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CHARLOTTE HALL WEIGHT

Charlotte was born at the Bellevue Maternity Hospital in Niskayuna, New York, October 20, 1953. Her family was then living on Vly Road in Colonie, New York. She had five older sisters and brothers who had already staked out their territory. They were, in order of birth: Sherlene, 1943; H. Tracy Jr., 1945; David Richard, 1947; Elizabeth, 1949, and Virginia, 1952. Her parents were H. Tracy Hall and Ida-Rose Langford. Charlotte was born on her father's birthday. Her father at that time was a research associate at the General Electric "Knolls" Research Laboratory. His field was physical Chemistry. In 1958 another sister, Nancy, completed the children in the Hall family.

Charlotte was named for her maternal grandmother, Zina Charlotte Chlarson Langford, and for her great-great Grandmother, Johanna Charlotte Scherlin Chlarson. They were wonderful women and Charlotte has honored their names.

Charlotte is truly American, being a mix of English, Swedish, Scotch, German, with a preponderance on the English side. She has early American genealogy on both her Father and Mother's side. She also has johnny-come-lately Mormon pioneer blood from England and Sweden. (1850s)

In August of 1955, shortly before Charlotte was two years old, Charlotte's father accepted a position as Director of Research at Brigham Young University, and the family packed up and moved West. Until her marriage, Charlotte lived and went to school in Provo, Utah.

Charlotte was the most "petite" of all of the Hall children. Her siblings might call her "The Runt". Her mother has always considered her the family "peace maker". Some of her brothers and sisters however, say she was just "quiet"--and would then proceed to do as she pleased. Not true!

Charlotte was always a good student and enjoyed school. She had many friends, and although her Mother worried a little about her being in the "popular" group when she was about 12 (never a good thing according to her Mother), by the time she was in the eighth grade she had her head on straight and chose her friends by their qualities, not their popularity. An unusual trait in a girl of that tender age.

If there were any "shy" Hall children, Charlotte would have qualified for that title. But she had another characteristic that overcame this innate shyness. She was very persistent. For instance; She never really liked the water, but she was determined to learn how to swim and stuck to it until she did. She wanted to take vocal lessons as had her sisters Liz and Ginger, but she made her Mother promise that she would never have to sing in public if she took lessons. Her Mother promised. She did not ever sing in public unless it was in a group until after she was married--and then probably only with her husband or someone else. But she did sing with her sisters at home and when she didn't think anyone was listening she would sing as she played the piano. It's one of the things her parents miss most around the house. That lovely music the children made while playing their instruments or singing around the piano. Charlotte demonstrated this same "persistence" in learning how to play the piano, sew (which she has become very good at), and in other areas of her life. By the time she was in High school, by this very persistence, she had somewhat overcome her shyness, and even joined a "Pep" marching group at Provo High. (What was that group called, Charlotte?)