



IN THE TRADITION OF THE ANCIENT EGYPTIAN  
NEGATIVE CONFESSIONS WE OFFER THESE  
AFFIRMATIONS FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN MEN

*I have not spoken badly against my sisters or brothers.  
I have not told an untruth today.  
I have not disrespected my children, my woman or myself.  
I have not denied my ancestors.  
I have not stopped loving my mother, my father, or my siblings.  
I have not run from my responsibilities.  
I have not abused myself.  
I have not set out to deceive anyone.  
I have not given my power to anyone.  
I have not abused my women today.  
I have not caused any woman to feel less than herself today  
I have not stolen from or hurt anyone today.  
I have not forgotten to count my blessings.  
I have not been an enemy to my own people.  
I have not forgotten to pray today and give thanks to the Most High.  
I have not been a coward.*

~HONORARY PALLBEARERS~

James Mapp, Carl Manning, Alton Norwood,  
James G. Adams, Alfred Adams, Frank Adams, Terry Williams,  
Eric Franklin, James David, Ronald Prioleau, Anthony Wharton

~PALLBEARERS~

Anthony T. Toole  
Jerry Antonio King  
Prince K. Mitchell  
Derrick Millin  
Kahlil Hamilton  
Cole Vandross

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IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION

The family of the late *Charles R. Wyche* wishes to express deep and heartfelt appreciation for your loving thoughtfulness and concern, including cards, flowers, phone calls, visits, your presence here today, and especially your prayers. May God bless each of you, and may His peace be with you always.

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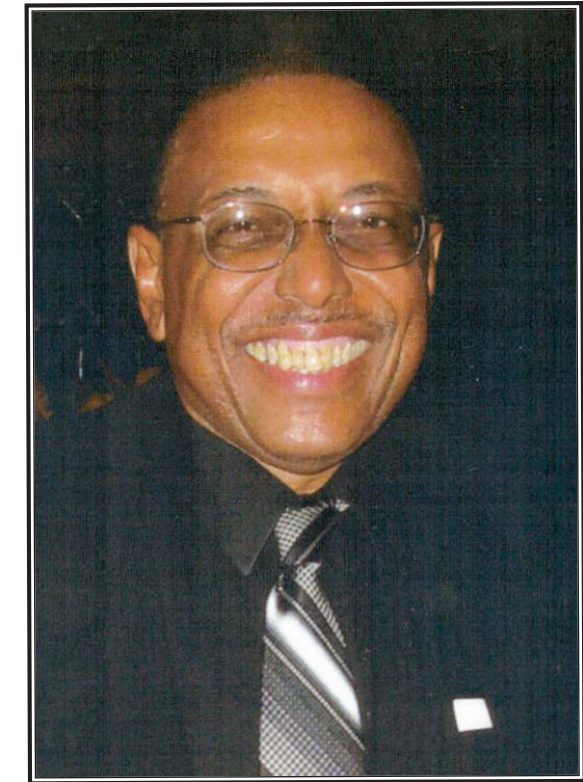
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*Celebrating the Life and Spirit  
of*



*Charles R. Wyche*

*Sunrise* *Sunset*  
*October 16, 1942* *May 23, 2024*

Services

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2024 – 4:00 p.m.

PERRY FUNERAL HOME  
118 Union Avenue  
Lynbrook, New York 11563

and

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.  
BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH RIDGEVILLE  
165 S. Railroad Avenue  
Ridgeville, South Carolina 29472

*Father, in Your infinite wisdom, You have chosen to call  
Charles home at this point in time, but You will provide each of us  
the strength, the will, and the wisdom to carry on.*

~ THE FAMILY

## Order of Service

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2024 – 4:00 p.m.

PERRY FUNERAL HOME  
Lynbrook, NY

MINISTER CORNELIUS HEYWARD, *Officiant*

MUSICAL PRELUDE .....Bishop David Sayles

PRAYER OF COMFORT

HYMN

SCRIPTURE READING .....Old Testament, Psalm 23  
New Testament, St. John 14:25-28  
Karen Armstrong, *Niece*

MUSICAL SELECTION .....*Goodness of God* (CeCe Winans)  
Derrick Wyche, *Nephew* and Status IV

OBITUARY ..... *Read Silently*

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONDOLENCES

Written Tributes read by La’Shawn D. Mitchell, *Daughter*  
Deborah Cleavest, *Niece*  
William (Butch) Page, *Lifelong Friend*

REFLECTIONS ..... Jimmy Mapp and Carl Manning, *Buffalo Soldiers*  
Shawnette T. Mitchell, *Daughter*

SELECTION ..... *Better Days*  
Bishop David Sayles

EULOGY ..... Minister Cornelius Heyward

CLOSING PRAYER ..... Minister Cornelius Heyward

PARTING VIEW ..... *Right Now Lord* (The Wardlaw Brothers) Status IV

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

~WRITTEN TRIBUTES~

*Dear Uncle Charles,  
I just wanted to thank you from my heart for all the times you were there for me with your financial and personal advice. As a single woman trying to figure out my direction, I admire the example you set as a man of integrity, and you always gave me firm and fair answers to my questions. I recall all our chats and will forever cherish our good times together. I will miss you. I love you always and forever, Debbie*

~My Brother From Another Mother~

*Charles was a member of Berean Baptist Church, in Brooklyn, NY where we became friends in the 1950s. I will never forget the memories I shared with Charles, from our time in high school together to his role as best man in my wedding party.*

*He was a pillar after his oldest brother, George, who always maintained a thoughtful decision before we did anything as teenagers. His other brothers and our scout leaders kept our heads on straight with keeping us out of gang membership. Charles’s career journey was a testament to his hard work and determination. After attending Brooklyn Community College, he went on to start his own business in the mid-1960s, building a successful and thriving enterprise from the ground up. His entrepreneurial spirit and passion for innovation inspired all who knew him.*

*I will miss our talks together.  
William (Butch) Page*

## Obituary

*Charles R. Wyche*, son of (the late) George Wyche, Sr. and Alice Belches-Wyche was born on October 16, 1942, in Brooklyn, New York. He was the youngest of ten children.

