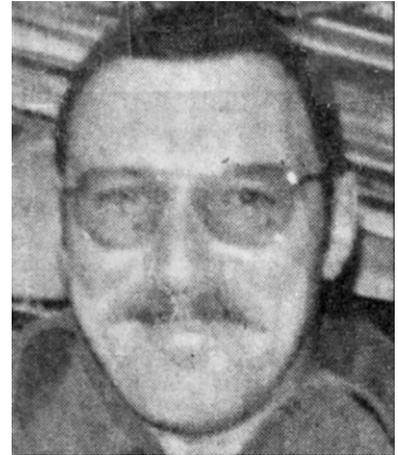


## **Kennedy, Charles D.**

MADISON - Charles D. Kennedy, age 71, of Madison died March 10, 2007, at St. Mary's Hospital in Madison.

Charles was born on January 22, 1936, in Monroe, the son of Edwin S. and Florence (Blum) Kennedy. He was a Boy Scout and played the bugle with the Madison Scouts Drum and Bugle Corp. He graduated from Madison West High School in 1954.

He entered the U.S. Air Force in 1957 and was honorably discharged in 1965. He then entered the U.S. Army and was commissioned in 1967 at Fort Benning, Georgia. The highlight of his military career was winning the Green Beret. He served with the 1st, 5th, and 10th Special Forces. Captain Kennedy served two tours in Vietnam and one in Okinawa. He was highly decorated being awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal, two Good Conduct Medals, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Parachutist Badge, Vietnam Jump Wings, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with palm, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, four overseas bars, and the Presidential Unit Citation and Meritorious Service Medal. He was honorably discharged in 1979.



Charles was employed at Rayovac and the U.S. Postal Service until his retirement in 2002. He was united in marriage to Dorothy "Dee" Senn on March 3, 1963. They bred and showed AKC Boxers for many years finishing numerous champions under the Tambell Banner. He was very active in Boxer rescue and was an avid NASCAR fan, always cheering for Matt Kenseth. Charles was also a member of the American Boxer Club, a life member of the Milwaukee Boxer Club, and belonged to the Badger Kennel Club for 22 years.

Survivors include his wife, Dee Kennedy; his mother, Florence Kennedy, both of Madison; and nieces and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Edwin and brother Patrick. Memorial graveside services with military honors will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2007, at 11 am, at Highland Cemetery, Monticello, Wis.

Memorials in Charles' name may be given to the American Cancer Society or Boxer Rebound Rescue Inc.

The Voegeli-Newcomer Funeral Home, Monticello, is assisting the family.