

A portrait of Charlie Lance, a smiling man with a mustache, wearing a suit and tie. The background of the entire page is a scenic view of a river winding through a valley with mountains in the distance.

*Homegoing Service
for*

Sunrise

October 3, 1922

Sunset

September 28, 2010

Charlie Lance

Service

Monday, October 4, 2010 - 11:00 a.m.

Greater Mt. Moriah Baptist Church

24 East 14th Street • Linden, New Jersey

Rev. Ronald A. Green, Sr., Pastor

Life Reflections

Charlie Lance was born October 3, 1922 to the late Queen Esther Simmons and Arthur Lance in Darlington, South Carolina. He was the youngest of six children. He was the beloved brother of Nell, Coolie, Arthur, Azza Lee, Lillie and Rose Lance.

In 1943, he served his country in the United States Army Air Force.

On January 31, 1944, he was joined in holy matrimony to Rosa Lee Boatwright. They migrated from the south and moved to Elizabeth, New Jersey. After five years, the family settled in Linden, New Jersey. From their union they were blessed with four children, Charlena, Barbara, Dennis and Rita. In addition, they were blessed with two grandchildren, Nicole and William, and a granddaughter Tabriah.

After thirty years, Charlie retired from, New Departure Hyatt Bearings Company, Clark, New Jersey. He previously worked ten years for E.I. Dupont in Linden, New Jersey and operated a landscape maintenance business in Union County.

He was strong and vigilante in his faith, as a Christian. He was a member of Greater Mount Moriah Baptist Church in Linden and a former member of Liberty Baptist Church in Elizabeth, where he served fifty years. In 2004, he received the title of Trustee Emeritus.

With the love and support of his family, he gallantly waged a war against heart disease. Prior to receiving heart surgery, he prayed for two more years of life, and as a humble servant of God, he was granted twenty more years to grace the Earth.

While home, surrounded by his love ones, Charlie fought his final battle on September 28, 2010.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Rosa Lee; daughters, Charlena, Barbara and Rita; grandchildren, Nicole and William; great granddaughter, Tabriah; sister, Azza Lee Jackson (North Carolina); and a host of other relatives and friends.

*As gentle as a whisper, he laid his arms down
and went to his heavenly home. He kissed each
of us with his presence, and gave us
love, and protection. We will miss Charlie, the husband,
the father, our hero who guided us along the way and taught us
right from wrong. Let the drums beat for him.
Let the drums beat for his ancestors.
Let the drums beat for the ones who went before him.
Let the drums beat for the ones he loved.
Let the drums beat for a great man has returned home.*

Lovingly,
The Family

Order Of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

A Parting View

Hymn

Scriptures
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Hymn

Words of Comfort

Acknowledgements and Condolences

Obituary (read silently)

Hymn

Eulogy
Rev. Ronald A. Green, Sr.

Recessional

Interment

*Rosedale Memorial Park
Linden, New Jersey*

Immediately following the interment, family and friends are invited to return to the Greater Mt. Moriah Baptist Church fellowship hall where a repast will be served.

Pall Bearers

William Lance Lawson	Bobby Gatewood
Douglas Bonner	Leon Garnett
Lee Sarratt	

CHARLIE LANCE'S POEM

A prayer once taught when we were young echoes in the heart up to the sun. Full with hope and truths to bare, we listen for an answer, a sound from out there. When you laid me down to sleep, I pray my soul in flight repeat, the flight from which it came, the breath of God that gave me life which triumph in truth and guided your hand.

A prayer for the young unrealized, a prayer for the old internalized. Let the saints and sages sing songs with great joy. Let Gabriel be there to open the door. Let the lights of heaven show me the path, a halo lay waiting a crown for my head, wings there flapping for my old coat to shed a promise from him to make heaven my bed.

So as I lay me down to sleep I pray my soul for the lord to keep and if I die before I wake I pray, oh Lord, for my soul to keep.

So, sleep long Charlie and find your peace.

By FW Brant

Acknowledgement

The family of **Charlie Lance** acknowledges with sincere appreciation every thought and act of kindness expressed to us during this our hour of bereavement. We will always keep you in our prayers.

May God continue to richly bless you.

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