**Charles** grew up on Dean Street, the family later moved to Fort Greene Houses in Brooklyn. While his siblings were much older than him, **Charles** had three nephews (predeceased) and one niece, Barbara Mercer, around his age that grew up like siblings. Although **Charles** was very sickly growing up as a child, he remained very active.

**Charles** received his early childhood education through the NYC public school system, attending Elementary School PS 83 and Junior High School 217 (while there he played the Bells in the School Band), and in June 1960, he graduated from Boys High School in Brooklyn.

**Charles** was a dedicated member of the Berean Missionary Baptist Church, in Brooklyn. Known for his unwavering faith and commitment to serving others, he was involved in the Youth Lay League, Usher Board, the Young People’s Choir, Cherup Choir, Temple Choir, as well as participating in other church functioning activities. He was a member of the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and later became a Boy Scout Leader and a coordinator of the Boy Scouts Band at the church.

**Charles** had a thirst for higher education. In September 1960 he enrolled in Brooklyn Community College and later attended Long Island University where he received his degree in Business and Accounting.

**Charles** was united in holy matrimony to (the late) Jeanette Taggart in June 1963. They were blessed with one daughter, Deitra Wyche. Sadly, on November 1, 1994, Jeanette passed away after a lengthy illness.

After graduating from college **Charles** went to work for Texaco Oil Company. After working years as an accountant for various companies, **Charles** and two of his friends, Thom Quash, and Ray Trotman (both deceased) decided to go into business for themselves (Associated Accounting Services). As fate would have it, **Charles** and Thom continued to work hard together and built a successful business (Prestige Business System). **Charles** was very close to his siblings, and they were very proud of his accomplishments. He was a mentor to all of his nieces and nephews. He took his family very seriously and often came to their defense if and when it was needed. Family was the most important entity in **Charles’** life. He relished family gatherings in which they would laugh, play cards and joke with each other. He loved to dance and was very smooth on his feet. His presence brought a sense of calm and joy to every occasion, and his kindness and generosity touched everyone he encountered.

Throughout his life, **Charles** cultivated lifelong friendships, particularly with the church group of teenagers who remained close throughout adulthood. Together, they shared countless memories, laughs, and the bond of brotherhood that only true friends can understand. **Charles** was a beacon of strength and support for his friends, always there to offer a helping hand or a listening ear. He enjoyed traveling the world with his lifelong friends. They called themselves “*The Buffalo Soldiers*”.

Over the years **Charles** developed a fatherly relationship with children who would refer to him as “Dad”: Kim Barnes (deceased), Kelly Etheridge, and Richard Griffin, and their children. **Charles** was blessed to find love again when he met Deborah O. Adams Whipper, they were Soul Mates. He proposed marriage and on June 3, 2006, they were united in holy matrimony. **Charles** became Poppa to Deb’s twin daughters, LaShawn and Shawnette Mitchell and grandchildren. They were truly a blended family. Deb was a loving, dedicated and doting wife to **Charles**; throughout his struggles with health issues, she was there taking care of him. He would often say to her: “I’m living for you” ... and through her faith in God, he lived a long and happy life.

**Charles** was not only a husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, friend, mentor, and businessman, but a man of great character and integrity. His values of compassion, honesty, and kindness will continue to live on in the hearts of those he touched.

On Thursday, May 23, 2024, **Charles R. Wyche** joined the ancestral ranks of his parents, siblings, nephews, and nieces. He now leaves to cherish fond and loving memories, his wife, Deborah; daughter, Deitra; special niece, Barbara; his children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, lifelong friends, William Page, Carl Manning, Alton Norwood, James and Beverly Mapp, Zane Howard, and Geneva Trotman; a host of in-laws, other relatives and friends. We will miss **Charles** deeply, but we take comfort in knowing that he is now at peace, surrounded by the love of those who have gone before him. May his spirit live on in the memories we hold dear, and may we honor his legacy by carrying on his passion for faith, service and friendship.

## Order of Service

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH  
Ridgeville, SC

PASTOR STEVEN L. EVANS, *Officiating*

THE GATHERING..... Community

PRELUDE..... #440 *Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

PROCESSIONAL..... Clergy and Family  
#487 *If When You Give the Best, He Understands, He’ll Say, “Well Done”*

HYMN OF PRAISE..... #364 *My Hope is Built*

INVOCATION

SCRIPTURE .....Old Testament, Psalm 23  
New Testament, Romans 8:35-39

SELECTION

REFLECTIONS OF LIFE ..... *Please limit reflections to 3 minutes*  
James Wyche, Jr., *Nephew*  
Shawnette T. Mitchell, *Daughter*

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

SONG OF ASSURANCE

OBITUARY READING..... *Read Silently*

WORDS OF COMFORT

PRAYER OF COMFORT

HYMN OF CELEBRATION..... #511 *Sing the Wondrous Love of Jesus*  
*(When We All Get to Heaven)*

THE RECESSIONAL

FLORAL BEARERS

CASKET BEARERS

Interment

BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH CEMETERY

Repast Invitation

Following the interment, you are invited to join the family for refreshments and fellowship in the church’s fellowship hall.

All are welcome!