



Charles Bradford

August 12, 1948 - June 5, 2020

Charles Bradford departed this life on June 5, 2020 after an extended illness. He succumbed to cardiac arrest. He was born August 12, 1948 in Brooklyn, NY, at Kings County Hospital. Charles was one of eight children, born to Louise Hooks Bradford and Charley Bradford, who are both deceased. At an early age, he became a member of Zion Baptist Church. He was educated in the Brooklyn, NY school system and graduated from Erasmus High School. After high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served a tour of duty in Vietnam. After leaving the military, with an honorable discharge, he began his career in corporate America.

While working at New York Telephone Company, he met his future wife, Caroline Morris, and they married on March 4th, 1978. They relocated to Atlanta, GA in October 1981 and worked for BellSouth. During their spare time in Atlanta, they enjoyed traveling, movies and sports. Charles worked crossword puzzles, and he enjoyed music (especially Etta James, Kirk Franklin and the Family, and all Oldies), extensive reading, and watching Jeopardy. He also loved playing basketball and even refereed for several years. He would always comment "I could still play if my knees weren't hurting."

Charles was a very smart person, but he would never let you know it. Charles also joined the Air Force Reserve at Dobbins Air Force Base and served for four years. He obtained an associate degree in Occupational Studies and a B.A. degree from National-Louis University.

Known as "Junior" to his family and friends, he never complained and always had a smile. His personality was infectious, and he was very witty and humorous. He always had jokes.

Charles leaves to cherish his precious memories: his loving wife of 42 years, Caroline Bradford; stepdaughter, Ursula Williamson; grandsons, Christopher and Kendall Williamson; sister, Shirley Johnson; brother, Leroy Bradford (Yvonne); brother-in-laws - James Peele, Sam Solomon, Roy Roberts, and Darnell Roberts; sister-in-laws, Sharon Bradford, Mari Roberts (Jasyn); Aunt, Cora Bradford; Aunt, Josephine Cooper (Freddie);

Uncle, Joseph Hooks (Mae Frances); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Charles was proceeded in death by sisters, Mary Lou Peele, Ella Mae Solomon, and Deloris Bradford; brothers, James Bradford and Lucius Bradford; and aunts, Viola Fletcher and Mae Pearl McNeil.

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc. - June 09, 2020 at 08:04 AM



“ Rest In Peace my beautiful brother. I shall always hold the memories when you as my oldest male cousin mentored me when I was a young teenager. And as equally important our times spent together the last two years was a blessing to my wife and I. Will miss you and always cherish your love for our entire family

Dexter Hooks - June 10, 2020 at 12:08 AM



“ Our sincere condolences to Carol and family. Our prayers and thoughts are with you during this difficult time.

Jose Aponte and Troy Hewett

José Aponte - June 15, 2020 at 01:52 PM



“ I will miss Charles's upbeat and friendly personality. He made you feel welcome and always had jokes to make you laugh. It was a privilege to know him. Carol and Ursula, I love you dearly and will continue praying for God to comfort you during this journey.

Tiffany Dover - June 12, 2020 at 01:34 PM



“ Still can't believe it. Who would've thought my last time seeing uncle Jr would be my last time seeing him. Going to miss him always saying " oh yeah JP you needed that" around Christmas. Aunt Carol I love you and you and the family are in my prayers.

James Bradford (JJ) - June 12, 2020 at 12:56 PM



“ I'm still lost for words, I can't believe believe one of my favorite uncles is gone. I will never forget your crazy sense of humor, I knew I could always count on you for a good laugh. You will truly be missed. Aunt Carol - We love you and you are in our prayers. We are asking God to comfort you during this difficult time.

Love,

Jennifer, Jaela and Kira

Jennifer Bradford - June 12, 2020 at 11:22 AM



“ Carol, you know that I admired Charles... such a special person. It has been a pleasure and blessing knowing you both. God bless and I am praying for you and the family. Love , Carol Ratliff.

