 at 01:58 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Martin Charles Puetz.*



August 27, 2025 at 11:34 PM



“ *With Love from Antonio & Ashanti Pounds purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Martin Charles Puetz.*



With Love from Antonio & Ashanti Pounds - August 27, 2025 at 01:26 PM

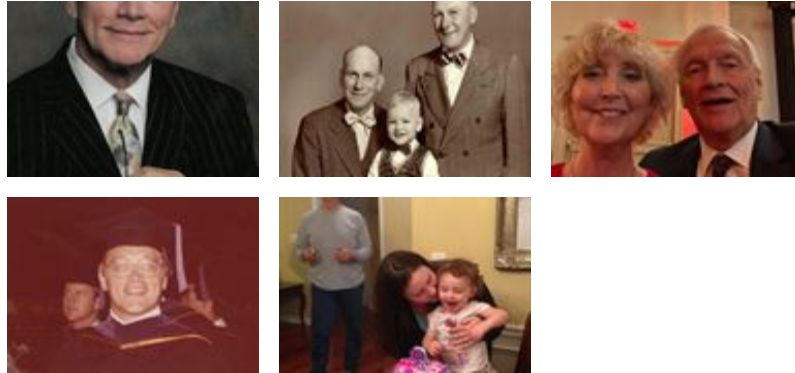


“ *I've known Marty since the days of the FPD where he served with distinction. Marty was an agreeable man, but an unflinching advocate. He was a stalwart friend through the years, a man of good will, trusted and responsive. I regret I will be out of town for the service. Please accept these words as my condolence to the family and a shared sense of loss and lamentation to colleagues in the law. We will miss Marty and what he stood for. Dudley Bowen*

Dudley Bowen - August 26, 2025 at 08:32 PM



“ 121 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Posey Funeral Directors - August 26, 2025 at 11:16 AM

EP

Condolences to the Family, I had the privilege of meet Marty through Superior Court Clerk's Office of Richmond County, found him to be a joyful and pleasant Person, it was like watching a movie if he was trying a case in the Courtroom, guest What, Marty Won, some people leaves good memories to Life 🙏💕

Elois Porter - August 28, 2025 at 03:18 PM



“ *Tropical Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Martin Charles Puetz.*



August 26, 2025 at 09:50 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Martin Charles Puetz.*

August 26, 2025 at 09:50 AM

HL

“ *HAMVIS - David Mann & Curtis Linton purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Martin Charles Puetz.*



HAMVIS - David Mann & Curtis Linton - August 25, 2025 at 04:20 PM

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“ *HAMVIS - David Mann & Curtis Linton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Martin Charles Puetz.*

HAMVIS - David Mann & Curtis Linton - August 25, 2025 at 04:20 PM

DD

“ *In the late 80s when I was an assistant district attorney I met Marty Puetz and found him always to be a fierce advocate for his clients and well prepared for every hearing or trial. Later when I went into private practice I had the pleasure of working with him in the same law firm. He treated everyone with respect and had a great sense of humor. I will miss seeing him in court and would like to extend my deepest condolences to his family. Danny Durham*

Danny Durham - August 25, 2025 at 04:06 PM

MI

“ I was blessed to know Marty from the time I was a child coming up. The true measurement of a man is what he does when there are no spectators. Marty was wonderful person and if you had the pleasure of knowing him you were better for it. He was a formidable force yet kindhearted and gentle in the same. I am thankful to have known him; he will be missed by many but never forgotten. Thank you for the impact you made on myself and so many others!

With love,

Mickey Weathers

Mickey - August 25, 2025 at 12:29 PM

CW

“ Deep sadness in the loss of my friend and former employer. Marty exemplified charity, kindness, generosity and acceptance. Marty devoted himself to his clients. He was described as a pitbull in court and anyone who retained him knew he was their advocate. He had a resonant voice and a presence that was not to be ignored or overlooked. Strangers who happened to be in court and witnessed his advocacy occasionally called the office to share their positive impressions.

Despite several health setbacks in the last few years of his practice, he maintained a positive attitude with a determination to get back to work. Marty was very friendly and did not know a stranger. As we'd drive down the street, he would wave to anyone on the sidewalk--as if we were in a parade! He was skilled at having conversations be about the other person or their interests. Knowing I like sports and am from Michigan, many mornings Marty arrived at the office with the latest he read about Steph Curry/Golden State Warriors, golf, football or my home state.

We retired and closed Marty's office at the end of March last year (after 25+ years working together). I do--and will the balance of my life--miss our regular phone calls and messages since our daily contact ceased at the office. The CSRA lost a good man; I hope we can all aspire to follow his examples of kindness, charity and devotion. My deepest condolences to Cathi, Joe, Becky and Marty's larger family.

~Cheryl Williams

Cheryl Williams - August 25, 2025 at 11:09 AM

DC

“ My heartfelt condolences are extended to the Puetz family! Heaven has gained another soul. RIP my brother! Dr. Larry Campbell

Dr. Larry Campbell - August 25, 2025 at 10:15 AM

TH

“ To the family of Martin(Marty) we send our condolences. I have known him for 33 years. He has handle several cases for me, my son and other associates of mind. You all are in my prayers.

ThomasinaWest - August 24, 2025 at 10:17 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Martin Charles Puetz.



August 24, 2025 at 11:44 AM

GB

“ I had the privilege of working with Marty for 30 years. Marty was a formidable advocate and skilled trial lawyer who had a disdain for all injustices and the intrusiveness of drug interdiction laws and enforcement. Marty was a successful businessman whose expertise was supported by his long time faithful friend and skilled paralegal Cheryl Williams. He was a mentor to me and a steadfast support in my times of adversity. He was awesome in the courtroom and had an immense presence, a booming and effective voice and tone and huge success. He was a pillar in our legal community and offered time and support to younger lawyers. He was kind and courteous to all courtroom personnel who will also miss him dearly.

As stated in the obituary, Marty loved his family and community.

Respectfully and with condolences to Marty's family and friends,
George Bush

George Bush - August 24, 2025 at 10:16 AM

AA

“ AshBritt and AB&H purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Martin Charles Puetz.



AshBritt and AB&H - August 22, 2025 at 02:55 PM

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