

Mr. Harry Charity Jr.

August 28, 1939 - January 25, 2020

Harry Charity, Jr. was the only child born to Harry, Sr. and Mildred Charity on August 28, 1939 in Alexandria, Virginia. He peacefully transitioned from this life to life everlasting on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at the Stafford Hospital in Stafford, Virginia with his loving wife at his side.

Harry Jr. was educated in the Alexandria Public School System and graduated from the historic Parker Gray High School in 1956. Later on he attended Benedict College. Shortly after high school he joined the U.S. Army, served and was honorably discharged. After his military service he was employed at the Fort Belvoir Army Base Laundry Center. He progressed in promotions and retired with distinction after over 25 years of service. Not one to rest on his laurels, Harry Jr. began a second career with the Alexandria Sheriffs Department in 1970. He enjoyed a pristine career that spanned 30 years. During his tenure he worked to diversify the department and mentored many deputies under him. He was a fixture in the Alexandria Courthouse and was often sought after for advice, guidance and encouragement.

He was married to the former Louise Orr and from this union four children were born. She preceded him in death.

Harry was an avid professional bowler and while playing a league game he met someone that would mean more to him than a perfect 300 game. Love

blossomed at the bowling alley and on December 15, 2000, he and Ruby were married. They were truly two peas in a pod and enjoyed nearly twenty years of marriage.

He was a lifelong member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church and served on the Men's Chorus and the Brotherhood Ministry. He was also a member of the Lions Club, Lincoln Lodge No. 11, USBC Bowling League, The Old Dawg Lunch Crew, and a volunteer at the Stafford County Sheriff's Department. He was a former member of the Departmental Progressive Club in Alexandria, Virginia.

Harry Jr. or "Booga" as he was called by some of his cousins, had a smile that could light up a room and a laugh that was unique and contagious. He loved his children, grandchildren and his entire family, especially his aunts and uncles. He was the first grandchild of Maggie and Rozier Charity. He was the oldest first cousin and delighted when he convinced people he was the "Uncle" of his cousins.

We will miss his presence but we rejoice in knowing that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord - whom he dearly loved.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving and devoted wife, Ruby Charity; 4 sons, Bishop Vincent A. Charity (Cassandra), Harry Charity, III, Joseph Charity (Kisha) and Alonzo Charity (JoAnn); 3 daughters, Vanessa Charity, Laressa Stanton and Tiffany Campbell; 13 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren, 2 aunts, Marjorie Burts and Mary Charity; 4 brothers-in-law, 2 sisters-in-law and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his daughter, Wanda Jean Charity.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Comfort Cemetery

6600 So. Kings Highway
Alexandria, VA 22306

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Ebenezer Baptist Church
909 Queen Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

funeral service

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Interment

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Tribute Wall

FR

“ *Harry always had a great smile and was great to work with at the Stafford Sheriff's Office.*

Frank Ringquisit - January 31, 2020 at 08:01 PM

CP

“ *I will miss you Harry RIP*

Connie Pulliam - January 31, 2020 at 02:22 PM

LY

“ *I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Harry. He always had that very confident personality along with his smile My husband and I Harry during the Fort Belvoir days and when he went to Alexandria as a Sheriff we still stayed in touch and continued to travel together on occasion He will be missed. Lynette and Sargent White his Fort Belvoir friends. May he rest in peace. The Whites Davidsonville, MD*

Lynette - January 31, 2020 at 12:29 PM

PJ

“ *I will remember Harry's smile and how comical he was. He was a very kind hearted man. God's blessings and strength..*



Patricia Johnson - January 31, 2020 at 03:30 AM

RL

“ Rest In Peace my friend.



Ron Lawhorne - January 30, 2020 at 07:58 PM

CD

Harry was one of a kind. I liken him as the Kobe of Alexandria. Always had smile and a kind words. RIP my Friend

Carlton Dewberry - January 31, 2020 at 09:56 AM



“ 16 files added to the album LifeTributes



Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette- - January 30, 2020 at 04:32 PM

KD

“ Kenny and Janie Dodson purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mr. Harry Charity Jr..