Carol Ratliff - June 12, 2020 at 10:54 AM



“ Our prayers and thoughts are with Caroline and the family. Christine High and Virginia Haynie



Virginia Haynie - June 11, 2020 at 09:10 PM



“ My sincere condolences to Carol and your family.

Raynetta Dye - June 11, 2020 at 12:51 PM



“ To my Uncle: Words cannot express how I'm feeling knowing your not here. You and your brothers were like brothers to me growing up. Without you here, it's just another heartache. Another day knowing someone who meant so much is gone. Losing you and my mother is unbearable at the moment, but I know both of you are singing in heaven. There will never be another like you. Do your dance in heaven for me and let them know, I'll be there when it's my time. God Bless!! Always



Jeffrey Peele - June 10, 2020 at 09:36 PM



“ He was so funny, he would kid

me and Carolyn about the good old Days Carolyn and i,are first cousin grown up together I am sure he will find more first cousin up there. To have fun with. We Will miss you cuz

Paulette Gore - June 10, 2020 at 08:32 PM



“ Jr. was so special in our lives. He showed us so much love. He was a giving and loving person and a great nephew. He and Carol would come to SC to see about us and we called Jr and Carol our children. We will truly miss him.

Joseph (Borgie) & May Francis Hooks

Joseph & May Francis Hooks - June 10, 2020 at 08:32 PM



“ I love my nephew Jr. so much. He cared so much for me & Freddie. I am going to miss the phone calls. He would always make me laugh. I would say what in the world you talking about and he would answer you know. Not only the phone calls but we will remember the great times we had at your house. You will be missed but not forgotten. We love you Aunt Josephine (Diddy) and Uncle Freddie

Fred and Josephine Cooper

Fred & Josephine Cooper - June 10, 2020 at 08:18 PM



“ I will miss my nephew. I am 92 years old and whenever he was in NY he came by and took me where ever I needed to go. R.I.P. and I Love You

Cora Bradford

Cora Bradford - June 10, 2020 at 06:08 PM



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Dexter Hooks - June 10, 2020 at 06:46 PM



“ Our condolences to the Bradford family. Charles was a great friend, I'm remembering our trip to NY the end of October. My heart is sadden. Remembering our trips with family and friends; the many cruises we shared. RIP

Charles - June 12, 2020 at 12:16 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles Bradford.



June 10, 2020 at 05:33 PM



“ Bishop Thompson III purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Charles Bradford.



Bishop Thompson - June 10, 2020 at 01:37 PM



“ I was very surprised to hear this news. Charles was the man! He made coming into the office a pleasure. Will miss his smile and sly humor.

Bishop Thompson - June 10, 2020 at 01:28 PM



“ I was saddened to hear about your death. I will always remember your funny sense of humor. I will always remember our visit to Georgia two years ago we stayed with you and Carol and you gave us a tour of downtown Atlanta and afterwards you and Carol treated all of us to a delicious fancy dinner at Pappadeaux restaurant. May you sleep in peace and you will have all the angels laughing in heaven. Love- Tony Smith

Tony Smith - June 10, 2020 at 07:27 AM



“ This had me in shock. I will never forget you Uncle you always made me laugh. The best memory we had together was two years ago in Georgia. We laughed had dinner together watched basketball together and you always knew how to put a smile on my face. Uncle you will be missed dearly and never forgotten. Love Sophie.

Sophia Smith - June 10, 2020 at 07:22 AM



“ He was my oldest uncle (my Mother's brother) and he made me laugh growing up together. I will never forget how he answered all the questions on the jeopardy game show every Friday night gathering at my grandmother's house. He will be missed but I will always honor his memory. I love you Unc- Love Samantha Smith

Samantha Smith - June 10, 2020 at 07:17 AM



“ I am going to miss my brother-in-law Junior. He always had a sense of humor. He always made you laugh. He would call me wolf face I didn't understand why but that was his joke for me. As I got older he stopped calling me wolf face but would always have something to say about someone in humor. SIP my brother until we meet again.
Your sister-in-law Sharon

Sharon Bradford - June 09, 2020 at 10:52 PM



“ The sweet memories shall forever linger in our hearts. Always wearing a huge smile, willing to help you do anything and those jokes and that laughter was infectious. He was a true part of our family and we will miss him dearly. We prayer for our cousin for comfort and strength in the days head.

