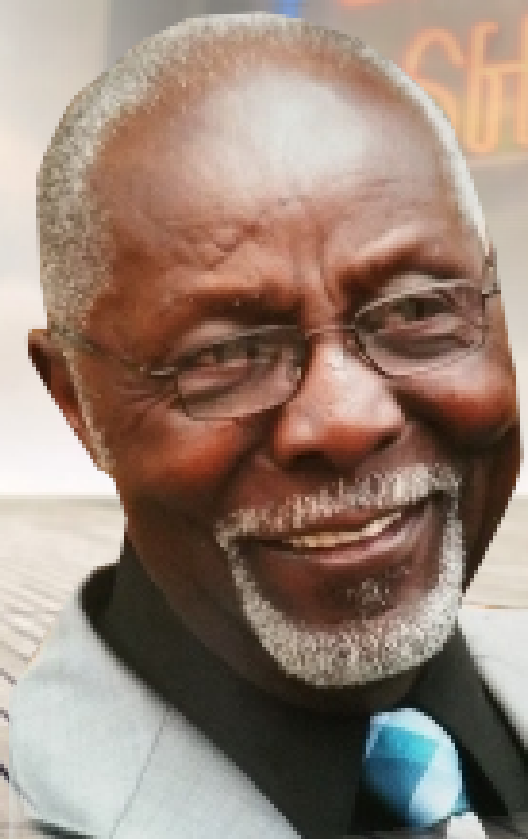


Celebration of Life for



Charles O. Miller

Sunrise
March 3, 1940

Sunset
February 16, 2016

Reflections of Life

Charles Ormond Miller (Pop-Pop, Sir Charles, Uncle Charles) was born on March 3, 1940 in Green County, NC (Snow Hill) and raised by the late Mollie and Brister “Fess” Miller.

He was educated in the Green County Public School system where he organized the 1957 school boycott that demanded a cafeteria and gymnasium for the only black school. This boycott gained the attention of major publications. Upon graduating in 1959, Charles began his entrepreneurship as a barber charging 25 cents per haircut. It didn't matter to Charles that his business consisted of himself, a stoop and a pair of manual clippers because he was in business for himself and quickly built up his clientele. Even as a young adult, Charles was an advocate for education. He always explained to younger kids that their education will be their freedom because that's the one thing no-one can take from them. Charles was known for teaching wayward youths how to make an honest living by cutting hair.

In 1960, Charles decided to move to New Jersey where he obtained his barber's license and was employed at Ideal Barbershop under the tutelage of Mr. Brooks. During his 14 years at Ideal, Charles took a liking to one particular customer who seemed to get frequent haircuts whether she needed it or not! Her name was Janetta Brown, she later became Charles' wife and mother of his two girls, Janice and Darlene, and stepmother of his son, Dennis.

In 1974, Charles opened the 1st black owned business on 10th Avenue and named it C & J Barbershop. The “C” of course was for Charles and the “J” was for Janetta. Their plan was to work in the shop together, Charles as the barber and Janetta as the beautician. Unfortunately, the plan never manifested due to the untimely death of Janetta in 1981 at the age of 40. Charles continued to raise his children with the support of their God parents, Harry and Lillie Williams and Robert and Elizabeth Hines and a host of church members and family. In 1987, Charles began to train his daughter Janice. She became the youngest female barber in Paterson at the age of 18. Janice worked alongside Charles at C & J over 25 years until he retired in 2014.

Charles was a devoted member of Grace Bible Class Church where he served as a Trustee and enjoyed Tuesday night Bible class. He was happiest when he was sitting next to his daughters learning about the Lord.

Charles was always about strengthening his community. He sponsored a youth basketball league which produced NBA player Tim Thomas. He enjoyed bowling for many years, but his true love was golf. Charles had a crew of golf buddies that he adored. He always looked forward to their annual golfing trips to Florida. Charles was a master checkers player and would play for hours with his brother Scesser Lee. He was also one of the smoothest swingers and enjoyed dancing the night away with his partner Edna.

After retiring in 2014, Charles began to do what he enjoyed most of all, training his grandson, Damier to cut hair and work in the shop. He also took pleasure in attending every basketball game his grandson, Rashad played. Charles was a fun-loving, humorous man of God who was devoted to his family, friends and customers.

Charles was peacefully called into eternal rest on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Paterson, NJ.

Charles was preceded in death by his wife, Janetta Miller, 2 brothers, William Super and Paul Murphy Super (Mary), 2 sisters, Bertha Lou and Emma Doris. Charles leaves to cherish his memory, a son, Dennis Pridgen. two daughters, Janice and Darlene Miller, five grandchildren, Al-Nisa Williams, Damier Cantey, Nakia Atkins, Iyonna Butler, and his buddy Rashad Charles McKinley. Two great grandchildren, Makai Radford and Ryleigh Atkins. One Goddaughter, Robin Kennerly (Ron) and 1 Godson, Marquis Williamson. Three sisters, Evara Martin, Brenda Vaughn (Larry), Velma Rouse. Four brothers, Scesser Lee Super, John Henry Super, Sr. (Ruby), James Earl Super and Calvin Super. Three brother-in-laws, Rev. Ernest Brown, James Brown, and Rev. Arthur Brown, one devoted sister-in-law, Ethel Mae Drain. Charles also is survived by his devoted companion of 25 years, Edna Martin and her daughters, Tammy Grady (Desmond) and Tanya Martin and a host of relatives and friends.

Tuesday, February 23, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

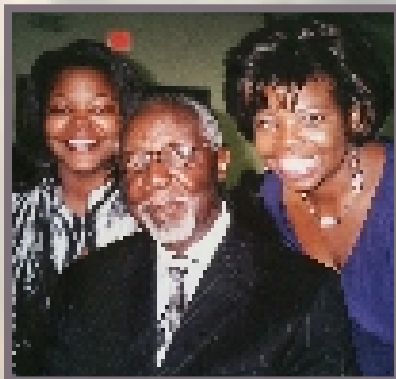
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Order of Service

- Processional.....Clergy
- Invocation.....Pastor Denzel Lee
- Congregational Hymn.....“When We All Get To Heaven”
- Scripture Reading.....Deacon Kevin Gittens
- Prayer of Comfort.....Minister Craig Washington
- Musical Selection.....Grace Bible Class Choir
- Remarks.....Scesser Lee Super
- Acknowledgements/ Reflections of Life.....Al Rhodeman
- Special Thoughts.....Rashon Dixon
John Harris
Jason Sykes
Janice & Darlene
- Poem.....Susan Wells
- Musical Selection.....Esther Wheeler
- Eulogy.....Pastor Bernard Durham Jr.
- Musical Selection.....Grace Bible Class Choir
- Recessional.....“I’m Going With Jesus”
Dawn Simpson

Interment

Fairlawn Memorial Cemetery & Mausoleum
22-21 Maple Ave., Fair Lawn, New Jersey



Daddy, we thank God for choosing you to be our earthly father. You have been a true example of a real man. You have done an amazing job raising us from young girls to strong godly women.

We will forever cherish the many memories we created
and all the lessons you have taught us.

We are happy that you have reached the ultimate goal of being
in the presence of the Lord. We truly love and miss you.

Janice & Darlene

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Charles O. Miller** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

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