

In Loving Memory of



Richard Charlton

Sunrise
November 15, 1957

Sunset
June 12, 2021

Thursday, June 24, 2021-11:00 am

Zion Hill Baptist Church
152 Osborne Terrace, Newark, NJ 07108
Dayshone Henderson-Closs, Pastor Eulogist
Minister Brenda Jones Scriptures

Obituary

Richard Charlton, aka Bubba, was born on November 15, 1957, in Allendale, S.C., to the late Dorothy Mae Owens Page and Handy Charlton. He transitioned into eternal life on Saturday June 12, 2021, surrounded by his loving family and friends.

Richard Charlton was educated in the Newark Board of Education school district. In 1963 he attended S. Eighth Street Grammar School, currently known as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary. He then attended Barringer High School in 1972-1976. After high school he began working on an assembly line at Silver Line Windows in Kenilworth, N.J. In 1981 he dated Eileen Lightford who he married on July 12, 1986. He began his career as a Tractor Trailer Driver in July of 1990 after successfully completing his training and obtaining his Commercial Driver's License (CDL). He spent his last 20 years as a Tractor Trailer Driver for Presidential Express Trucking and Warehousing in Bayonne, N.J.

Richard was a loving, kind-hearted husband, and a giving, and caring father, and grandfather. He was laid-back, humble, and hardworking. There was nothing he would not do for family and friends. He was a great provider, teacher, and listener. He was a very patient man. He enjoyed his 'oldies but goodies' music, sitting back watching tv, or actively working in the backyard, repairing his car, and other things around the house. He was very athletic and loved sports like basketball and football, so much so, that he organized a football team in the late 80's. He also supported his wife and joined her employer's baseball team during the 80's. His favorite professional football team were the Minnesota Vikings.

Richard was a member of Speak Life Ministry located in Newark, NJ. He loved the Lord and always talked about having a relationship with God.

We all know that life is never measured by how many years we live, but by all the kind things we do and all the happiness we give. That was Richard.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents: Dorothy Mae Owens Page in 2013 and Handy Charlton in 1999; Mother-in-law, Jackie Ann Lightford in 2008; His sisters: Louise Harris in 2016, and Richardeen Charlton; His brother: Warlton Brown Charlton; Two brothers-in-law: Darnell M. Person in 2003 and Vincent Lightford in 2014 and

Richard leaves to cherish his treasured memories to his adoring wife Eileen Charlton. Two Children: Jamillah F. Lightford of Newark, N.J., and Quadrilya M. Charlton (Bolarinwa) Ige of Newark, N.J. Seven Grandchildren: Keyvaughn A. Lightford-Dailey, Rahzier A. Harrison, Qua'mal J. Pitts, Koryn M. Lucas, Kishon I. Lucas Jr., Au'riel L. Lightford, and Zamora Z. Jones.

Two brothers: Robert Hamlet Jr. (Bernadette) of Newark, N.J., and Tommy L. Charlton of Allendale, S.C. Two loving sisters: Dolores (Bishop Claude) Wilkins of North Carolina and Carrie Lee Frazier.

Four brothers-in-law, one special brother-in-law, John K. Davis Jr. of Parlin, N.J. Five sisters-in-laws, one special sister-in-law, Donna M. Davis. Special nephew Randy Wilkins of S.C.; special God daughter/niece Samirah 'Mookie' (Kelly) Young. Special devoted cousin Leon Owens of Newark, NJ. Best friend of 50 years, Rickey Garner of Irvington, NJ; good friend/family Joe Velts of G.A. and good friend Terry Harris.

Along with a host of many nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends.

Richard was loved by so many and touched so many with his acts of kindness and helpfulness. He will forever be missed but his lessons in life, kindness, thoughtfulness, respect, dignity, and manhood will live on through his children and grandchildren.

Order of Service

Processional.....Ministerial Staff and Family

SelectionBrother Joshua

Scripture Readings.....Minister Brenda Jones
Old Testament: Ecclesiastes: 3: 1-8
New Testament: John 14: 1-3

Prayer of ComfortMinister Brenda Jones

Selection.....Brother Joshua

Acknowledgements Sade Edghill

Remarks (2 minutes)

Obituary.....Denise Shabazz

Selection.....Brother Joshua

EulogyPastor Dayshone Henderson-Closs

Final Farewell

Benediction

Recessional

Pallbearers:

Leon Owens, Rickey Garner, John K. Davis Jr.,
Robert Warren, Sharif Boone, and Lamar Boone

Final Repose

Hollywood Cemetery
Union, New Jersey

Repast

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Wife's Last Words...

They say that it can't rain forever,
But they never talk about how it feels when the sunshine ends.
How the world seems to stop when that last breath is taken.
How undying hope ends in a mess.
How everyone seems to fall apart, even though you're no longer suffering.
You were so significant in the lives of many,
But even more special in the depths of my heart.
By your side holding your hand, I said to you, "I'M HERE."
Your last word to me was, "OKAY."
So, I know
You found comfort knowing I was near.
When the dust settles, and the smoke is clear,
I look around to realize you're not really here.
But through it all I think of you.
And your last words to me.
And then I find comfort knowing IT WILL BE OKAY.
Instead of being sad that you are gone,
I will celebrate your 63 years of life.
I will remember love and laughter.
I will relish in having the opportunity to have known you for 40 years of my life.
I love you for better or worse.
I love you for richer and richer, because of your heart
I love you till death did us part
To loving you yesterday, today, tomorrow, and beyond
Knowing IT'S OKAY until we meet again.

With Love,
Eileen



DAUGHTER'S TRIBUTE...

Dear Dad

The moment that you left me
My heart was split in two
One side was filled with memories
The other side died with you
I often lay awake at night
When the world is fast asleep
With tears upon my cheek
Remembering you is easy
I do it everyday
But missing you is a headache
That never goes away
I hold you tightly within my heart
and there you will remain
I love you daddy until we meet again

Love,
Quadrilya



A Daughter's Prayer...

Dear God,

Thank you for my father
My father was a good man
Such a wonderful man can only come from your hand
Lord, you created a humble one
Lord, I pray you're proud of your son
He was A man who was patient with me even when I knew not how to be
A man who would teach me how to tie my shoes before I turned three
A man who would teach me plenty
Gave lessons for my sons to see
and to know how they, and my future Husband should be
A man who made sure I prayed to you and did not use your name in vain
A man who knew how to listen and ease all my pain
Even when things were stressful, and life took a turn for the worse
Lord, you gave me a father who chose to put his family first
My father was a good man
No, he wasn't perfect
But even in his flaws he taught me perfect lessons
Because you gave me a humble father, through him you showed your love
Know that I received a blessing, From my Heavenly Father above

Love
Jamillah





When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see if the sun should rise and find your eyes, all filled with tears for me. I wish so much you wouldn't cry, the way you did today, while thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, and each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too. But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand that an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand and said, "my place was ready, in heaven far above and that I'd have to leave behind, all those I dearly love." But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When God look down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne. He said, "This is eternity, and all I've promised you" Today for life on earth is past, but here it starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, for today will always last. And since each day's the same way, there's no longing for the past. So, when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart. For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.

-Author unknown

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