



## Lawson Charles Squash Jr.

October 11, 1933 - June 19, 2023

Lawson Charles Squash was born in Ridge Springs, South Carolina to the union of Lawson Squash. Sr and Ophelia Squash on October 11, 1933. At the very young age of one the family moved to Brooklyn, New York. Lawson, affectionately called Charles, his entire life, joined the United States Army at the young age of 17, which required his mother's signature to do so. Serving in the Army he had the opportunity to be stationed at different military bases in the United States, as well as countries in Europe. Charles met and married Rebecca Matthews from his hometown neighborhood. They were married until his death for 65 loving years and were a twosome. Of this union were born three children, two girls and a boy. The family joined him and lived for three years in France in the early 1960's. His son being born while there. Upon returning to the United States from France, Charles was deployed to Vietnam during the war. Leaving his family in New York to do his duty serving his country during that tumultuous time both here and abroad.

Upon returning from Vietnam, Charles was deployed to Germany, again taking his family with him. After three years they returned stateside, to Fort Hamilton in Brooklyn, New York where Charles served the rest of his military career, retiring in 1972 after serving just under 21 years and receiving numerous medals and awards. Charles and family then moved to Philadelphia, PA, living there for 23 years. During this time Charles worked for just under 19 years for the US Postal Service in the Motor Vehicles Services division at 30th Street Station in Philadelphia before retiring.

In 1995 Charles and his wife Rebecca retired to the city she had fallen in love with when visiting him when he was stationed in Atlanta. Moving quite a distance away from his roots in New York, family, friends, Army and Post Office buddies to Ellenwood, Georgia.

Devoted to his family, Charles was a strong, quiet man with a big heart. He demonstrated his love for the Lord through his daily actions and how he treated his family, friends, loved ones, neighbors and strangers. He was a giver, always helping family and friends in need. He was skilled at providing advice and guidance and a good listener. He had a quick wit and a good sense of humor. He was a connoisseur of sweet potato pies, peach cobbler and fruit preserves and a lover of jazz music. He was an active mall walker until he sorrowfully began to lose his vision. Charles' spirit always remained positive despite any challenge he bore, focusing always on his family. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather uncle, in-law, nephew, neighbor, and friend.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents, Ophelia and Lawson Squash, Sr; sisters Margaret McFadden, Teresa Squash, Harriet Davis, Joan Ellison, Mary Ford, Dorothy Abram; and brother Edward James Squash.

He leaves to cherish his memory and celebrate his life, his beloved wife of 65 years Rebecca Squash; daughters Shari Parrish (husband Chester), Stephanie Squash and son Charles Squash ; one sister, Estelle Squash; brother-in-law Aaron Abram; three grandsons Russell, Jarrell and Derek, Jr, two granddaughters Cheri and Najah; three great grandsons, Aeneus, Torin and Carl, Jr; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, neighbors and friends who loved him dearly.

# Cemetery Details

## Georgia National Cemetery

1080 Scott Hudgens Drive  
Canton, Ga 30114

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 30. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Gregory B Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory  
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy  
Decatur, GA 30034  
(404) 241-5656

## Celebration of Life

JUN 30. 10:00 AM (ET)

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## Burial

JUN 30. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

SW

“ *Mr Squash and my father, Irving Turner, Sr were friends for many years. Anytime I would go to Philly I would be welcomed with open arms and love. Ad a child I often thought he was Isaac Hayes...until I knew better.*

*Sending my love, thoughts, and prayers.*

*Shari*

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**Shari Turner White** - June 30, 2023 at 05:40 PM

KD

“ *I have a 50+ years relationship with the Squash family. This came about when Shari and I met at Girls High in 1972. The memories shared with Mr. Squash, Mrs. Squash, Shari, Stephanie, Charles, Bambi ;- ) and family are vast, lasting, loving, humorous and wonderful. Mr. Squash always had words of wisdom and I'm so very grateful to have been able to benefit from them, too. During the Atlanta Olympics, my husband Jerome and I were invited to stay with Mr. and Mrs. Squash in their Ellenwood home. It seemed like old times on Upsal Street. We were up into the night catching up, exchanging stories, reflecting on the past and laughing. Thanks for the memories, Mr. Squash. Your impact was far-reaching and I know because it touched me. You are at rest with the Lord and your family and all of us who knew and loved you are at peace because you are. To God be the glory!*

*- Karen Brown Dean*

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**Karen Dean** - June 30, 2023 at 10:43 AM

TG

“ Uncle Lawson was a good man that we will miss.



Terray Greenfield - June 30, 2023 at 10:09 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lawson Charles Squash Jr..

June 29, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ It has been a pleasure to be a friend of the Squash and Matthews family as long as I can remember. Rebecca and I have been best friends since 1st grade. When Rebecca and Charles married, he was a supportive friend as well. I will miss his cheerful voice whenever I telephoned Rebecca. He was a wonderful person

Doris Douglas - June 28, 2023 at 10:11 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lawson Charles Squash Jr..



June 27, 2023 at 12:12 PM

SC

“ Shari & Chester planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawson Charles Squash Jr..

Shari & Chester - June 26, 2023 at 04:46 PM

CP

“ To the Squash Family; We would like extend our deepest condolences for the loss of your father.

May God bless you....

The Parrish Family

Chester Parrish - June 26, 2023 at 04:31 PM

GF

“ George Parks and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Lawson Charles Squash Jr..



George Parks and Family - June 26, 2023 at 09:52 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lawson Charles Squash Jr..



June 26, 2023 at 09:36 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lawson Charles Squash Jr..

June 26, 2023 at 09:36 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Lawson Charles Squash Jr..



June 26, 2023 at 09:15 AM



“ Classic Charcuterie Snacks Gift Set was purchased for the family of Lawson Charles Squash Jr..



June 25, 2023 at 05:25 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lawson Charles Squash Jr..



June 25, 2023 at 05:21 PM

EC

“ *Elsie C. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Lawson Charles Squash Jr..*



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**Elsie C.** - June 25, 2023 at 04:01 PM

EF

“ *I Will always cherish my friendship with Squash. Over the years we have become as close as family, My sincere condolences and deepest sympathy to Mrs Becky Squash and the entire family. I am sharing your lost with love.*

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**Elsie Crawford and family** - June 25, 2023 at 03:56 PM

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“ *May the peace of Christ be with the family as you celebrate the life of our beloved Mr Squash.*

*Love, in Him,  
Louis & Cleo Rollins  
Autryville, NC*

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**Cleo Rollins** - June 23, 2023 at 10:58 PM