

# Obituary

**Reverend Cheryl Cromwell-West**, daughter of William B. Cromwell and Thelma Cromwell, was born July 21, 1947, in New York. She attended Catholic schools, and graduated from Cathedral High School for Girls in New York. She then completed studies at Catherine Gibbs Secretarial School, in New York and Manhattan Community College. Her career included executive secretary at Harlem Hospital in New York prior to relocating to South Carolina, where she worked for the Chronicle in Charleston, South Carolina. She retired from the South Carolina Naval Weapons Station, where she served as Senior EEO counselor, and was appointed to serve on Command Strategic Planning. Upon retirement she worked with Home Instead in various capacities.

Cheryl participated and performed with the Charleston African Dance Ensemble, under the direction of Fanta Ade, Kankouron, Chuck Davis, and the Atlanta Dance Ensemble. She later founded and led the Umoja Dance Company which performed at Moja festival, Spoleto and multiple South Carolina Arts events. She led Kwanzaa celebrations and supported the arts throughout her lifetime. In the African culture drumming and dancing are used for celebrating, traditions, and other significant events within the community. This rich history has been a part of Cheryl West and her family throughout her lifetime. She sought to show the love of God, always educate, and support, and share the traditions of dance, story, music and unity- Umoja! She completed her ministerial studies and was licensed and ordained at Universal Foundation for better living (UFBL) in Miami Florida.

Some of her awards include Equal Opportunity Award for Outstanding Services and Acts/Services Awards (Federal Government), Outstanding Performance in the Arts (City of North Charleston), Living Legacy Award (State of South Carolina) and the Tribute to Women in Industry (TWIN) from the Y.W.C.A. of Greater Charleston.

She served her community and invested in the education of others throughout her life. She was a member of National Council for Negro Women (NCNW), Founder/President of the IMANI Chapter of Blacks in Government (BIG), Secretary of Region IV council (BIG), Board member and secretary of the YWCA of Greater Charleston, and the instructor and curriculum developer of the R.I.C.H. Saturday School Program.

As an avid traveler some areas she visited included Israel, Africa, and the Caribbean Islands. Other hobbies included dancing, writing, studying Hebrew, working in areas of youth development, sewing and decorating. She loved her family and supported her community. She privately experienced a series of health challenges and peacefully made her transition on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at Medical University South Carolina (MUSC). Her son Johnny Walter West Jr. (JJ) preceded her in death on September 26, 2021.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her daughter Tygere West-Charles; Chriss West, Chantay West, her grandchildren Kayla Charles, Jherryll, Jelani, Jaquana, Jahliyah, Jahniyah, Jakira, Jaiyaana, Jailynn, Jelina, Jaraiya, Miasia; her great grandchildren Giovanni, Mason, Caleb, Kai, Christian, Jayden, Jaya, Galilea and Emeryn Charles; special cousins, and a host of other relatives and dear friends.

# Order of Service

## Processional

**Opening Remarks**  
Pastor Carmen Montgomery  
*(Promised Land Pentecostal Holiness)*

**Opening Prayer**  
Rev. Shawn Doc Glover

## Musical Selection

**Scripture Reading**  
Old Testament  
Psalms 31:1-5  
New Testament  
II Corinthians 4:16

**Sunrise to Sunset**  
Rev. Judith Hokhmah

## Reflections

**Musical Selection**  
Adriane Johnson

**Eulogy**  
Pastor Avon Banks  
*(Fellowship of Love Church of God, Philadelphia P.A.)*

## Musical Selection

## Acknowledgements

**Musical Selection**  
(Drumming)

## Benediction

## Recessional

## Committal

# Poems

## Prayer of Protection

May the light of God surround you

he love of God enfold you

The power of God protect you

And the presence of God watch  
over you

Wherever you are God is

And so it is

## After Glow

I'd like the memory of me to

be a happy one.

I'd like to leave an afterglow of

smiles when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo

whispering softly down the ways,

Of happy times and laughing times

and bright and sunny days.





# A Legacy of Love



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Family and Friends

Pallbearers  
Family and Friends



Cards and Contributions  
may be sent to the following address:  
Tygere West Charles  
PO BOX 290514  
Columbia SC 29229

## Expression of Gratitude

The family of Cheryl C. West appreciates the thoughtfulness  
and kindness extended toward us during this time.  
Each act of kindness will be remembered with gratitude.  
Special thanks to the staff of Roper Hospital and  
MUSC for their compassion and kindness.



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July 21, 1947 ~ October 17, 2023



WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 25, 2023

11:00 AM

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Officiant: Pastor Avon Banks