

In Loving Memory of



Charles Harper, Jr.

Sunrise
January 26, 1943

Sunset
August 13, 2015

Saturday, August 22, 2015 - 9:00 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
1066 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey
Rev. Philip Gilmore, Officiating

Obituary

Charles Harper, Jr. “Charlie” aka “Chuck” was born on January 26, 1943 in Lenior County, La Grange, North Carolina. He was born to the late Mamie Rebecca Hastens Harper and Charlie Harper, Sr. He was the fourth of six siblings. In his youth, he attended Moore’s Chapel AME Zion Church. He departed this life on August 13, 2015, at the V.A. Hospital in Brooklyn, NY.

Charlie received his formal education at Frink High School in La Grange, NC. He was a member of the Frink High Wildcats Basketball Team. They won the 1960-61 NC State AA Championship at NC State AT&T University in Greensboro, NC.

After high school, Charlie moved to Newark and married his high school sweetheart, Frances “Mikki” Dawson. Two daughters were born to this union.

Charlie was drafted to the U.S. Army on November 17, 1965. He served in the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged in 1967.

He later married Jacqueline Wellington. To this union two sons were born.

His latter years were spent with his fiancée, Anita Michelle Williams and her daughter.

Charlie was employed at the Greystone Park Hospital and Lyons V.A. Living Center as a Nursing Assistant and Essex County College as a Campus Police Officer. He was a Licensed Plumber with Union Local 24, working for the Newark Housing Authority and retired from the Newark Board of Education.

He was an active outstanding and faithful member of the VFW Post 152 of Newark, NJ

Charlie was an avid sports fan, who knew all sports stats. His favorite teams were the Mets, Giants and the Knicks. He also loved good music, especially the Blues and was a smooth dancer. He also liked to shoot Billiards (pool).

Charlie leaves to mourn his passing: his fiancée, Anita Michelle Williams; three daughters, Gayle Harper, Tara Harper and Gia Bethea; three sons, Ibn Rajah Harper, Charles Idris Harper and Nakia Ewings; five sisters, Anna Uzzell, Janice Kittrell, Jacquelyn Koonce, Minnie Moore and Brenda Harper Best; one brother, Johnny Ray Harper; four grandchildren, Amber, Ashley, Avery and Cadence; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Love is eternal,
The Family

Order of Service

Processional Viewing Family & Ministers

Hymn “Leaning On The Everlasting Arm”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - Matthews 5:1-5

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection “I Won’t Complain” - Su Su Bobien

Reflections (Limit to 2 minutes) Rep: Family

Rep. Friend

Rep: VFW Post

Rep: High School

Acknowledgements.....Vonda Lynn Patterson

Obituary.....Jacquelyn Uzzell

Musical Selection Sharnee Brown

Eulogy.....Rev. Phillip A. Gilmore

Pastor, St. John C.B. Church

Recessional

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Evergreen Cemetery

Hillside, New Jersey

Repast

*The repast will be held for family and friends
at the church immediately after the burial.*

It broke our hearts to lose you
But you did not go alone
For a piece of us went with you
The day God called you home
A million times we'll miss you
A million times we'll cry
If love could have saved you
You would have never died
Now to your grave we'll travel
And place flowers there with care
Yet no one knows the heartache
As we turn and leave you there
If teardrops could build a stairway
And heartache was a lane
We would walk a path to heaven
And bring you home again.

Pallbearers

Tyrone Anderson	Terrance Best
Joshua Patterson	Terry Uzzell
Terrell Uzzell	Moses Uzzell, Jr.
Broderick Harper	Curtis Uzzell

Acknowledgement

The family of **Charles Harper, Jr.** Wishes to express their heartfelt thanks to everyone for their support, many acts of kindness extended and comforting expressions of sympathy. May God continue to bless you in your thoughtfulness.

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