



Celebrating the Life of



Charlotte May

SUNRISE: November 23, 1946

SUNSET: October 7, 2022

Tuesday, October 18, 2022

Viewing: 11am - 12pm

Service: 12pm

First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens

771 Somerset Street • Somerset, NJ 08873

Reverend Dante R. Quick, Ph.D., Senior Pastor

Obituary

Charlotte May transitioned to be with the Lord on October 7, 2022, at St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick, NJ. Charlotte was born November 23, 1946, at Martland Medical Center in Newark NJ to the late LeRoy Cater and Charlotte Harley May. She was the first daughter of a proud father who nicknamed her "moonbeam" because she was the apple of his eye; and she knew it. She loved her "Daddy" in life and in death, and she remained obedient to his wishes. She was a lifelong resident of Newark and was educated in the Newark public system having attended Newton Street School, West Kenney Junior High, and West Side High School. She began her walk with the Lord at a young age and was baptized at Gethsemane Baptist Church in Newark, NJ.

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." (Psalm 139: 13-14).

After graduating from high school, Charlotte worked briefly at Bamberger's Department Store, before starting her career as a plant assignment clerk at Bell Atlantic where she worked for 27 years until her retirement. While at Bell Atlantic she met her lifelong friends Juanita, Gwen, and Cres with whom she spent leisure time going to concerts and the theater in New York. Charlotte absolutely adored Johnny Mathis, who she had the pleasure of seeing in concert in 1954, that was her most memorable concert. She traveled extensively with her lifelong friend/sister Julia, who she met while attending West Kinney Junior High School. She also had a childhood friend Cheryl from Waverly Avenue in Newark who she remained friends with until her passing.

Charlotte enjoyed bowling, reading, and traveling. She was very social and filled with life and energy. She always presented her best out in public - coordinating her leather jackets, handbags and shoes and her hair was always done. She was constantly on the go until being diagnosed with a debilitating illness that would eventually slow her down and allow her to focus on being the nurturer of her family. Her friends saw her as a confidant, protector, and a sweetheart. Her family saw her as a "giver" who constantly gave of herself.

Charlotte took care of her mother without any reservation or hesitation until her passing. She was also a loving grandmother, who embodied the meaning of the African proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child." She was always ready to babysit or cart her grandchildren off to their appointments or engagements.

"Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children, (Proverbs 17:6)."

Charlotte was preceded in death by her parents, LeRoy and Charlotte May, and her sister Sharon. She is survived by her doting son Elliott Theodore May and her daughter-in law Kelly, her brothers, Thomas Roy May Sr. (Barbara), William Philip May, Sr., and Howard Bruce May (Natina), her sister Paula Robin May, granddaughters Nakiah and Natasha, six great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn

Hold To God's Unchanging Hand

Scriptures

Old Testament(Psalm 116:15)

New Testament(John 14:1-6)

Prayer of Comfort

Minister Joan Marshall

Solo

“Take Me to the King” by Sister Lenore

Acknowledgements & Expressions

Nakiah May

Reading of Obituary

Read Silently

Poem and Remarks

Natasha May

Niatina May

Schylar May

Bruce May

Solo

“You Are My Strength” By Sister Lenore

Eulogy

Rev. Justin Henderson

Recessional

“Going Up Yonder”

Interment:

Heavenly Rest Memorial Park
East Hanover, New Jersey 07936

Repass:

Maplewood Community
120 Burnett Avenue
Maplewood, New Jersey 07040

PALLBEARERS

Jared May

William May

Phillip May

Elijah Hannah

Bruce May

Marquis May

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!*

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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