



# Don't Cry for Me

Don't cry for me.  
I will be okay.  
Heaven is my home now,  
and this is where I'll stay.

Don't cry for me.  
I'm where I belong.  
I want you to be happy  
and try to stay strong.

Don't cry for me.  
It was just my time,  
but I will see you someday  
on the other side.

Don't cry for me.  
I am not alone.  
The angels are with me  
to welcome me home.

Don't cry for me,  
for I have no fear.  
All my pain is gone,  
and Jesus took my tears.

Don't cry for me.  
This is not the end.  
I'll be waiting here for you  
when we meet again.

*Author Unknown*



# Acknowledgements

During these most difficult hours, family and good friends are truly a blessing. We thank God for the precious gifts of love, family, and friendship. We thank you for reminding us that the unchangeable love of God is a fountain of strength and serenity. May God richly bless each of you as He continues to sustain us during our bereavement

**The Ivory Family**

# The Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity  
To accept the things I cannot change;  
Courage to change the things I can;  
And wisdom to know the difference.  
Living one day at a time;  
Enjoying one moment at a time;  
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;  
Taking, as He did, this sinful world  
As it is, not as I would have it;  
Trusting that He will make all things right  
If I surrender to His Will;  
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life  
And supremely happy with Him  
Forever and ever in the next.

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# Celebration of Life Charles Leon Ivory "Uncle Charlie"

April 19, 1953 - February 9, 2022



Saturday, February 19th, 2022

3:00 pm

Edwards Small Mortuary Chapel  
1011 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive  
Fort Valley, GA 31030

# Life Reflections

**Charles Leon Ivory** was born on April 19th, 1953, in Fort Valley, Georgia as the youngest child of John Henry Ivory Sr. and Annie Maude Preston Ivory. He was raised in a religious and loving family. The Ivory siblings share a sacred and unified bond that will never be broken. As the youngest of thirteen children, Charles would always ask his mother “who is your baby” at that time the house was filled with at least ten grandchildren in and out of the home. His mother would affectionately respond with, “You’re my baby, Charlie” before grabbing him to give him a warm hug. Charlie would always talk about his mother’s warm hug. Charles, preceded in death by his parents John Henry and Annie Maude Preston Ivory, ten siblings, Daisy M. Rumph, Willie J. Ivory, Dorothy White, Bernice Johnson, Ethel M. Burke, Jimmy Ivory, Bertha R. Rumph, Mary J. Pollock, Louis Leon Ivory, Sr. and John H. Ivory, Jr.

Charles Ivory graduated from Miami Central High School in 1971 and entered the United States Air Force in June of 1971, during his service he earned the Vietnam War National Defense Service Medal and Air Force Good Conduct Medal before his honorable discharge as a Sergeant in January of 1974.

