



## Charlie "Free Man"

The meaning of your name  
 Is what you now embody  
 God broke the chains  
 That captivated your body  
 You are free to go home  
 And return to the Lord  
 Your life was a gift  
 Now in heaven, you have received your award  
 We will miss you dearly  
 Always cherishing your memory  
 In our hearts forever is where you will always be  
 The tears may fall  
 Since you answered God's call  
 Here in this life you gave your all  
 We will miss your cool, calm, and easy going personality  
 Amazing husband, father, and grandfather you always  
 stayed in our lives actively  
 Your smile lit up the room as we watched you ecstatically  
 Your laughter and youthfulness always brought out the  
 best to see  
 We may not have all the words that we really want to say  
 All the wisdom you bestowed upon us will never go away  
 We wish we had more time or another day  
 To tell you we love you "Charlie" in a special way  
 You are finally free  
 Exactly what your name means  
 God broke the chains  
 And he set you free!

In Loving Memory of Charles McKinney

*Written by, Shannell G. Griggs*

### *Acknowledgement*

The family of the late **Charles M. McKinney** wishes to thank all of  
 you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts  
 of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement.  
 May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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## *Celebration of Life for*



*Charles M. McKinney*  
*"Charlie"*

Sunrise:  
 December 22, 1957

Sunset:  
 August 23, 2021





## *Obituary*

Charles “Charley” McKinney was born on December 22, 1957 in Johnston, SC to the late Fred Sr. and Clara McKinney.

His faith was Islam.

Charley attended public schools in Garfield and Passaic. He then graduated from Passaic High School In 1975.

Charley was quiet, laid-back and easy going. He always wore a smile that enhanced his unique demeanor.

As a child he loved fishing, and racing AFX cars with his friends Dennis Wesby, John Hogan, Jerry and Ed Miller, Robert Lee, Joe (Peaches) Hatfield, Alonzo (Najee) Allen, Johnny (Manzur) Walker and Johnson Hodges.

Charley had a huge passion for cars, his favorite being his BMW 635 CSi .

During his pasttime he enjoyed watching car shows and his favorite T.V. show “Law and Order”. He also spent a tremendous amount of time with his wife, children and grandchildren.

He was a dedicated employee of Whole Foods Market In Ridgewood, New Jersey for 15 years.

Charley departed this life and entered into eternal rest on Monday, August 23, 2021.

He was predeceased by his parents, Fred Sr. and Clara McKinney, twin sons, Kasiem and Kariem Washington, six brothers, Willie P. Butler, Robert L. Butler, George C. Butler, John L. McKinney, Peter L. McKinney and Michael McKinney, two sisters, Gloria Lonon and Gladys McKinney and godson, Quasim (Kazz) McKinney.

Charley leaves to cherish fond memories, his wife of 21 years, Audrey J. McKinney; four daughters, Robyn (Kim) Johnson, Robyn Alston, Sheconna Murray and Rahshaana Lowery; one son, Kenyon Alston; fifteen grandchildren; one great-grandson which he lovingly gave the nickname “Noah The Great”; three brothers, Fred Jr. (Monk), Eddie Frank and Benny (Bilaal) McKinney; one sister, Mattie McKinney; one goddaughter, Darrylynn Manuel; his best friend of many years, David (Malik) Goodwin; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and loyal dedicated friends.

Wednesday, September 1, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.

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## *Order of Service*

### **Processional**

### **Selection**

### **Scripture Readings**

#### **Old Testament**

#### **New Testament**

### **Prayer**

### **Solo**

#### **Michael Willis**

### **Speech**

#### **Kasim Washington**

### **Acknowledgments**

### **Remarks**

### **Reflections of Life**

#### **Sheconna Murray**

### **Selection**

### **Words of Comfort**

#### **Rev. Dr. Calvin McKinney**

#### **Calvary Baptist Church of North Jersey at Garfield**

### **Recessional**

### **Interment**

Thursday, September 2, 2021 - 11:00 a.m.  
East Ridgelawn Cemetery  
255 Main Ave.  
Clifton, New Jersey