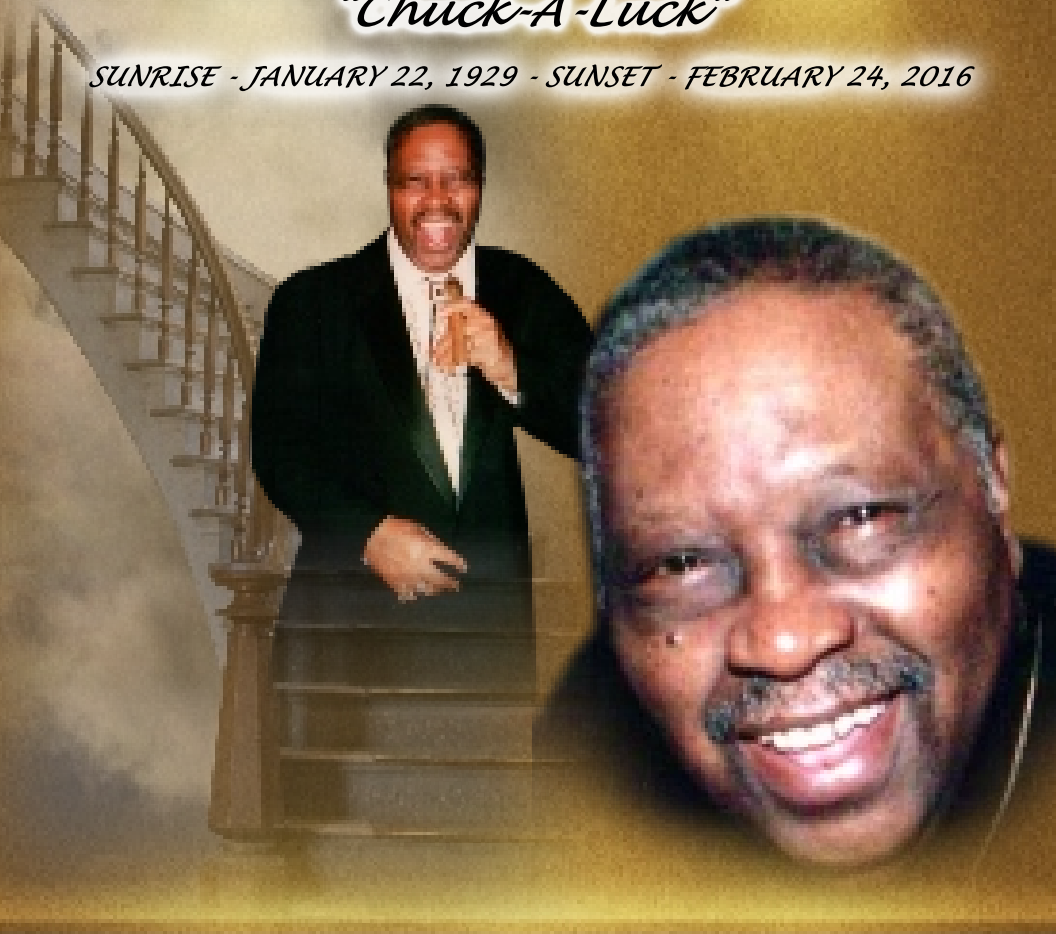


*HOMECOMING CELEBRATION
FOR
CHARLES MERLE FITTS
"Chuck-A-Luck"*



SUNRISE - JANUARY 22, 1929 - SUNSET - FEBRUARY 24, 2016



Tuesday, March 1, 2016 - 2:00 p.m.

Cotton Funeral Service

130 Main Street

Orange, New Jersey 07050

Rev. Tami Christian, Officiating

Emory Lee, Organist



A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Obituary

Charles (Chuck) M. Fitts was born on January 22, 1929, in Washington, PA, to the late William Fitts and Louise (Harris) Fitts. Chuck was married to Janice L. (Johnson) Fitts on August 26, 1979.

Chuck's father was a coal miner in PA, but as this industry began closing down, Mr. William Fitts moved his family to West Virginia. Chuck graduated from Kimball Negro High School in Kimball, West Virginia, on May 28, 1947. During high school Chuck was awarded a school letter in football from Kimball High School for the 1945-1946 season. He was also awarded a certificate "For Meritorious Participation in Dramatic Arts" in May 1947 by The National Thespian Society.

After graduating from high school Chuck decided to follow in his dad's footsteps and became a coal miner for as Chuck said, "a hot minute!" After about six (6) months "he turned in his overalls and pail," and headed north to New Jersey to join his older sister, Libby.

During his early years in New Jersey Chuck held various jobs, including working in the field of construction, and worked for several companies including Bendix. However, Chuck's first love was the field of entertainment, leading him to devote much of his energy to securing entertainers and serving as an MC and featured singer in famous local night clubs like Leon's in Hackensack, the Sterington House in Montclair and the Peppermint Lounge in Orange. It was also during these times that the name "Chuck-a-Luck" was coined as his stage name. Chuck retired from GAB North America, Inc, after 10 years of service on August 31, 1995.

Left to cherish beautiful memories are a loving wife, Janice L. (Johnson) Fitts, a son, Charles (Skippy) M. Fitts, Jr., by a former marriage, one surviving sister, Marva Faulkner, brother-in-law, Oliver J. Johnson, Jr., and sister-in-law, Christine Johnson, dear friends, Ernie Hairston and Larry Jackson, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Chuck was predeceased by four (4) sisters, Eva King, Mae Lovelace, Elizabeth Saunders and Mildred Fitts, and a brother, Russell Fitts.

*Life's race well run,
Life's work well done,
Life's victory well won,
NOW COMETH REST.*

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Emory Lee

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements and Reflections

Lisette A. Curry

Obituary and Tribute

Anthony Price

Solo

Minister Steve

Eulogy

Rev. Tami Christian

Recessional

CREMATION

Private

The Family requests that you join them for repast at

Bella Italia

535 Central Avenue

Orange, NJ 07050



To the Wonderful Man I Love

*To the man I feel so lucky to have
walked through life with –
the friend who always laughed
and dreamed with me
as we've made our way together...
the partner who has been
right there beside me,
steady and strong,
even when the path wasn't easy...
the one who thrilled me
just by reaching for my hand...*

Your Loving Wife 

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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