

Celebrating the Life of Charley Taylor

Sunrise
November 5, 1938

Sunset
January 25, 2021



Obituary

Charley Taylor was the son of the late Christina Dross and Ruben Taylor. Charley was born on November 5, 1938, and departed this life on January 25, 2021.

Charley was born in Berkley County, South Carolina. He proudly told the story that when he was 11 and his younger brother, Tony, was 7, they took the train to New York City to live under the guardianship of his sister, Marie Carr, and her husband. He attended junior school and high school in New York City. He was proud to be on his own at the age of 18.

Years later, Charley met Delores Jefferson and the two were married on March 30, 1963. From this union, they produced 6 children. He had a special relationship with his grandchildren. His grandchildren affectionately called him "NeNe".

Charley was a hard working man. He would proudly tell others that he had 10 jobs before he became a Railroad Clerk for the New York City Transit Authority. That job became his career. He worked for the Transit Authority for 18 years and 3 months and retired.

In his spare time, Charley wrote and sang songs, most of the time with his trusty guitar. He also wrote novels and poetry. When he had a stroke that paralyzed his right side, he learned to write with his left hand and wrote numerous letters, especially to family and friends.

Charley loved to know African history. He would proudly tell others about Africa and would proudly say that he's African. He took on the African name Omowale, which means "The Son Who Has Returned Home". He considered Africa as his home and wanted his remains to be in his home, Africa. His family will fulfill his wishes!

He is preceded in death by his brother, Raleigh Dross, and his sisters, Marie Carr and Hester Alston.

Charley leaves to mourn: his wife of nearly 58 years, Delores Taylor; his children, Anthony Taylor, Vandilia Taylor, Raleigh (Amber) Taylor, Ruben (Gwendolyn) Taylor, Jomar (Yasmin) Taylor and Shaka (Tamika Tolbert) Taylor; his brothers, George Dross and Tony Dross; 16 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; 1 great great grandchild; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and other dear family and friends.





An original poem by Charley Taylor

A Poem of Nature **My Country**

This land that you see belongs to my people and me.
This is the land of my forefathers my great ancestry
I love this land where all of the supreme master of
creations, animals roam free.
This land is my beloved country.

This is the land that the supreme master of creation
has given to my people and me.
This is the land where my people must live on in
peace and, be free.
This land is my beloved country.

O' how I cherish and admire this land
so ancient fascinating and grand.
With my last dying breath I'll make a gallant stand,
to destroy any enemy who tries to take this land.
This land is my beloved country.

My country is a paradise filled with many wonders
and delightful splendid sights.
I will love, honor and cherish her with all my might,
for the rest of my life.

This land is my beloved country.
(OMOWALE)

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time of prayer.*

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