

CELEBRATION OF *Life*
CHARLOTTE
Bryant

SUNRISE
OCTOBER 4, 1955

SUNSET
JULY 25, 2026

VIEWING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2026
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

FUNERAL SERVICE

12:00 PM

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE

1025 BERGEN STREET
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY 07112



Obituary

Charlotte A. Bryant, who lived a life marked by kindness, laughter, and grace, was born on October 4, 1955, in Morristown, New Jersey, and she passed away on July 25, 2026, in Newark, New Jersey, of natural causes.

Charlotte was the kind of woman who could walk into a room and make it feel like the lights had been turned up just a little brighter. She had a warm spirit, a quick sense of humor, and a way of making people feel welcome without ever making a big announcement about it. She was selfless, loving, and kind, and those words were not just polite labels. They were the whole show. Charlotte gave her heart freely, and she did it with the kind of style that made even ordinary moments feel memorable.

She was educated in the school of life as much as in the classroom, where she earned her high school diploma and carried herself with dignity and determination. Charlotte understood the value of hard work, and she brought that understanding into every role she held. She worked as a sous chef and as a security officer, and in both positions she demonstrated reliability, discipline, and care. In the kitchen, she helped create order, nourishment, and comfort. In security, she stood watch with strength and responsibility. Charlotte knew how to serve, how to protect, and how to get the job done without making a fuss, which is a rare talent and, frankly, one that should be listed as an advanced degree.

Charlotte was a proud Christian whose faith guided the way she treated others. Her beliefs were lived through her actions, through her compassion, and through the steady encouragement she offered to those around her. She had a heart that understood mercy and a soul that believed in grace. Even when life tried to get dramatic, Charlotte had a way of meeting it with steady faith and just enough humor to remind everyone that the storm did not get the final word.

She also knew how to enjoy life. Charlotte found joy in playing chess, where she could think ahead and probably outsmart more than a few opponents with a quiet smile. She loved music, dancing, movies, concerts, and theatre, and she appreciated the beauty of a good performance, whether it came from a stage, a screen, or from the everyday theater of family life. She had excellent taste in entertainment and an even better sense of timing, which made her stories, her reactions, and her laughter part of the entertainment too. If there had ever been an award for making the most out of a moment, Charlotte would have been right there accepting it with humility and a side comment that would have had the whole room laughing.

Charlotte's family was one of the great treasures of her life. She is survived by her sister, Alma Bryant; her fiancée, Lorraine Coleman; her nieces, Lisa Bryant and Saleenah Solomon; her nephews, Kenneth Bryant, Michael Bryant, and Allan Bryant Jr., known lovingly as AJ; as well as a host of cousins, grand nieces and nephews, and Henny the cat, who surely understood that Charlotte was the real boss of the household. Her family knew her as someone who was steady, caring, and deeply devoted. She showed up. She checked in. She remembered the little things. She made people feel seen. That kind of love does not need a microphone, because it speaks for itself.

Charlotte was predeceased by her mother, Gloria E. Bryant; her father, Allan Bryant Sr.; her brothers, Allan Bryant and Kenneth Bryant; her sister, Deborah E. Bryant; her nieces, Celeste A. Bryant and Quatiah Solomon. Though she is no longer physically present, the love she shared with them remains woven into the lives of those she leaves behind. The family tree may have a few branches in heaven now, but their roots on earth are still strong because Charlotte helped nourish them with love, faith, and a sense of humor that could lighten even the heaviest day.

To know Charlotte was to know someone who was genuine from start to finish. She did not need to be the loudest person in the room to be the most remembered. She had that rare combination of strength and tenderness that made people trust her and cherish her. She could be serious when life required it, but she also knew the healing power of laughter. A comedian might tell a joke to get a reaction, but Charlotte had a natural gift for reminding people that joy could be found even in imperfect circumstances. She brought laughter in her own way, not by performing, but by being fully herself.

Her memory will continue to live on in the hearts of all who loved her, and in the stories told about her that will likely begin with, "You had to know Charlotte." She will be remembered for her devotion, her faith, her work ethic, her love of life, and her ability to care deeply while still keeping everyone grounded with a little wit. Charlotte A. Bryant leaves behind a legacy of love that is honest, generous, and enduring. Her life was a blessing, her presence was a gift, and her memory will remain a comfort to all who were fortunate enough to know her.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Recessional

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

Safely Home

I am home in Heaven, dear ones:
Oh, so happy and bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed:
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last

Did you wonder I so calmly
Trode the valley of the shade?
Oh! But Jesus love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread:
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?
Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still:
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's Will.



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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