



## Mr. Charles Llewellyn Price

August 24, 1924 - May 1, 2017

### Highlights of a Life Well Lived

Charles L. Price was born August 24, 1924 in Alexandria, Virginia, to Isiah and Mabel P. Price.

### Education

Charles attended the Alexandria Public Schools, graduating from Parker-Gray High School. He attended Virginia State College (now University), where he graduated in 1948 with a B.S. in Physical Education. He later received a Master's in Education from The American University.

### Football career

Charles was an outstanding athlete, known especially for his talents as a football player. His career began in high school and continued throughout his college years. He received numerous sports recognitions, including: All CIAA Conference fullback, 1945; Member of CIAA Championship football team; "Afro MVP Award", Afro-American Newspaper, 1945.

His journey as a football player included playing briefly for the Hawaiian Warriors and Los Angeles Dons, professional football teams of that era.

### Teaching/coaching career

Charles taught history and was an assistant football coach for a year at Parker-Gray High School, 1946-47.

Following graduation and his foray into professional sports, he was hired in Roanoke, VA to serve as the head football coach, and a physical education teacher at Lucy Addison High School. He also coached or assisted with basketball, baseball, and track and field. He taught at Addison for 11 years, and maintained a lifelong connection with the students and several staff members. This tie was reciprocated several times through the years with special recognitions presented by the students.

Charles' next career move was to Luther P. Jackson HS in Fairfax County, VA. There he served as head football coach and a physical education teacher from 1959-1965. Again, he supported additional team sports by assisting with coaching.

In 1965, following desegregation of schools in Virginia, Charles moved to Langley HS, becoming the first African American head football coach in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Upon his retirement from coaching football, Charles moved into administration. He became an assistant principal, (1970-1980) retiring from Groveton HS, Fairfax County.

#### Community service

Charles' community service included active participation in the Randall Civic Association,

Northern Virginia Athletic Directors, Administrators, and Coaches Association (NVADACA), the Alexandria Sportsman's Club, and his beloved Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Charles has been recognized in NVADACA with a named scholarship that is one of several awarded yearly to students who excel in athletics, academics, and are involved in community service.

#### Numerous recognitions

Charles received numerous recognitions for his civic participation from different organizations. These include being recognized as one of Alexandria's Outstanding African Americans. He also received multiple recognitions from

the Alexandria Sportsman's Club, and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., of which he was a member for more than 60 years.

He was inducted into several Halls of Fame: CIAA, Virginia State University, Fairfax County. He is slated to be inducted into the Virginia Intercollegiate Association Heritage Association Hall of Fame this June.

#### Church life

Charles was baptized in 1941 at Shiloh Baptist Church. During the years he lived in Roanoke, he was a member of High Street Baptist Church. He resumed his active participation in Shiloh during the late 1980s. He served as a trustee for several years. Charles was an active member of the Ushers Ministry for many years, until his health limited his attendance at church. He was honored in 2016 as the Usher of the Year.

#### Family life

Charles is survived by his loving wife Marjorie, to whom he has been married 69 years; children Harold (Susan) Price and Claudia (Ronald) Covington; grandchildren Harrison and Jessica Price; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and a large extended family. In addition, he is remembered and loved by former students, colleagues, neighbors and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in the name of Charles L. Price to:  
the Northern Virginia Athletic Directors, Administrators, and Coaches  
Association

(NVADACA) Scholarship Program

P.O. Box 305

Burke, VA 22009

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Comfort Cemetery

Kings Highway  
Alexandria, VA

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAY 13. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Shiloh Baptist Church  
1401 Jamieson Ave  
Alexandria, VA 22314

## funeral service

MAY 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Shiloh Baptist Church  
1401 Jamieson Ave  
Alexandria, VA 22314

## Interment

MAY 13 (ET)

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



# Tribute Wall

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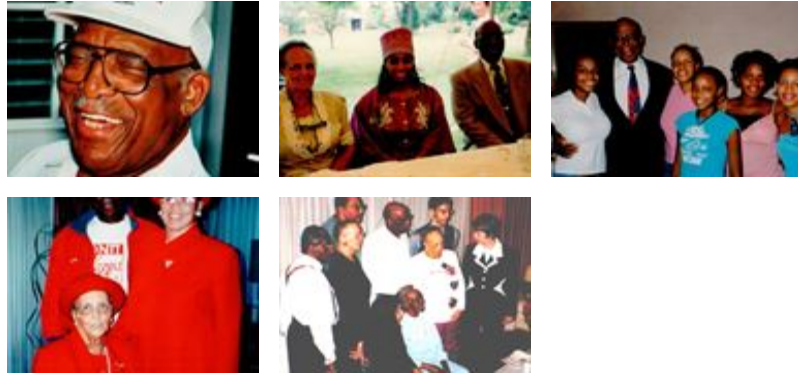
“ *My sincere condolences to the family of Charlie Price. I sincerely regret that I was unable to attend the services for Charlie due to personal health issues. I first met Charlie at Groveton HS in 1971. He was my assistant principal and soon became a mentor and friend. Charlie was always a source of sound, practical advice and a role model for a relatively new teacher like me. I got to know Charlie even better at the many dinners followed by working athletic events with him. His stories about his long bus rides home after practice from the segregated schools of his youth; his perseverance to become a successful athlete, coach, teacher and administrator; his passion for fishing; his greatest passion for his wife and family - these things taught me a great deal about being a real man who knew how to live a good and meaningful life. Charlie was a good, decent, honest, caring human being who led a successful life by anyone's standards. He was a huge man with a huge heart and a ready smile. I, like so many others, count myself fortunate that Charlie Price was a part of my life experience. Rest in well deserved peace, Charlie.*  
*Roger Bolland*

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**Roger Bolland** - May 13, 2017 at 02:37 PM



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**Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette-** - May 12, 2017 at 08:49 AM



*Love ALL of pictures my wonderful friend*

**Rosey Burke Taylor** - June 03, 2017 at 10:30 PM



“ *Deepest Sympathy as our Drum Major marches on.  
It was a pleasure to march down Pennsylvania Avenue behind  
Charles.  
He was truly a fine gentleman.  
Blessings,  
Bernice and Harold Lee*

**Bernice Lee** - May 11, 2017 at 12:41 PM



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**Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette-** - May 10, 2017 at 08:17 PM



*Beautiful pictures of my wonderful friends*

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**Rosey Burke Taylor** - June 04, 2017 at 09:49 AM