



In Loving Memory of

Charles Lee Chappell

Sunrise: January 1, 1928

Sunset: February 13, 2017

Service

Sunday, February 26, 2017 - 4:00 p.m.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Rev. Dr. Sidney Hargrave, Officiating

Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner, Organist

Obituary

Charles Lee Chappell, 89, departed this life on Monday, February 13, 2017, at home in his bed with his daughter by his side.

Charles was born on January 1, 1928, to the late Alexander and Helen Chappell. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Bell Chappell. He had three brothers, Langston, Clifton and Alexander, and two sisters, Dorothy and Louise. Charles was a Veteran of the Korean War serving in both Navy and Airforce military branches. After his service to the country, Charles worked as an undertaker in Harlem. He worked for shipment and manufacturing companies until his last job as an armed guard for Esplande Gardens, Inc. Charles retired in the early 90's.

Charles married Mary Ester Smallwood while in service in the 1960's. Charles and Mary's firstborn was a little girl who died at birth. Afterwards, they had two sons, Charles Lee Chappell, Jr. and Tyrone Chappell. They divorced in the 1970's. Charles went on to marry Dorothy Bell Smith in the mid 1980's. He gained six stepchildren. In the 1990's, Charles and Dorothy adopted a newborn baby girl as their child together, named Sparkle. Charles and Dorothy was united in marriage until Dorothy's death in 2014.

Charles was educated at Peabody High School where he received his high school diploma. He was a member, and was baptized at Bethany Baptist Church in Petersburg, Virginia.

Leaving to cherish his precious memories: two sons, Charles Lee Chappell, Jr. and Tyrone Chappell of New York, NY; one daughter whom he resided with, Sparkle Ragland of New York, NY; four stepsons, Frankie Smith of Jacksonville, NC, Keith Gaillard of Queens, NY, Thad Gaillard of Jacksonville, NC and Timothy Gaillard of Brooklyn, NY; two stepdaughters, Doris Sorey and Katrina Hendrix of Charlotte, NC; and a host of extended family and loved ones.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

"He Looked Beyond My Faults"
Tiffany Pressey

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Ecclesiastes 3:1-17
New Testament - Philippians 4:7

Prayer

Selection

Rev. Dr. Eric B. Turner

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

"Dance With My Father"
Brian Hibbler

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Calverton National Cemetery
Calverton, New York

John 14:27

I'm leaving you well and whole. That's my parting gift to you. Peace. I don't leave you the way you're used to being left—feeling abandoned, bereft. So don't be upset. Don't be distraught.

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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