Kenny and Janie Dodson - January 30, 2020 at 12:44 PM

RA

“ *Charity, like I called him, had the biggest smile anyone can have, he always help me with the Courthouse paperwork, he did it with gladness and I never saw him upset if I keep asking him questions. Charity is with his Savior Jesus Christ.*
To the family sorry for your loss, our prayers are with you.
Jesus will walk you through this hard journey.
Your sister in Christ
Rosa I.M. Ammons

Rosa Ammons - January 30, 2020 at 10:07 AM

JR

“ *Harry was a good man, I met him over 40 yrs ago, he taught me a lot while on the job. I truly enjoyed his friendship and working with him over the years. Harry left us all with a lot great memories...*
R.I.P. Ole Friend

James Robey - January 30, 2020 at 08:38 AM

JA

I will always remember Harry's smile. It was infectious and he made you feel like he was a person you wanted to be around.

Jim Ammons - January 30, 2020 at 06:05 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Harry Charity Jr..*



January 30, 2020 at 06:49 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Harry Charity Jr..*



January 29, 2020 at 10:43 PM



“ *I never saw Harry when he didn't have a broad smile on his face. This is a terrible loss.*

Ken Howard - January 29, 2020 at 05:43 PM



“ *Harry was a great friend he used to live in woodbridge and we bowled together you will be truly missed*

tommy and betty lanham - January 29, 2020 at 04:19 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy Ruby. He always had a smile whenever I would see him.*

Rachel Walker - January 29, 2020 at 03:46 PM



“ *JANICE HEDGEPEETH lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harry Charity Jr.*



JANICE HEDGEPEETH - January 29, 2020 at 03:27 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Harry Charity Jr..*



January 29, 2020 at 02:40 PM



“ *My Prayers are with the family. Mr. Charity was kind, friendly and always said hello. I will miss his smile and warm wishes. Sarah Etheredge-Blakely*



Sarah Etheredge Blakely - January 29, 2020 at 11:49 AM



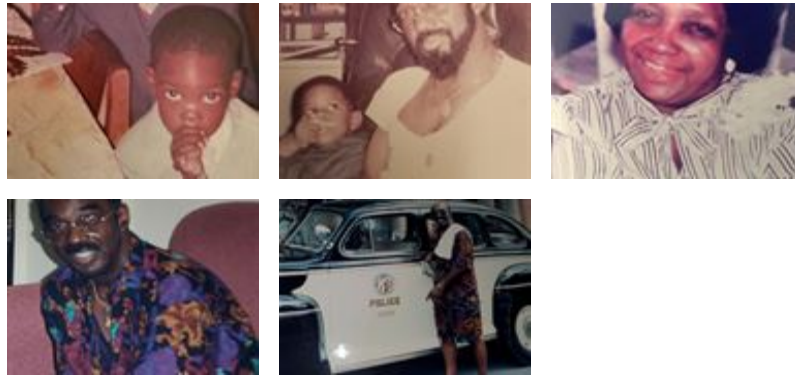
“ *Doris Wanzer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harry Charity Jr.*



Doris Wanzer - January 29, 2020 at 11:49 AM



“ 51 files added to the album Life Tributes



Phillip Bell Sr. and Winona Morrissette- - January 29, 2020 at 11:03 AM



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



January 29, 2020 at 10:50 AM



“ I've only had the pleasure of getting to know Mr. Charity for the past five years; since I started attending Bishop's church. He was always smiling, approachable and pleasant to talk to. He never had an arrogance or an air of superiority because his son was the Bishop. I always enjoyed seeing him and hearing Bishop's stories about him. May memories bring the family comfort. Keeping you all lifted in prayer. Deaconess Ulreka Mitchell



Ulreka Mitchell - January 29, 2020 at 10:30 AM

PF

“ *Mr. Charity had that infectious smile and was always so pleasant. May you Rest In Peace. God be with this family now and forever and give them comfort.* ”



Penny Frazier - January 29, 2020 at 10:19 AM

JC

“ *Jim Cumbo lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harry Charity Jr.* ”



Jim Cumbo - January 29, 2020 at 06:26 AM

MR

“ *Melinda Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harry Charity Jr.* ”



Melinda Reynolds - January 29, 2020 at 05:59 AM

TE

“ *Ruby, Vincent, Alonzo and the entire Charity Family you are in my Prayers!* ”



Teresa - January 28, 2020 at 10:14 PM

LG

“ *Laurestine And Laurese Gerald lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harry Charity Jr.*



Laurestine and Laurese Gerald - January 28, 2020 at 09:00 PM

ML

“ *Michelle Logan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harry Charity Jr.*



Michelle Logan - January 28, 2020 at 08:12 PM