

*A Celebration of Life
for*



Charles H. Kirby, Sr.

August 13, 1949 - August 5, 2010

Service

Friday, August 13, 2010 - 12:00 Noon

CHRISTIAN LOVE BAPTIST CHURCH

830 Lyons Ave. • Irvington, New Jersey

Rev. Dr. Ronald B. Christian, Senior Pastor



*Together
Again*

Reflections of Life

Charles H. Kirby, Sr. was born on August 13, 1949 in Elizabeth, New Jersey to the late Joseph and Gloria Kirby. He was the youngest of four children.

Charles grew up in Newark, NJ and attended the Newark Public School system. He was an avid Boy Scout and in 1964 he attained the level of Eagle Scout. Charles was extremely proud of this accomplishment! He enjoyed mentoring young boys, becoming a Boy Scout Leader and taking the kids on overnight camping excursions.

Charles was an athlete and excelled in tennis, football, fencing, and track and field while in high school. He especially loved competing in the high hurdle events. Charles graduated from South Side High School in 1967, he was surely proud to be a "Bulldog" keeping abreast of all sport activities and wearing his South Side/Shabazz jacket, sweaters, t-shirts, hats and a specially made school ring.

After graduation Charles attended L.J. Gonzer Drafting School in Newark, NJ for mechanical engineering, then began working for Western Electric/AT&T in Newark, NJ as a drafting engineer. There he met his beautiful wife, Katrina affectionately known as "Tina" and eventually, her inquisitive daughter, Shanita.

As Charles dated Tina, he was ever mindful to include Shanita, spending quality alone time with her - believing they would become a family. Star Pizzeria was one of their favorite locations to enjoy pizza and play video games, especially Ms. Pac Man.

Charles and Tina were married and of this union, Charles H. Kirby, Jr. affectionately known as "Chuckie" was born. How ecstatic Charles was to have a son! Chuckie was a ray of sunshine. Father and son enjoyed many outdoor activities together - playing catch, teaching him how to swim and ride a bike, snowball fights and almost anything else you could think of.

Charles was a devoted family man indeed; spending quality time with his wife and children. Every weekend, he would ensure they did something special together, whether it be taking a ride down to the boardwalk and beach, or just hanging out in the backyard while he cooked out on the grill. It was the small things in life that meant the most to Charles.

After leaving AT&T, Charles stepped out on faith and opened Kirby's Film & Photo Center in Newark, NJ where he was sole proprietor for over fifteen years. All those he served in the community sought out his services because they found him kind, honest and trustworthy.

Charles and Tina became proud grandparents in 1990 when their granddaughter, Ymani was born. Oh how Charles adored her, and she most certainly adored her "Papa". Charles included Ymani in every activity and would sneak to call Shanita asking if she could come along, knowing full well Tina wanted a break!

Always spiritual and God fearing, Charles joined Christian Love Baptist Church in Irvington, NJ in 2003, becoming a member of the usher board, remaining ever strong in his faith.

In 2005, Charles began working at PC Richard & Son in Union, NJ becoming a top salesman, until God called him home to glory on August 5, 2010 to be reunited with his son, Chuckie who was called home in 2006.

He was predeceased by his sister, Annamaria Kirby and Michael Kirby (Pamela Kirby) a special nephew who was more like a brother.

Charles is survived by: his wife, Katrina T. Kirby; daughter, Shanita Belcher-Thompson; son-in-law, Genaro Thompson; granddaughter, Ymani Belcher; brothers, Eugene Kirby, Sr. (Elizabeth) and Richard Kirby; an aunt, Rosa Floyd; sister-in-law, Vanessa Wilson (Fred); brother-in-law, Wesley Peters; special father-like figure to Ladun Thompson, Charlene Lee and Shante Barr; and a host of other nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Prelude

Musical Selection Musician
“It is Well”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 23 - Elijah-Rahman Rosendary

New Testament - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 - Jaire Rosendary

Prayer of Comfort Rev. William Christian

Musical Selection Musician
“Going Up to Yonder”

Family Moments Ymani J. Belcher
Ladun A. Thompson

Acknowledgements

and Life Reflections Minister Christopher Carson

Remarks (2 minutes please)

Musical Selection Minister Toby Carson
“Because He Lives”

Eulogy Rev. Dr. Ronald B. Christian, Senior Pastor

Recessional

Interment

Fairmount Cemetery

Newark, New Jersey

Please join the family immediately following the
interment for the repast at
Christian Love Baptist Church.

To Those I Love

*To those I love and those that love me,
When I am gone, release me, let me go
I have so many things to see and do
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave me in happiness
I thank you for the love you each have shown
But now it's time I travel alone
So grieve for a while for me if you must
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part
So bless the memories within your heart
I won't be far away, for life goes on
So if you need me, call and I will come
Though you can't see me or touch me, I'll be near
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear
All my love around you so soft and clear
And then, when you must come this way alone
I'll greet you with a smile and say,
"Welcome Home."*

-Author unknown

Pall Bearers

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| • Genaro K. Thompson | • Ladun A. Thompson |
| • Artis Jones | • Rahman Wilson |
| • Marvin Leonard, Sr. | • Husain A. Gatlin |

Acknowledgement

The family of Charles H. Kirby, Sr. wishes to thank each and every one of you for all your cards, prayers, flowers, phone calls and most of all love. Special thanks to Rev. Ron and the entire Christian Love Baptist Church family for ALWAYS being there for our family. May God bless you all!

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