

*Homegoing Celebration  
For*

A portrait of Charlie F. Slightower, a man with a beard and mustache, wearing a dark tank top. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a bright, cloudy sky with a soft glow around his head.

*Charlie F. Slightower*

**Sunrise: March 30, 1941 - Sunset: April 8, 2022**

**Friday, April, 22, 2022 - 11:00am**

**Antioch Christian Church**

**28 Oliver Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901**

**Pastor Michael B. Horton**

# *Obituary*

**Charlie Frank Hightower** was born to Claude and Pauline Jones Hightower on March 30, 1941 in Shellman, Georgia. He departed this life on Friday April 8, 2022 at the Regency Jewish Heritage Rehabilitation Center.

At an early age he joined the Mount Avery Baptist Church in Shellman, GA where he attended with his family. He also attended the Mount Calvary School.

After he relocated to Miami, FL, at which time he joined the Great New Bethel Church under the leadership of Rev. Dr. G. David Horton and also became a member of the Miami Florida St. Joseph Lodge # 8.

He was employed by Georgia Pacific for many years and in later years became self-employed.

Charlie later relocated to New Jersey where he united with the Union Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Arthur Magee and later moved his membership to the Mt. Ararat Baptist Church located in Jamesburg, NJ under the leadership of Rev. Charlie Bates, Jr.

He was predeceased in death by his parents, Claude and Pauline Hightower, Sr., one daughter, Sheila Flowers, five brothers, Richard, Willie Gene, Willie Bob, Willie Albert and John Lowery, four sisters, Mamie Gilbert, Annie Bell Price, Leola Myres and Daziella Davis.

He is survived by his love, Gloria Wroten, his children, Mary Ferryman of Cuthbert, GA, James Flowers of Shellman, GA, Patricia Alston of Baltimore, MA, Charlie Hightower Jr. of St. Paul, MN and Carolyn McCain of Chester NC, one sister, Pauline Young, Warner Robins, GA; one brother Claude Hightower, Jr., a bonus mother Willie Mae Wroten, a bonus daughter Angela Wroten Woodard, two sisters-in-law, Mary Hightower and Mary Jane Hightower both of Miami Fl; his grand and great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews cousins and friends.

# Order of Service

Processional.....Family  
Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Michael Horton  
Selection.....Choir  
Scripture  
Old Testament-Job 14:1-9.....Deacon Stephen Wilcox  
New Testament-II Cor. 5:1-9  
Selection.....Choir  
Obituary/Acknowledgment.....Sis Barbara Crayton  
Selection.....Choir  
Remarks & Reflections.....Mr. Michael Hightower  
Rev. Zal Walton  
Rev. Claude Hightower  
Solo.....Elder Juanita Bradley  
Eulogy .....Rev. Charlie Bates, Jr.  
Recessional

## Interment

Franklin Memorial Park  
North Brunswick Township, New Jersey

## *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Oh, yes these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,

God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family is grateful to each and every one for your support and the many expressions of sympathy shown through calls, visits, cards, texts and words of encouragement.*

*Special Thank You to Ieasha "Kim" Foendoe for the love, devotion and superb care given to Charlie at the facility.*

*Professional Service Entrusted To:*

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