



Charles Nathaniel Counts

March 13, 2016

Mr. Charles Nathaniel Counts I, 65, departed this life peacefully in his sleep at home on Sunday, March 13, 2016. He was born March 9, 1951 in Charlotte, North Carolina to Claude and Alene W. Counts. Charles' early education was with the Broward County School District in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He graduated from John F. Kennedy Senior High School in Riviera Beach, Florida in the class of 1969. He met Alnitha "Peggy" Lovett and they were joined in Holy Matrimony on April 18, 1970. Four beautiful children were born to this union: LaSharn, Tamika, Chelsea, and Charles II (Nathan) and were affectionately known as "Charlie's Angels & Bosley".

Charles attended St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in West Palm Beach, Florida where he sung in the choir. He later attended and joined 5th Avenue Church of God in Fort Lauderdale, Florida

where he served tirelessly in his roles as Deacon, Pastor's Aide, Driver for the Bus Ministry, Evangelism and Outreach, choir member, and in any other capacity that he was needed. He was under watch care at Love Life Christian Fellowship Church in Ellenwood, Georgia under Pastor Grace C. Washington. He later fellowshiped at Voices of Praise New Testament Church of God in Lithonia, Georgia. Charles was employed by Southern Bell/Bellsouth/AT&T for 33 years. He worked for 20 years in the Fort Lauderdale area before relocating to Atlanta, Georgia where he worked as a Project Manager for 13 years before retiring in August 2013. Since retiring, Charles enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, traveling, fishing, working in his yard and garden,

and serving his community. "Mr. Charles" as he was affectionately called, was the unofficial neighborhood "watchman" for his Princeton Park subdivision. He had a heart of gold, was very giving and hospitable, open-hearted and always willing to lend a helping hand. He leaves to cherish his memory: His lovely wife of 45 years and 11 months, Alnitha, Lithonia, Georgia; Daughters: LaSharn (Herman III) Williams, Conley, Georgia, Tamika (Keith) Lang, McLeansville, North Carolina, Chelsea Counts, Tallahassee, Florida; Son: Charles N. Counts II, Conyers, Georgia. Grandchildren: Malcolm A. Williams, Matthew A. Williams, Ryan L. Counts, Rayna J. Counts, Riley A. Counts, Bailey I. Lang. Parents: Claude and Alene W. Counts, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Mother-in-law: Frances J. Gibson, West Palm Beach, Florida. Brothers: Ricardo E. (Cynthia) Counts, San Antonio, Texas, Darryl E. (Wanda) Counts, Miramar, Florida.

Sister: Claudia L. Counts, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Aunts & Uncles: Effie (Gurlester) Belk, Riviera Beach, Florida, Lillian (John) Morris, Charlotte, North Carolina, Rosetta Watkins, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Godchildren: Donnsia "DeeDee" Spry-Turner, Karla R. Culpepper, Marcus Blue. Brothers and Sisters-in-law: Ellsworth (Wilma) Gibson, Gartrell Gibson, Pamela Lovett, Edwin (Monica) Lovett, Janice Gibson. Aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of other relatives and friends. Celebration of Life Services will be held 11AM Saturday, March 26, 2016 Visitation day of service 9:00 AM – 11:00AM at Voices of Praise New Testament Church of God 1368 Stephenson Road Lithonia, Ga 30058 Pastor Theodore Sinclair.

Florida Funeral Arrangements will be held 11AM Saturday, April 2, 2016 at 5th Avenue Church of God 211 NW 5th Avenue Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311 Pastor John Hudson. Interment Sunset Memorial Gardens 3201 NW 19th Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311. Visitation Friday, April 1, 2016 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM. at 5th Avenue Church of God. Repast St. Christopher's Episcopal Church Parish Hall 318 NW 6th Avenue Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311 Father Leonel Charles. Thorne's Mortuary 420 SE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Stuart, FL 34994 772-223-0900

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **26.** 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Voices of Praise New Testament Church of God
1386 Stephenson Rd
Lithonia, GA 30058

Service

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“ *May you all gain comfort as you keep in mind... "God sent his only-begotten Son into the world so that we might gain life through him." ~1 John 4:9. Jesus encourages us: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Exercise faith in God, exercise faith also in me." ~John 14:1*



B. Parks - March 23, 2016 at 10:14 PM