

*Celebrating the Life
Of
Pelet Xavier Charles*



Sunrise: May 29, 1941 - Sunset: September 10, 2016



Services:

Saturday, September 17, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE
130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey
Rev. Edward Allen, Officiating
Emory Lee, Organist

Obituary

Selet Xavier Charles, also known as "Selem", "Charlie", "Solo" and "Pops" was born on May 29, 1941, to the late Xavier and Emania Charles, in Lestere, Haiti. During his time in Haiti, he married and had several children. In 1976, Selet relocated to the U.S. making New Jersey his home. In 1982, he met his cherished companion, Suzette, whom he married in 1995.

As a husband of 30 plus years, he was known for making his wife, whom he never referred to by name, but as "Madame" laugh. As a father, he was adamant about the importance of education and worked tirelessly to provide for his family. He would always concern himself with whether his children ate or not. So much so, that even when his children were well into their adult years, he would often call and ask the infamous question, "Did you eat today?"

"Charlie" worked for the City of Newark, Division of Taxicabs for over 20 years. He truly enjoyed his work and it was very rare for him to miss a day. Whether he was sick, tired, or there was inclement weather, he got up faithfully every day to make sure his family was taken care of.

In his leisure, he was an avid domino player, always defeating his son, Jean-Eric at the game. He was a big fan of the Brazilian National Soccer Team and would route for them during the World Cup. To everyone's surprise, he was also an excellent swimmer. Quite the joker, he was well known for his famous "Stick Shift" dance. "Pops" was not a man of many words, but he had a big heart. He enjoyed helping others and most of all, no matter the individual, he always made everyone feel like family.

On Saturday, September 10, 2016, "Selem", was called home after a battle with lung cancer. He will truly be missed and leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Suzette, and children, Jean-Eric (Erica), Farley (Milissy), Linda (Christopher) of New Jersey, Donald (Iris) of Maryland, several children and relatives in Haiti and Canada, and a host of grandchildren, nieces, nephews, a close network of in-laws and friends.

Order of Service

Viewing

Processional

Organ Prelude

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Psalm 23

New Testament - John 14: 1-3

Prayer of Comfort

Organist Selection

Remarks..... (Please limit remarks to 1 minute)

Acknowledgements

Obituary..... Jean-Eric Charles

Organist Selection

Eulogy.....Rev. Edward A. Allen


Recessional

INTERMENT
Hollywood Cemetery
Union, New Jersey

Repast

*The family requests that you join them for a repast
immediately following the interment at
Salem Towers Community Room, 98 High Street, Orange, NJ*

If Tears Could Build a Stairway



*If tears could build a stairway,
and memories were a lane.
We would walk right up to Heaven
and bring you back again.*

*No farewell words were spoken,
No time to say "Goodbye".
You were gone before we knew it,
and only God knows why.*

*Our hearts still ache with sadness,
and secret tears still flow;
What it meant to lose you
No one will ever know.*

*But now we know you want us
to mourn for you no more;
To remember all the happy times
life still has much in store.*

*Since you'll never be forgotten,
we pledge to you today;
A hallowed place within our hearts
is where you'll always stay.*

Acknowledgement

The family would like to acknowledge with sincere appreciation the many expressions of love, support, and kindness shown during this difficult time. We appreciate it and love you all. All tributes will be acknowledged at a later date.

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