

A Celebration of Life for
Reverend Charlie Davis

March 16, 1952 - January 12, 2022



"For I am ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" II Timothy 4: 6-7

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022 - 12:00 PM

Greater Abyssinian Baptist Church

88 Lyons Avenue • Newark, New Jersey 07112

Bishop Franky Smith, Officiating

Obituary

Reverend Charlie Davis was born on March 16, 1952 to the late Eliza Jane Davis and Jimmie Davis of Pike Road, Alabama. Growing up, Charlie enjoyed horseback riding, racing cars, target practice and played baseball on his father's team, the Pike Road Red Sox. In 1970 he became a member of the last black graduating class of Georgia Washington High School in Mount Meigs, Alabama.

At an early age Charlie accepted Christ as his personal Savior and joined the New Liberty Missionary Baptist Church of Pike Road, under the leadership of the late Reverend S.M. Moncrief. Several years after moving to New Jersey, he became a member of Calvary Baptist Church, where he was ordained as a Deacon under the leadership of the late Reverend James Cook. Charlie was an avid student of the Bible and attended several study disciplines before becoming ordained to preach the Gospel by Bishop Franky Smith in May, 1995. He served as an Associate Minister of Mars Hills Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey. Later, God blessed Reverend Davis to become the founder and Pastor of his own flock at Holy Lane Christian Church in East Orange, New Jersey.

His journey in the northeast began after high school, upon moving to Amityville, New York to be with elder sister, Louise. Charlie found employment in various capacities as a young man and he lifted other family and friends along with him wherever he was as he climbed. He enjoyed a career that spanned decades at New Jersey Transit Corporation before his retirement. Without hesitation, he then pursued his most loved occupation with Newark New Jersey Department of Public Safety. He was appointed to the Newark Special Police in October 2000. Officer Davis took an oath to serve to protect and serve the city of Newark and did so with honor, for over 20 years.

Officer Davis was also an entrepreneur, and as the owner of King Castle Creative Photography he would spend his weekends and holidays during his younger years taking photos at Club Eleganza in Newark, New Jersey. He later launched Roman Imperial Security, a venture through which he continued to work security at local venues from time to time.

Reverend Davis was a prolific writer and author of numerous titles, among them, *Passage Through Darkness*, *The City Line Bus Stop*, and *Sharecropper Story*, to name a few. He loved photography and was a tireless car enthusiast. Charlie was a hard worker taking great pride in whatever endeavor he chose to undertake. Never a person to sit idle or waste time, he could be found working in one of his chosen professions while also managing the business he created. He had a great love of family and friends. His love was felt as he arose early Saturday mornings to purchase prepare and distribute food to the homeless of Newark. He derived such joy from helping others.

Charlie was preceded in death by his parents, sister Louise Johnson and brothers, Sherman Smith, Jimmy and Arthur Richardson and beloved son Charles Davis Jr. (Boogie).

The Lord brought Charlie's earthly journey to an end and called him to rest on Wednesday morning January 12, 2022. His survivors include his wife, Neira Maria Davis, "baby girl", Tikeiya (Melvin) McNeill, four sons, Timothy Felder, Vallee Davis, Shandell Davis and Terah Mingo, two stepchildren, Hudson Antonio Rocha and Luana Angelica Rocha; three sisters, Anna Nora Harris Anderson, Jacqueline (Curtis) Quinnie, Janice Allen, four brothers, Jeremiah (Josephine) Green, Jerry Davis, Carl (Rebecca) Davis and Kenneth (Vernell) Davis; aunts, Villa Mae Jones and Sadie (Thomas) Jones; a host of beloved grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, including a devoted and special cousin Mr. Tobe Floyd, and loving friends Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Barber.

Order of Service

Prelude: Musical Selection:.....Organist

Pulpit Conductor.....Minister Callie Crowder

Processional

Scripture: Old Testament Minister Callie Crowder

New Testament Minister Callie Crowder

Prayer of Consolation.....Mrs. Luveria Morris & Ms. Saige Davis

Video Tribute

Reflections:Mr. Eddie Barber

Officer Israel Segarra
**President of the Special Police Organization
of New Jersey**
Brian O'Hara
Newark Department of Public Safety Director

Mrs. Tikeiya McNeill

Mr. Shandell Davis

Words of Expression:..... ***2 minutes please***

Obituary..... Mr. Shandell Davis

Musical Selection: Joshua Nelson

Eulogy Bishop Franky Smith
**New Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
East Orange, NJ**

Recessional

INTERMENT
Carter Hill Cemetery
Pike Road, Alabama, 36064



I Never Left You

I watch you everyday
I am always very near
I know deep in your heart
You realize I am here
I watch you while you sleep
In your bed at home
I hear you when you speak to me
When you are on your own
You cannot understand
The reason why I have gone
But I will never leave you
I am there to keep you strong
Talk to me I hear you
Though you may not see
We share an unbroken bond
That will always be
Death wont keep us apart
For our love is forever
Just remember me in your heart
And one day we will be together
Live your life and live it full
don't waste a single day
Remember I am always with you
Every step of the way









He never looked for praises
He was never one to boast
He just went on quietly working
For the ones he loved the most.

His dreams were seldom spoken
His wants were very few
And most of the time his worries
Went unspoken too.

He was there....A firm foundation
Through all our storms of life
A sturdy hand to hold on to
In times of stress and strife

A true friend we could turn to
When times were good or bad
One of our greatest blessings
The man that we called Dad

Daddy we love you,
Timothy, Vallee, Tikeiya, Shandell, Terah



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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