



Mr. William Charity

March 13, 1916 - June 15, 2018

William Charity was the fourth of eleven children born to Rozier and Maggie Charity on March 13, 1916 in Upperville, Virginia. He peacefully "eased" away from this life to life everlasting on Friday, June 15, 2018 after a brief stay at the Regency Rehabilitation and Nursing Facility in Arlington, Virginia.

Deacon Charity came to Alexandria, Virginia as a very young child and received a brief education in the Alexandria School System. He worked at various jobs but soon found his niche in taxi cab driving. He became a well know fixture in the city as one of the few African American cab drivers. Everyone in town knew Star Cab Number 22, affectionately referred to as "Deuces". Some of Alexandria's most prominent doctors, lawyers, judges and politicians were shuttled to and fro in "Deuces" during their childhood. Deacon Charity drove for the Star Cab Company for over 40 years and was one of the first drivers for the newly formed All American Cab Company. He drove for All American for nearly 15 years and after a career that spanned over 55 years, he and "Deuces" retired.

Deacon Charity was an active and lifelong member of the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church. Until his transition, he was the oldest living member of the church and was recently honored with a Legacy Award from the church. He was also the second oldest citizen in the City of Alexandria. In the late 1970's he was asked by the late Rev. A.A. Booker to re-organize the Men's Chorus of Ebenezer that had been originally started by his brother, the late Joseph Charity. He happily did this and continued to sing with the Chorus until about three months prior to his transition. He would bless the church with his renditions of "He Keeps On Blessing Me" and "Somewhere Around God's Throne". He enjoyed singing anytime he was called on but would always give the disclaimer--"I am not a soloist"!! He was also a faithful member of the Usher Board, Deacon Board where he attained Emeritus status in 2002, The Interdenominational Church Ushers Chorus of Alexandria, Virginia and the Ecumenical Choir of Northern Virginia. He was also a Kept Brother in good standing of the I.B.P.O.E. of W., Alexandria Elks Lodge #48.

He has received many awards including the Key to the City of Alexandria from then Mayor

Bill Eulle, personal congratulatory notes from Presidents George Bush and Barack Obama and on his 95th birthday he received an Eagle Award from the Charity Family honoring him as the Patriarch of the family.

Deacon Charity was a natural nurturer and his Mother recognized this. On her deathbed she asked him to promise her that he would look after and raise his four youngest siblings and thanks be to God, he kept that promise. This not only prepared him to be a Father to his own children but he became a surrogate Father for other family members as well. He adored his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren as well as his nieces and nephews. Family was paramount to him and he was always delighted whenever they came to visit.

This Patriarch was a true soldier of God and he loved the Lord with all his heart. He graciously served God, his family and his community. God blessed him with 102 years, 3 months and 2 days of life. We are assured that God has welcomed him home saying, "Well done thy good and faithful servant".

He leaves to cherish his memory, his devoted children, Michael W. Charity (Jerry Kay) and Diane Marshall; 3 granddaughters, Ruth and Lori Jarrett and Shelley Marshall; 11 grandsons, Thomas, Glenn, Eric and Don Jarrett, Robert and Gregory Moss, Thomas Marshall, Michael, Jason, Dante' and Ryan Charity ; 45 great-grandchildren to include, several great-great grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Marjorie Burts; 3 stepchildren, Yosie Scott, Doris Wanzer and Sylvester Rose; 3 step-granddaughters, Shanise Wanzer, LaKisha Harrison and Stacy Scott; 1 step-grandson, Thomas Scott; two sister-in-law's and a host of loving, caring nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Events

JUN **Viewing** 09:00AM - 11:00AM

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Ebenezer Baptist Church
909 Queen Street, Alexandria, VA, US, 22314

JUN **funeral service** 11:00AM

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909 Queen Street, Alexandria, VA, US, 22314

JUN **Interment**

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Mt. Comfort Cemetery
6600 So. Kings Highway, Alexandria, VA, US, 22306

Comments



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. William Charity.



June 30, 2018 at 04:15 AM