

# You were a good man, Charles Schulz

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As most "Peanuts" fans around the world know, the beloved Charles M. Schulz passed away quietly on Sunday morning, after a battle with colon cancer. Never before have I choked up when I heard a celebrity had died, but upon hearing the news of his death, I was shocked. The 77-year-old man had given me some of my greatest memories from childhood and suddenly, he was gone.

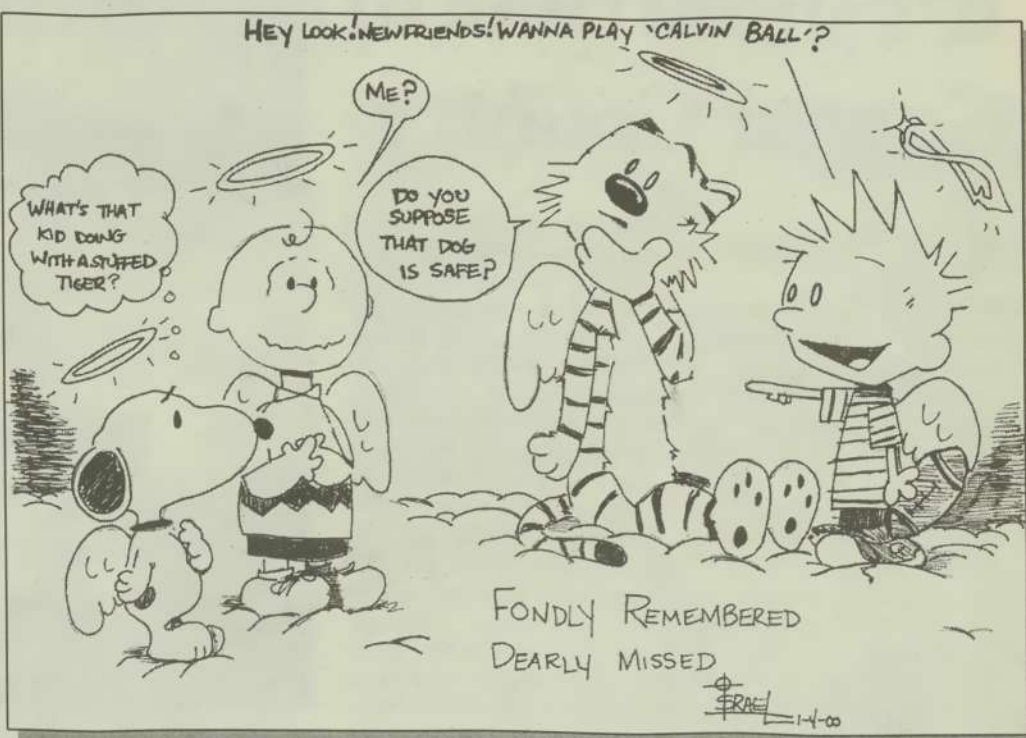
When I was a little girl, I remember watching every single "Peanuts" special on television religiously. Every year, when the Easter Beagle or the Great Pumpkin made their annual appearance, I was glued to the set, and I knew every word. In fact, I can still recite almost all the lines from the "Charlie Brown Christmas" special, and the same holds true for my five sisters. And every Sunday, as we waited for the comics section of the pa-

per, my father would always read the "Peanuts" cartoon aloud, and his booming laugh would soon follow.

Sometimes, for different holidays we would paint "Peanuts" scenes on our big front room windows, and as a result, my artistic skills were honed trying to copy Schulz's simple, yet affectionate drawings. My sister and I were nicknamed "Linus" because of our love for our security blankets. And at night, I would go to sleep listening to audio tapes made from the TV versions of all the "Peanuts" specials.

Even though my family is a little older, we still gather to watch the television specials and have somehow passed on our love of the delightfully innocent "Peanuts" to our nieces and nephews. I no longer walk around the house with a raggedy blanket or listen to the worn-out tapes of Charlie Brown specials. My father has since passed on, and sometimes it makes me sad to even look at the "Peanuts" strip because of his love for the comic and the memories it conjures up.

Schulz was a man who gave the world his heart and soul, for most of his life, through his car-



toons. His death coincided with the release of his last cartoon, almost like he knew he was going to leave this world along with Snoopy and his pal Woodstock, Linus and his sister Lucy, and Charlie and his sister Sally. The man who taught generations to catch snowflakes on their tongue, give life to small forgotten Christmas trees and watch hopefully for the Great Pumpkin is gone. In my family, as well as thousands of other across the nations, he will certainly not be forgotten.



Dear Charlie Schulz:

Thanks for the memories.

love,  
your loyal fans



## Portland Estonians celebrate independence with song

Clackamas Chamber Choir performs at the Latvian Center in Beaverton to celebrate Estonian Independence Day

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The College Chamber Choir will participate in celebrating the Estonian Independence Day this Sunday from 1-3 p.m. at the Latvian Center in Beaverton.

Estonia first declared independence from Russia on Feb-

ruary 24, 1918, and it was granted on February 2, 1920. Estonia was recaptured on August 6, 1940. They once again declared independence on August 20, 1991, and were recognized as independent on September 6 of the same year.

Since then they have resumed celebration of the February 24 holiday as their Inde-

pendence Day.

The Choir will be performing six songs with the other choirs, including "Eesti Hümn", the Estonian National Anthem, "Ta Lendab Mesipuu Poole," "Koit," "Kaunimad Laulud," and "Isamaa Mälestus."

The Choir will also be performing "Laulusild," a song by renowned Estonian composer

Veljo Tormis, by themselves. "Laulusild" means "bridge of song," and Tormis wrote it to develop stronger kinship between Estonia and the neighboring country of Finland.

The Latvian Center is located at 5500 SW Dosch Road in Beaverton. Admission to the event is free, and all are welcome to attend.

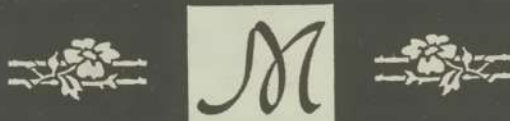
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