Liz Reese - June 09, 2020 at 10:46 PM



“ Rest In Peace Cuz...this really took me by surprise man. You were one of the funniest people I knew so I will definitely miss your sense of humor.

One of the fondest memories I have was spending Thanksgiving at your house a few years ago. We had such a great time that night.

You will be missed by so many.

Jasmin Cooper - June 09, 2020 at 09:30 PM



“ There is a hole in my heart. I've lost my cousin and my big brother. You were always there for me and always pushing me to be the best that I could be. I love you Chuck!
Gloria Jean Cooper

Gloria Jean Cooper - June 09, 2020 at 09:23 PM



“ My deepest condolences to you and your family. I enjoyed all the wonderful stories you shared with me about all the great things Junior and Carol did and the fun times you had together. I know how much you and your family loved and appreciated him each and every day, and the hole he leaves behind. He is one of a kind, and he will forever live on through all these amazing memories you have build together. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. God bless you.

Zully Ortiz - June 10, 2020 at 11:08 AM



“ 32 files added to the album Memories Album



Sandra Gullatt - June 09, 2020 at 09:13 PM



“ My heart aches to hear the passing of Charles Bradford. Charles was kind and a beautiful person. Gone too soon, but his love lives on. Will cherish his memories forever. God bless the family and my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Love you,
Monica Gullatt Ross

Monica Ross - June 09, 2020 at 12:48 PM



“ Michelle, Jeffrey ,Javontay and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Charles Bradford.



Michelle, Jeffrey ,Javontay and family - June 09, 2020 at 11:37 AM



“ Rhonda Gullatt purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Charles Bradford.



Rhonda Gullatt - June 09, 2020 at 11:25 AM



“ I was deeply saddened to hear about the passing of Junior. Junior was a cheerful good spirit that always had a pleasant smile. Junior's wonderful soul lives for an eternity. He is in heaven watching over all of us. He is at peace and pain-free.

Michelle(Jeffrey wife)

Michelle Williams-Peele - June 09, 2020 at 11:21 AM



“ Although no words can really help to ease the loss you bear. Just know that you are very close in every thought and prayer. A great nice person to know - I will truly miss you dearly. (Charles Jr Sir)

Love You,
Sandra Gullatt

Sandra Gullatt - June 09, 2020 at 10:28 AM



“ All ways will remember my brother-in law as great person to be around Rest In Peace ;I know you and Mary are together now and at peace :jp

james peelee - June 08, 2020 at 07:37 PM



“ To an older brother, I will truly miss but I will see you again.
It was always a joy to hear you when we saw you. Carol, you will always be in our prayers.
Leroy, Gloria, David Michelle Malachi

Leroy & Gloria Bradford - June 12, 2020 at 01:09 PM



“ Hi Family:
We are the new neighbors to the right (of your house). Unfortunately, I did not get an opportunity to meet Mr. Charles but did see him speaking with my husband a few times. Yes, he was always pleasant each time I encountered him from a distance. We (my husband and I) saw the ambulance on the property, I think it was one Thursday night) at which time, I prayed for the person not knowing who it was. I am so so so sorry for your loss and so so so sorry I did not get an opportunity to meet Mr. Charles. Oftentimes, we really don't know how people touch us...love is like that. My thoughts and prayers have been with the family since that night ~Natal

Natal Thomas - June 12, 2020 at 01:17 PM



“ My sincere condolences to Carol and the Bradford family. Remember, God is...

Irene Hudgins - June 12, 2020 at 01:48 PM