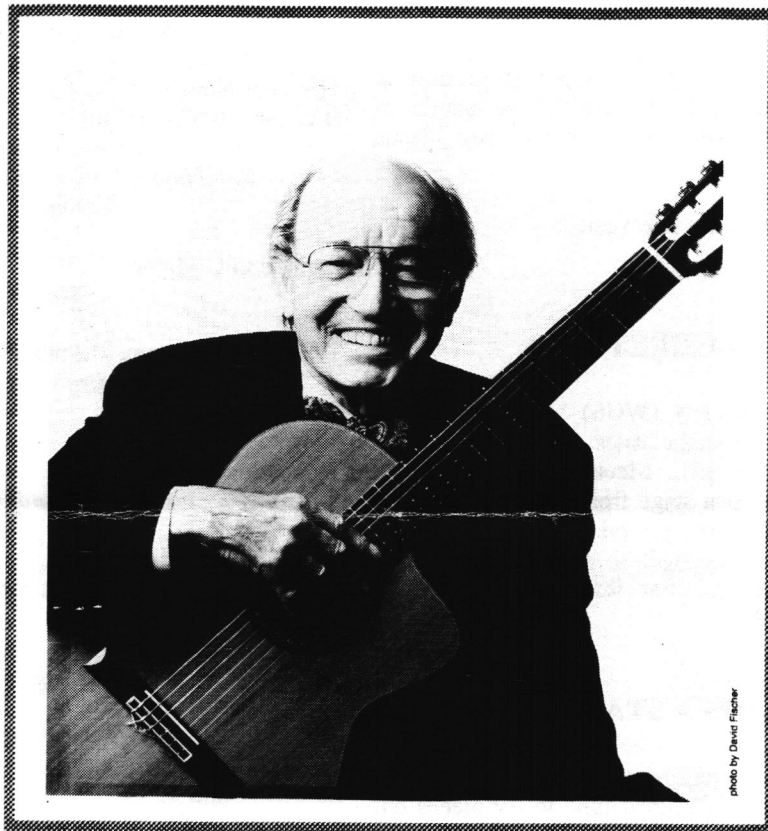

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As most of you probably know, Charlie Byrd passed away on December 2, 1999 at the age of 74. Charlie was and is certainly an inspiration to many people in the Washington, DC area and around the world. There will no doubt be tributes written in all the major guitar magazines over the next several months that will list his vast accomplishments and the people with whom he collaborated. Since Charlie lived and worked in our area, many have gotten to know Charlie as a person as well as a guitarist. For this reason, I invited Myrna Sisen from the Washington Guitar Quintet to write a personal tribute to Charlie. She accepted the invitation and shares some of her memories with us in this issue.

The Washington Guitar Society would like to send our sympathies to all of his family, friends and fans.