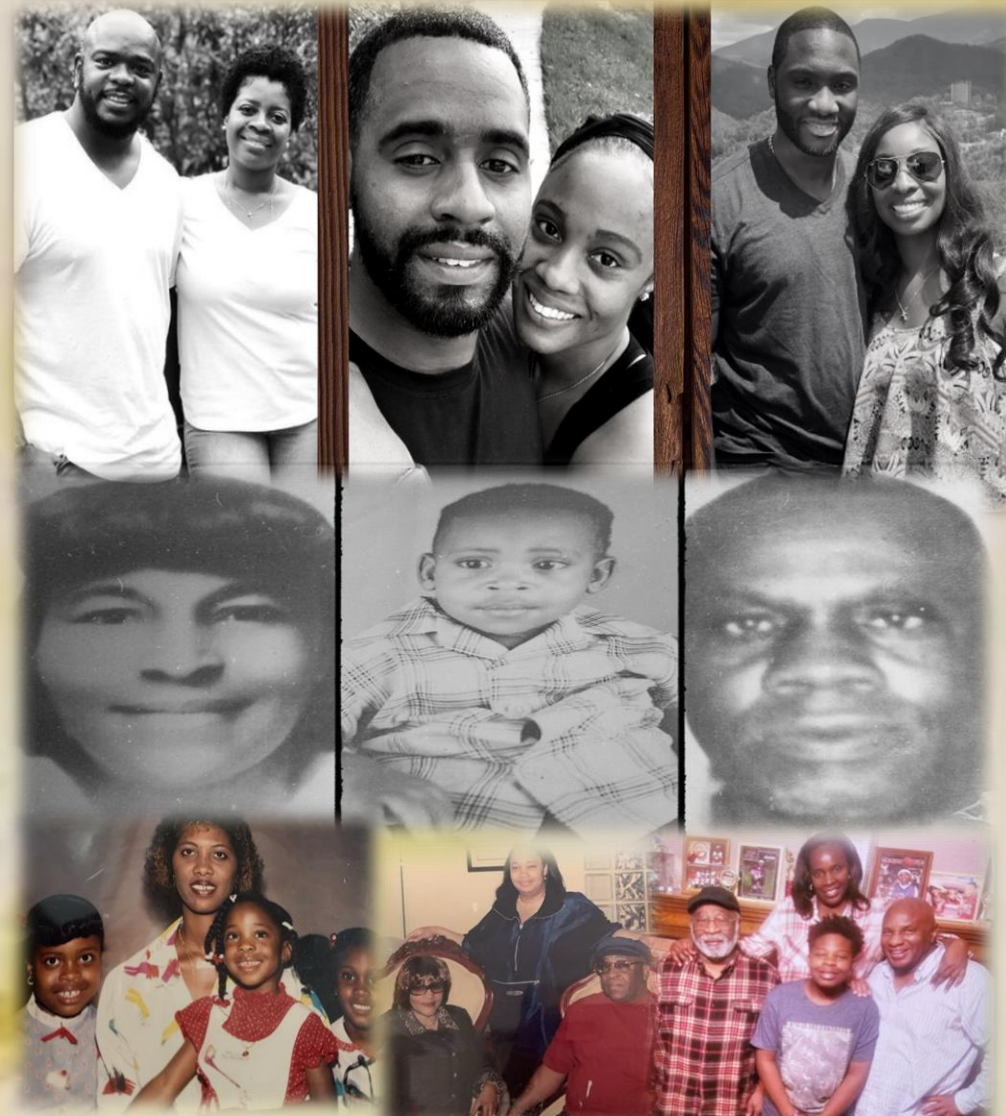
Through the years, many have grown to love and understand Charles. He has touched so many lives through his sense of humor, workmanship and generous spirit. As a father, brother, uncle, and friend, he always kept a compassionate smile and positive attitude. He was a gentle lamb who would pick up the phone and call you three to five times a day.

In 1998 Charles re-dedicated his life to the Lord and became the deacon of Upward Bound Christians Center Church in Miami, Florida under the leadership of Pastor Samuel L. Jones. Everyone knew his passion was driving long distances and he enjoyed traveling. One day Charles decided to relocate to his hometown of Fort Valley, Georgia. In 2021 he suffered a stroke and his big sister, Missouri Lowe, became his sole caregiver.

Charles leaves to cherish his memories three beautiful daughters Charsta Ivory (and husband Stacy Simmons), Danyell Ivory (and husband Carlos Caminero), Crystal Ivory (and husband Franklyn Oliver); two granddaughters Anecia Simmons and Jaylen Simmons; four grandsons Amir Caminero, Carlos Caminero, Franklyn Oliver and Milton Oliver. Two siblings, Essie Harris of Conyers, Georgia, and Missouri (Eugene) Lowe of Bonaire, Georgia; one brother-in-law, Howard Pollock of Miami, Florida; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and devoted family and friends.



# Memories...



# Order of Service

**Pastor Colby McKenzie, Officiating**

- Musical Prelude
- Processional
- Invocation.....Rev. Dr. John Davis
- Scripture Reading
  - New Testament.....Dr. Regina Ivory-Butts
  - Old Testament.....Rev. Dr. John Davis
- Musical Selection.....Brother Dexter Davis

## Reflections (3 minutes please)

- As A Niece.....Tracie Harris-Knowles
- As Daughters.....Danyell Ivory-Caminero  
Crystal Ivory-Oliver
- Poem.....Crystal Ivory
- Musical Selection.....Brother Dexter Davis
- Words of Comfort.....Pastor Colby McKenzie
- Acknowledgments.....Edwards Small Mortuary
- Final Viewing
- Recessional

## Repast

Immediately Following Celebration of Life  
Crystal Ivory’s Home in Fort Valley, Georgia



## Interment

Tuesday, February 22, 2022  
Andersonville National Military Cemetery  
in Macon County, Georgia