

## Order of Service

### Prelude

### Processional

Clergy and Family

### Selection

Reverend Bruce Henderson, Sr.

"Troubles of the World"

### Scripture Readings

Old and New Testaments ~ Reverend Lorenza James

### Prayer

Reverend Albert Shade, Jr.

### Reading of Obituary

Mrs. Felicia Ayers-Sporey

### Expressions

(2 Minutes Please)

Friends ~ Mr. Harry Short & Mr. Ed Sherrod

Family

### Selection

Reverend Bruce Henderson, Sr.

"Precious Lord"

### Eulogy

Reverend Bruce Henderson, Sr.

Pastor, Friendship Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa, AL

### Recessional

### Interment

Cedar Oak Memorial Park

1401 Mimosa Park Rd., Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35405

### Pallbearers

Family and Friends

### Honorary Pallbearers

Druid High School, Class of 1959

Detroit/Tuscaloosa Reunion Club

### Flower Bearers

Family, Friends, and Ushers

### Repast & Fellowship

Weeping Mary Activity Center

### Expressions of Gratitude

The family of Mr. Charlie Ayers, Jr., would like to thank each of you for the many acts of loving kindness and support shown to us during our bereavement. Your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered. May God's blessing shine on each of you.

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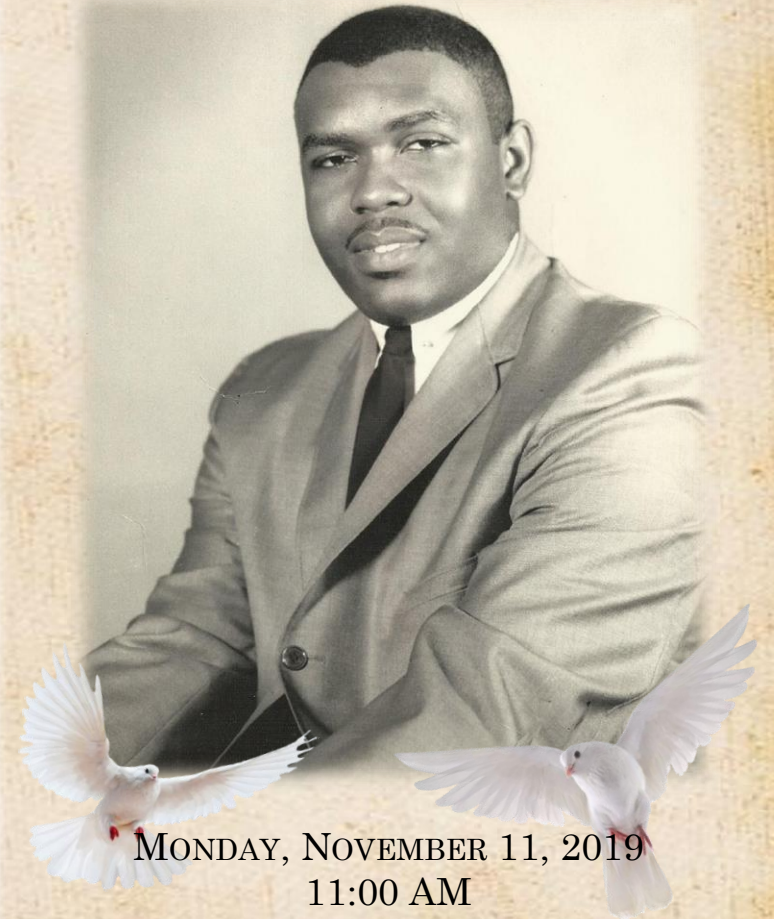
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## Celebration of Life for Mr. Charlie Ayers, Jr.

