

I Am Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I am free.
I'm following the path God has laid you see
I took his hand when I heard Him call.

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,

To laugh, to love, to work or play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of the day,

If my parting has left a void,

Then fill it with remembered joys,

A friendship shared joys, A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Oh yes, these things I too will miss,

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,

I wish you sunshine of tomorrow,

My life been full, I savored much,

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief,

Lift up your hearts and share with me,

God wanted me now: He set me free!

- Acknowledgements -

Your kind deeds, prayers, visits, and comforting words during our time of bereavement gave us much strength. The Speight Family would also like to thank the Staff of Carrons Funeral Home, St. Luke Free Will Baptist Church, Stantonsburg, NC, Now Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Stantonsburg, NC, Oak Grove United American Baptist Church, Durham, NC and a special thank you to Tommy and Larry Speight. Thank you and May God Forever Bless and Keep you all! We pray the light that Charles left behind will be a beacon of love for all he touched.

- THE SPEIGHT FAMILY -

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Celebration of Life



CHARLES LEON SPEIGHT

September 29, 1963

Saturday, October 14, 2023

- 11:00AM -

October 4, 2023

Carrons Funeral Home

726 Tarboro St., Wilson, NC

Bishop Willie Thomas, Eulogist

- ORDER OF SERVICE -

Bishop Bobby Diggs, Presider
Mt. Zion United Holy Church, Bethel, NC

Processional.....Ministers & Family

Musical Tribute.....The Mighty Gospel Inspirational Singers

- Scripture Readings -

Old Testament (Psalm 23).....Latrice Street

New Testament (I Thessalonians 4:13-18).....Douglas Diggs

Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Raytheon Parker

Musical Tribute.....The Mighty Gospel Inspirational Singers

Obituary.....Read Silently

Remarks

Church.....Deacon Preston Charles

Community.....Mrs. Anne Artis

Family.....Mr. Howard Speight

Musical Tribute.....The Mighty Gospel Inspirational Singers

Eulogy.....Bishop Willie Thomas
St. Luke FWB Church, Stantonsburg, NC

Funeral Director's Brief

Recessional

- INTERMENT -
St. Delight Cemetery
Walstonburg, NC

FLORAL BEARERS
Nieces & Cousins

PALL BEARERS
Nephews & Cousins
Honorary Pall Bearers
The Brothers of Charles Speight

- OBITUARY -

Charles Leon Speight, affectionately known by family and friends as “Little Joe,” was born September 29th 1963, in Wilson, North Carolina to the late Freeman and Irene Speight. He entered into his eternal rest on October 4, 2023 at the family home in Stantonsburg, North Carolina.

Charles loved life. He was kind-hearted and always willing to lend a helping hand. He was thoughtful and protective of his big “little” sister, Sylvia. He always said he was fine when you asked him how he was doing, even when he was in pain. He never complained, no matter how he felt. He rarely argued or became upset. He was always calm. Charles was mild-mannered, always cheerful and most importantly always willing to help others. Charles “Little Joe,” was the baby brother of the family and sometimes treated as such. Charles accepted Christ at an early age and he was a long-standing member of St Luke Free Will Baptist Church in Stantonsburg, NC. He left the area, and upon his return years later, he renewed his membership with his home church.

Charles graduated from Beddingfield Senior High School in Stantonsburg, NC in 1981. After graduating he joined the United States Navy and served for nine years. He received an honorary discharge in 1990. While serving in the Philippines, he met and married Posai Manzana. They moved to Silver Springs, Maryland where he became an active member of the community and The People’s Baptist Church of Silver Springs, MD. After five years, the marriage was dissolved and Charles moved to Durham, North Carolina. He worked in the Healthcare field for over twenty-five years.

Charles was an active member of Oak Grove United American Baptist Church of Durham NC. Charles was dedicated to the gospel group he sang with, The Mighty Gospel Inspirational Singers. He sometimes even sang with his oxygen mask on and with the tank in tow.

Charles eventually retired from the Healthcare field due to his own failing health. After retiring, he moved back to Stantonsburg, NC where he was cared for under the watchful eye of his brother, Tommy. His brother prepared home cooked meals every day and occasionally accompanied him to his doctors’ appointments at the Veterans Hospital in Durham, NC.

Charles renewed his membership at St. Luke Free Will Baptist Church. He was a devout Christian who loved going to church and attending bible study. He faithfully attended St. Luke Free Will Baptist Church and Now Faith Missionary Baptist Church, both located in Stantonsburg, NC. Charles always stayed connected to his roots in the church.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents, Freeman, Sr. and Irene Speight; one brother, Freeman Speight, Jr.; four sisters, Earlene Taylor, Ethel Monk, Minnie Speight and Grace Newkirk; three nephews, Anthony Taylor, Perry Speight and Derrick Suggs.

Charles leaves to cherish his precious memories his sisters, Willie Mae Maddox, Silver Spring, MD; Joyce Ann Speight, Camp Springs, MD; Sylvia Speight-Malone (Karl) Washington, DC; brothers, James Earl Speight (Barbara) Suitland, MD; Leslie Speight (Ruth) Petersburg VA; Johnny Speight Wilson, NC; Howard Speight (Porcha) Upper Marlboro, MD; James Speight (Natascha) Wilson, NC; Tommy Speight, Stantonsburg, NC and a host of other loving nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.