

PALLBEARERS
FAMILY & FRIENDS

FLORAL BEARERS
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I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, or play,
I found the peace at the close of the day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and peace to thee
God wanted me now; He set me free.

THE FAMILY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We, the family of **Charlie James Dawson**, acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of kindness extended to us during our time of bereavement. May God continue to bless each of you.



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A CELEBRATION
OF **LIFE**

**CHARLIE JAMES
DAWSON**

“WELL DONE
THOU GOOD &
FAITHFUL SERVANT”

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2022
ONE O’CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON
BOSTICK-TOMPKINS FUNERAL HOME
2930 COLONIAL DRIVE
COLUMBIA, SC 29203

Sunrise
MAY 3, 1948

Sunset
AUGUST 14, 2022

MR. CHARLIE JAMES DAWSON

Shout with joy to the Lord all the earth! Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy. Acknowledge that the Lord is God! He made us, and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving: go into his courts with praise. For the Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation.

Psalm 100

Mr. Charlie James Dawson (74), affectionately known as “CJ” by his family and friends, was born May 3, 1948, to the late Willie James and Christine Moore Dawson. He departed this earthly life on Sunday, August 14, 2022, in Columbia, South Carolina.

In his early years he attended the State School for the Deaf and Blind (currently Governor Morehead School, in Raleigh, North Carolina). Charlie learned to play the piano while attending school and was a great musician. He once did performances with a band called “Willie Mo Band” where he often ‘took-the-stage’ with his music. He enjoyed playing gospel music and had a lovely singing voice. After graduating, he began his journey through life in Greensboro, North Carolina, Ohio, and finally to South Carolina, where he joined the Greater Faith United Missionary Baptist Church, under the pastorate of Rev. Dr. Charles E. Graham, Pastor. Charlie loved Greater Faith. During his tenure he served as musician faithfully for over twenty years until his health declined.

Mr. Dawson was employed at the Industry of the Blind for several years before moving on to work at the SC State House where he became a state employee until retiring in 2015.

Mr. Dawson was set in his ways, but he was a man of his word. If he said that he would do something, he would do it; however, he could be a bit stubborn at times, especially if he didn’t agree with or understand something. Charlie loved bowling, his all-time favorite sport, and watching westerns and sports on TV. He was a very loving brother and great friend and will be sorely missed by his family and all that knew him.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Dawson was preceded in death by two sisters, Alberta Dawson, and Sudie M. Dawson-James.

Mr. Dawson is survived by three siblings; one brother, Willie L. Dawson of Raleigh, NC; and two sisters, Effie B. Mays of Indianapolis, IN; and Ernestine Carter (Lawrence) of Boston, MA; three children whom he loved dearly, one son, Avis Jerome Wells of Greensboro, NC; two daughters, LaChanna Potts and Lindsey Potts both of Columbia SC; a longtime close friend, Sherlene Potts of Columbia, SC; two granddaughters, Gianna and GiCelle Chandler of Columbia, SC; a host of nieces and a nephew that he adored dearly.

ORDER OF SERVICE

REVEREND DR. RAYMOND RICHBURG, PRESIDING

Prelude

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Final Farewell.....BTFH

Hymn of Praise.....Greater Faith Baptist Church

Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Jerome Boyd

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament..... Reverend George Richardson

New Testament..... Reverend Dr. Calvin Smith

Selection.....Greater Faith Baptist Church

Obituary Reading.....Deaconess Thelma Wheeler
& Acknowledgements Church Clerk

Selection.....Greater Faith Baptist Church

Reflections.....Deacon Rufus Stover (Church Family)
Family & Friends

“Special Musical Recording by Brother Charlie James Dawson”

Selection

Words of Comfort.....Reverend Dr. Charles E. Graham
Pastor, Greater Faith United Missionary Baptist Church

Recessional

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