DECEMBER 24, 1939 ~ NOVEMBER 2, 2019



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2019

11:00 AM

*Weeping Mary Baptist Church*

2701 20<sup>th</sup> ST, TUSCALOOSA, AL 35401

*Reverend Bruce Henderson, Officiant & Eulogist*

*Reverend Ricky J. McKinney, Pastor*



## *Life Reflections*

Mr. Charlie Ayers, Jr., was born in Coatopa, Alabama, however he was raised in Tuscaloosa, Alabama and attended school in the Tuscaloosa City School System. Mr. Ayers graduated from Druid High School in 1959 where he lettered in football. In the course of his educational endeavors, he received numerous awards for his athletic abilities in baseball as well as football which enabled him to receive a full paid scholarship to Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi.

Upon receiving his dual degree in Mathematics and Physical Education & Health, he relocated to Detroit, Michigan where he gained employment with Great Lakes Steel. After a short stay with the steel company, Mr. Ayers became employed with United Insurance Company as an Insurance Agent and later as a Staff Manager for over thirty years utilizing his leadership, time management, negotiating, analytical and marketing skills. As a result of his skill set, he was highly regarded with great respect and recognition, and also received many awards and accolades for his people skills and talents; resulting in many yearly bonuses and company trips for his exemplary performance.

He also co-owned and managed Cleve's Lounge in southwest Detroit, Michigan with his brother Cleveland Ayers for many years. He was a member of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan under the leadership of Rev T. Chapman and was a member of the Security Team at the church. He was also an award-winning pool player and avid gardener who was known for his meticulous lawn.

His social affiliations over the years include; his passionate ties to Tuscaloosa as President and member of the Detroit Chapter of the Tuscaloosa Reunion Club. He was a member of the Metropolitan Elks Lodge #962, The River Rats Pool League, Tuesday's Bid Whist/Spades Club, Wild Game Club and a Lifetime Member of the NAACP.

Mr. Ayers passed away on November 2, 2019 at Hospice of West Alabama. He was preceded in death by his father Mr. Charlie Ayers Sr.; mother Mrs. Eunice Fenderson Ayers, Sister Mary Ayers, brothers, Cleveland Ayers, and James Ayers. Survivors include his caring and devoted wife Mrs. Lillie Blackmon Ayers, two devoted children: daughter, Tonja L. Ayers (The Shoe Lady) and Tony D. Ayers, three grandchildren: Antoine Lamont Ayers, Jacquelyn D. Samuel, and Antonio D. Samuel and one great grandson of Detroit, Michigan; Brothers, Readies (Bessie) Ayers, Detroit, Michigan; Amos (Selma) Ayers, St. Petersburg, Florida, Perry (Laura) Ayers, Honolulu, Hawaii; Brother, Jimmy Ayers, Sisters, Earlean Ayers, and Margaret Ayers of Tuscaloosa, Alabama and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

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## **MY MOTIVATOR**

Thank you for being my motivator, inspiration and my everything in between. Always encouraging me and being supportive as I climbed the ladder of success. You never gave up on me and I never gave up on you. You may be gone but you will always be loved and in my heart, Thanks for the journey! "Love Lil" Your Wife

## **DADDY'S GIRL**

I woke up this morning thanking the Lord above for blessing me with the first man I ever loved. You were a father who was strong, brave and wise. A man who was a monumental figure in my life. I'm lost without you and I'll have to find my way but what keeps me going is knowing I'll see you again one day. I'm praying to God and asking for strength to go on without you in this world. I'll love you always and forever.

Love, Daddy's Girl

## **DAD**

I will always remember you cutting my hair and teaching me how to cut the lawn just right. Sitting up at night playing cards, dominos and teaching me how to shoot pool. You always being there for me whenever I needed you or needed anything. Love You Always. Tony

## **GRAND DAD**

A thousand times we have needed you and you were there. Since this has happened we have cried a thousand times. If Love could have saved you, you never would have died. God broke our heart to prove He only takes the best and a day will never go by that you will not be in our hearts. Thank you, granddaddy, for all the life lessons, road trips and the trips back and fore to school you taught us. So, when we are faced with life's obstacle, we will stop and ask. What would Grand Dad do?

Love, Monty, Jackie, and Tonio