A HOMEGOING CELEBRATION OF



Sunrise June 2, 1939 Augusta, Georgia Sunset January 24, 2022 Brooklyn, New York

Viewing: Saturday, February 5, 2022 12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Homegoing Service Saturday, February 5, 2022 1:00 P.M.

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC. 1406 Pitkin Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11233 Rev. Dr. Joan J. Brightharp & Rev. Juwan Jones, Officiating Clinton Moore, Organist

<u>Obituary</u>

Charline was born on the 2nd of June in 1939. She was born on Hopkins Street, in Augusta, Georgia, the third daughter, born to Rena and Charlie Brightharp, who preceded her in death, as did her second older sister, Cleo Crawford, and youngest sister, Doris Jean Brightharp. Charline's only child, Claude Jones, Jr. also preceded her in death.

During her youth, Charline attended Harmony Baptist Church, and was active in the children's ministries. She was a regular participant on the Lenox Theater Saturday Afternoon Talent Show, where young and not so young singers, dancers and other talented neighbors performed, in hopes of winning one of the three prizes, that were awarded every Saturday. Charline won 1st Prize on many of those Saturdays.

Those Saturday performances proved to be the beginning of Charline's career, as one of the most popular singers in several of the "white" clubs in Augusta, during the early 1950s. She was a protege of Jerry Harris, a renowned pianist, who played in those clubs.

Charline and her sister, Cleo, came to New York in the early 1960s, and settled in Brooklyn, New York, where she lived until she went home to be with the Lord. She attended First Baptist Church of Crown Heights, on Eastern Parkway, in Brooklyn, NY, under the Leadership of Rev. Clarence Norman.

She is survived by: one grandson, Tariq Claude Jones of Brooklyn, NY; two sisters, Rena Watkins of Augusta, GA and Rev. Dr. Joan J. Brightharp of NYC; childhood Spiritual sister, Bettie Mays of New York City; nephews, Lucas, Bobby Ray, Jimmy Thomas, Greg Holiman, Tony Crawford, Christopher Brightharp and Monroe Bush, 3rd; nieces, Gloria Jean Thomas, Niesha Moore; and numerous grand-nephews and nieces; devoted next door neighbors, Kenny and Earlene Ford; and a host of friends.

Order of Service

Processional
Congregational Hymn "What A Friend We Have in Jesus"
Scripture Readings: Old Testament New Testament
Prayer of Comfort
Acknowledgements Earlene Ford
Remarks
RemarksRepresentative for Family Monroe Bush, 3rd
ObituaryEarlene Ford
Eulogy
Parting ViewUnity Funeral Chapels
Private Family View
Recessional

INURNMENT:

Greenwood Crematory Brooklyn, New York

After Glow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smile when day is done
I'd like an echo whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.
I'd like the tears of those who grieve, To dry before the sun,
Of happy memories that I leave behind when day is done.

Acknowledgement

The family wish to express our deep appreciation and sincere thanks to those of you who are here today, and to all others for their acts of kindness and prayers during our time of sorrow for our beloved Charline. God Bless you and keep you all in His care.

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