

SEMPER FI  
OOOH RAH!



"...YOU ASK ME WHAT I WAS? IT WAS MY DESTINY,  
UNTIL MY LAST BREATH,  
TO BE A UNITED STATES MARINE.  
AND MY SPIRIT SHALL LIVE FOREVER. "

SEMPER FIDELIS  
FOR I WAS, AM AND SHALL FOREVER BE A

**UNITED STATES MARINE**

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CELEBRATION OF  
**LIFE**

**CHARLES E. BEASON SR.**

FEBRUARY 13, 1947 - JANUARY 12, 2017



The Order of Service

PRELUDE .....Musicians

PROCESSIONAL

SELECTION ..... Male Chorus

SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER..... Minister Daryl Watkins

SOLO.....Clarissa Butler

Reflections: (two minutes, please)

NEIGHBOR..... Anita Brown

DEACON ..... Curtis Fletcher

CO-WORKER..... Herman Banks

CHILDHOOD FRIEND ..... Ronald Byrd

FRIEND .....Willie Brown

LOVING CAREGIVER..... Joyce Coffman

GOD BROTHER ..... Robert Humphrey, Jr.

SON..... Craig Steven Clarke

SILENT READING OF THE OBITUARY  
AND

VIDEO PRESENTATION ..... Charles Beason, Jr.

SELECTION..... Male Chorus

WORDS OF COMFORT ..... Pastor Jerry Baker

SOLO..... Charles Jackson

RECESSIONAL



FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO  
**REYNOLDS FUNERAL HOME**  
103 13TH AVE. NW  
DECATUR, ALABAMA

Charles Elliott Beason Sr.

Charles Elliott Beason Sr. was born February 13, 1947 to the late Elliott and Lois James Beason in Birmingham (Burmmitt Heights), Alabama. Charles transitioned this life peacefully with his loving and devoted wife, Edwina, by his side on January 12, 2017.

Over the years Charles was affectionately called Ba-Bro, Beason, Charlie, Dad, Daddy, Pops, DaDa, PaPa, Big Daddy, Bruhman, Doc and Hammer.

Charles accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Lily Baptist Church in Burmmitt Heights. He attended Ketona Elementary School. Charles was an inquisitive, adventurous and fearless child with a great love for the outdoors and wildlife. Many times he would pack a lunch and explore the woods and caves near his home with his friends and his loyal dog. The neighborhood pond that was so murky and snake infested was the fun place where Charles learned to swim and fish. His love of the water would stay with him throughout his lifetime.

In 1965 Charles graduated from Hooper City High School and volunteered to serve in the United States Marine Corps. His tour included traveling the Mediterranean and he would eventually return home with many fascinating stories that he took pride in sharing with family and friends. While in the Marines, he attended Airborne School and Parachute Riggers School, but his proudest accomplishment was becoming a certified U. S. Navy Scuba Diver. He would go on to receive numerous awards during his tour of duty. When Charles became bored with packing parachutes in Vietnam he asked to be transferred to the field to fight with the Reconnaissance Division. He fought fearlessly until he was wounded earning a Purple Heart.

Within a few months of returning home with an honorable discharge Charles met his future wife, Edwina Rather at Alabama A & M College. They married in 1970 and had two children, Kimberley Dionne and Charles, Jr.

Always wanting to improve himself, Charles worked at many companies. Some of which were; Hayes Aircraft, Continental Trailways, and UPS in Birmingham until he received a promotion which relocated him to Hartselle, Alabama in 1978. Later Charles worked for Builders Transport Trucking and his last employer Delphi Steering in Athens, Alabama where he retired in 2002.

Retirement left more time for his hobbies which included, hiking in Bankhead Forest, flying airplanes, painting, playing the flute and trombone, cruising in his trucks, taking his dogs for long walks in the woods, listening to music and hitting the road on his Harley with the King’s Distance Riders Motorcycle Club in Huntsville, Alabama until illness prevented him from participating.

Charles was a faithful member and deacon at St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church for many years and loved attending Sunday School and Bible Class.

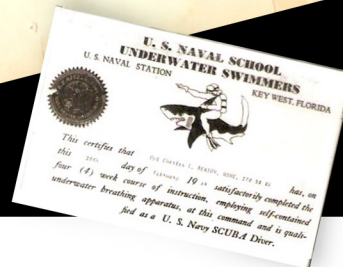
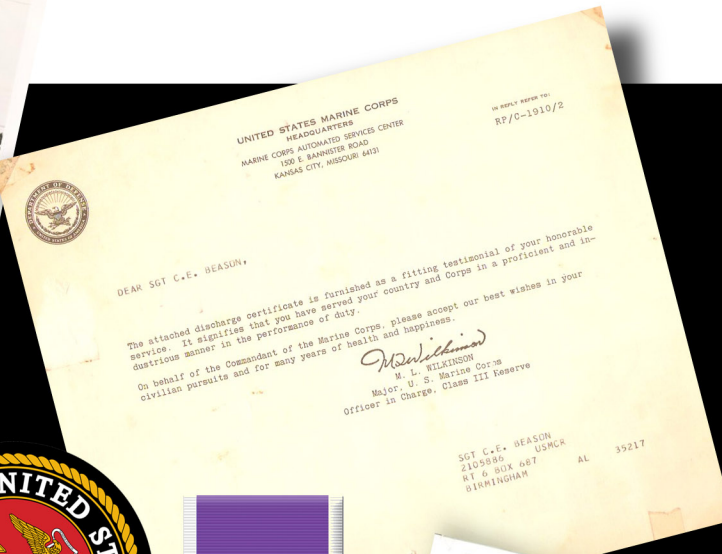
Charles will be remembered as a great provider and protector of his family and friends, out spoken, a daredevil, one who never met a stranger and having an unforgettable personality.

His memory will be cherished by his loving wife of forty seven years, Edwina; children, Katrinia (Billy) Weir of Calera, Alabama; Craig Steven Clarke of Birmingham, Alabama; Kimberley Dionne Beason (Eric Graham), and Charles Elliott Beason, Jr. (Joneia Brown) of Harvest, Alabama; grandchildren; Arri Ellyce Beason and Brandon Charles Horn, sisters, Deloris Bryant of Lindenwold, New Jersey; Beatrice (Curtis) Ford of Birmingham, Alabama; sister-in-laws, Judy Wallace and Joanne Renfroe of Decatur, Alabama; brother-in-law, Donald (Karen) Bailey of Decatur, Alabama; goddaughter, Camisha Baugh of Decatur, Alabama; godfamily, Ramona Humphrey, Norma Fisher, Constance Drenon and Robert Humphrey and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.





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Charles enjoyed listening to a variety of music; however, one of his favorite songs to sing was  
**“What a difference a day makes”**

### Pallbearers

St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church Deacons

### Flower Bearers

St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church Ushers

### Interment

Hartselle Memory Gardens  
40 Lando Cain Road, Hartselle , Al.

### Acknowledgments

The family of Charles Elliott Beason Sr. is grateful to God for the life we had with him. We extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who has shown our family kindness through your prayers, calls, visits, and other expressions of love. Each expression has brought much comfort to our family during this time. Your special relationships with Charles added joy to our lives and for that we thank you and we thank God for you.



### SPECIAL THANKS TO:

St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church Family  
Decatur Morgan Hospital Staff  
Huntsville Hospital Heart Center Staff (Dr. Muhammad Khan)  
Huntsville Hospital Palliative Care  
This and That Military Surplus – Huntsville, Alabama  
U.S. Veterans Memorial Museum – Huntsville, Alabama



