

CELEBRATION OF LIFE  
HOMEGOING

*Reverend Charlie James Parham, Sr.*



**SATURDAY**

**OCTOBER 29, 2016**

**1:00 P.M.**

**BULLOCK COUNTY CAREER  
TECHNICAL CENTER**

**304 EAST BLACKMON STREET  
UNION SPRINGS, AL 36089**

**PASTOR JEROME ANTHONY, OFFICIATING**

*"I have fought a good  
fight, I have finished my  
course, I have kept the faith:  
Hence forth there is laid up for  
me a crown of righteousness,  
which the Lord, the righteous  
judge, shall give me at that  
day: and not to me only, but  
unto all them also that love his  
appearing."*

**2 Timothy 4:7-8**



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\* REV. CHARLIE PARHAM \*

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“FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS”

# *"My Last Request"*

Please don't say, that I gave up,  
Just say that I gave in.

Don't say I lost the battle,  
For it was God's war to lose or win.

Please don't say how good I was,  
Just say I tried to do what's right,  
To give the most I could, not do less.  
Please don't give me wings or halos,  
That's for God to do.

I want no more than I deserve,  
No extra's just my due.

Please don't give me flowers,  
Or talk in harsh tones.

Don't be concerned about me now,  
I'm well with God. I made it home  
Don't talk about what could have been,  
It's over and it's done.

Just see to all my family's needs,  
The battle has been won.

When you draw me as a saint,  
I've done some good,  
I've done some wrong,  
So use all your paint.


Not just the bright and light tones,  
Use some gray and dark.

In fact, don't put me down on canvas,  
Paint me in your heart.

Don't just remember all the good times,  
But remember all the bad.

For life is full of many things,  
Some happy and some sad.

But if you must do something,  
Then i have one last request.

Forgive me all the wrongs I've done,  
And with the love that's left,  
Thank God for all who loved me,  
Praise God who loved me best. 



**Reverend Charlie James Parham, Sr.** was born on December 27, 1953 in Bullock County, Alabama to the late George Parham, and the late Willie Mae Phillips Parham. He was raised by his grandmother, the late Alma Walker.

At an early age, he accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior, and united with Mt. Azure Missionary Baptist Church, Three Notch Community, Midway AL; under the care of the late Rev. E.L. Thornton.

In his early years, he served faithfully as Sunday School Teacher and Superintendent, Usher President, Choir Member & President, Usher's Federation President, Deacon, Care Taker of Church, etc.

As his faith grew in the Lord, he accepted the call from the Lord to preach the Gospel to all men. On June 10, 2001 at 5:00 p.m., Rev. Parham preached his initial sermon at Mt. Azure Missionary Baptist Church. He was licensed to preach God's Holy Word. On February 2, 2002, he was ordained as a Gospel Preacher to carry the Good News to all, under the leadership of Pastor Jerry Bennett.

During his ministry, Reverend Parham has pastored New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Union Springs, AL, New Elam Missionary Baptist Church, Highway 100 Mitchell Station, AL, and Mt. Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Midway AL.

Reverend Parham was employed by Wayne Farms in Union Springs, AL for 38 years.

He answered his Master's call on Tuesday, October 25, 2016. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Ed Parham, sisters Bernice Parham, Bobbie Ann Parham, and Essie Fortson, great-granddaughter Kaitlyn Lamiracle Anthony.

He leaves to cherish his memories, wife: Maggie Parham. Four children: Kimberlyn Parham, Montgomery, AL, Charlie Parham, Jr, Union Springs, AL, Kivondra (Jeffery) Rivers, Montgomery, AL, and Veronica (Jerome) Anthony, Midway, AL. Grandchildren: Keondra (Rexton), Traderious, Niyanda, Jerome, Jr., Isaiah, Jayla, Amber, Kamiah, Tylia, Jahbari. Great-grandsons: Chase and Jaden. Godsons: Marcus Pugh and Jason King. Brother: George (Gloria) Parham, Midway, AL. Sisters: Sallie Parham, Midway, AL, Georgia Rodgers, Union Springs, AL, Charlie Mae (McKinley) Menefee, Tuskegee, AL, Alma Parham, Homestead, FL, Lola (Larry) Pye, Miami, FL, Josephine Shell, Haines City, FL, Judy Foster, Margaret Foster, both of Midway, AL. Brother-in-Laws: George (Loretta) Pugh, Baltimore, MD, Jeremiah Pugh, Riverside, CA. Sister-in-laws: Arinea Pugh, Jessie (Theodis) King, Ollie (Huey) Byrd, all of Union Springs, AL, Susie Williams, Riverside, CA. God-Brothers: William "Big Boy" Anderson, Reginald (Dianne) Johnson, Chester (Jessie Pearl) Townsend, all of Union Springs, AL. And a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, other friends and neighbors. 🌹

# Obituary

# Order of Service

Presiding..... Pastor Darryl Andrews  
Musical Prelude.....  
Processional & Final Farewell .....  
Devotion ..... Pastor Jeffery Fortson, Pastor  
Thomas Pritchett, Pastor Steven Monday  
Song "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross.....New Hope Choir  
Scripture Reading:  
    Old Testament..... Pastor J.N. Robbins  
    New Testament .....Pastor Reed  
Prayer..... Pastor Gary Lewis  
Solo.....Sis. Mary Rayborn  
"As I Knew Him..... Pastor Henry Streeter  
Words of Encouragement to the Family ..... Pastor Bruce Burkes

## Reflections

(2 minutes please)

Family \* Pastors \* Mt. Azure Church \* New Hope Church \*  
New Elam \* Mt. Pleasant Hill \* Class of "73"

Obituary.....Soft Music..... Read in Silence  
Acknowledgements ..... Sis. Shirley Streeter  
Song.....New Hope Choir  
Eulogy .....Pastor Jerome Anthony  
New Bethel Baptist Church, Midway, AL  
Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Union Springs, AL  
Recessional.....  
Postlude.....

  
\* INTERMENT \*

**Mt. Azure Baptist Church Cemetery**





## Pallbearers

Nephews & Family Friends  
Class of 1973

## Flower Bearers

Class of 1973

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# *Acknowledgments*

The family of the late  
*Reverend Charlie James Parham, Sr.*  
is truly grateful for your prayers, and many acts of kindness shown  
during our time of bereavement.

~ The Family ~



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## Repast

Unions Springs Elementary School

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