



## Charlie Redden

April 2, 1944 - April 5, 2018

Mr. Charlie Redden, the youngest of ten (10) children of the late Mr. John Peter Redden and Mrs. Lillie Smith Redden was born April 2, 1944 in Kingstree, South Carolina. He resided in Columbia, South Carolina until his transition to be with the Lord on April 5, 2018, at 12:21 AM, at Palmetto Health Richland Hospital in Columbia, South Carolina.

Charlie (affectionally known as Uncle Charlie) attended the public schools of Williamsburg County and graduated from Cades High School. He earned his degree in Welding from Denmark Technical College (Denmark Area Trade School). Charlie was employed with Martin Marietta Aggregates, Cayce Rock Quarry, Cayce, South Carolina for over 36 years as Lead Welder. His welding profession carried him to new heights and challenges as new technology arose. These new opportunities provided him with additional studies and in doing so earned him several awards and certificates. After retiring from Martin Marietta, Charlie began his own business as Reddens' Mobile Welding Service LLC. He thoroughly enjoyed his work as he designed wrought iron rails, bar-be-que grills, trailers and many more items.

Charlie was an active member of the Bishops' Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Church, where he served in the following capacities: Class Leader; Trustee Board; Usher Board; Sons of Allen and Church School member; and various committees. He was honored as the Church Father in 2010. His home

church was Beulah African Methodist Episcopal Church in Kingstree, South Carolina. Early in life, he began his walk with the Lord and learned the A.M.E. discipline. At Beulah, Charlie served as Pro Tem of the Trustee Board and Chairman of the Building Fund Committee and Church School Member. Under his leadership, the church members built a Fellowship Hall and retired the mortgage in four years. New stained-glass windows were installed, and the beginning of Friends and Family Day was initiated. He also reinstated the Church Anniversary Program, and this program still exists today.

Charlie loved his church and was a servant of the Lord. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, grilling and riding his Harley Davidson. He was a fan of football, he played baseball with a passion as well as basketball. His grandchildren were his heart. He had a passion for serving others and fellowshiping.

Membership in Community Organizations included: the 100 Black Men of Columbia Chapter, the Columbia Alumni Chapter of Denmark Technical College, and a Life Membership of the NAACP. His Prince Hall Masonic memberships consisted of Past Master of Capital City Lodge N0. 47, Past Commander-in-Chief of C. C. Johnson Consistory N0. 136 and Past Potentate of Cairo Temple N0. 125. Charlie was honored by Capital City Lodge N0, 47, as "1998 Mason of the Year." He received numerous awards and certificates from these organizations.

On April 3, 1971, Charlie Redden and Sarah Elizabeth Bethea united in Holy Matrimony and their union was blessed with four children. God's Grace and Mercy allowed Charlie and Sarah to celebrate forty-seven years of marriage on April 3, 2018, and for Charlie to commemorate another birthday on April 2, 2018.

In addition to his parents, Charlie was preceded in death by two sisters: Ophelia Hyman and Marian Slade; and four brothers: Roy Redden, Davis

Redden, James Redden, and Morris Redden.

Charlie Redden will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He leaves to cherish precious memories, his loving and devoted wife Sarah of the home; four children: two sons, Ryan L. Bethea of Trondheim, Norway, and Charlie C. Redden, II of Ridgeland, SC, two daughters, Helen Ophelia (Rodney) Woodard, of Dubai, United Arab Emirates, and Dr. Charlotte Elizabeth (George) Hamilton, Blythewood, SC.; three granddaughters: Reese Woodard, Gabriella E. Hamilton and Camille O. Hamilton; one grandson, Samuel J. Bethea; four sisters-in law, Mrs. Mary Sena Redden, Kingstree, South Carolina, Mrs. Lutricia Gadsen and Mrs. Hattie Y. Blackmon, both of Dillon, South Carolina, and Mrs. LaSandra (Robert) Bass, Florence, South Carolina; three brothers-in-law: Mr. Wilbur Slade, Bronx, New York, Mr. Samuel Lee Bethea and Mr. Derrick L. Bethea, both of Dillon, South Carolina. He was the stepbrother of Mrs. Alma Mouzon, Manning, South Carolina, Willie Ruth Pressley, Sumter, South Carolina, Pastor Dorothy Adams, Charlotte, North Carolina, and David (Gloria) Pendergrass.

“For I am now ready to be offered and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.” 2 Timothy 4: 6-8

# Cemetery Details

## Memorial Gardens of Columbia

Columbia, SC

# Previous Events

## Family Visitation

APR 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bishops Memorial AME Church  
2221 Washington Street  
Columbia, SC 29204

## Public Viewing

APR 14. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Bethel AME Church  
819 Woodrow Street  
Columbia, SC 29205

## Celebration of Life

APR 14. 12:30 PM (ET)

Bethel AME Church  
819 Woodrow Street  
Columbia, SC 29205

# Tribute Wall



“ *Charlie Redden*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God continue to keep you uplifted in prayer.*

*Tonia Johnson Alston & Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Willie Johnson*

**Tonia Johnson Alston** - April 17, 2018 at 12:14 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Redden Family!*



**Marcus Haynes** - April 14, 2018 at 09:28 AM



“ *The Gamble and Jackson Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Charlie Redden.*



**The Gamble and Jackson Family** - April 13, 2018 at 08:16 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charlie Redden.*



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April 13, 2018 at 08:37 AM



“ *Redden family.....you are in our prayers as you reflect upon Charlie's remarkable life. God be with you....even in times such as these! Love you! The Fulwood family (cousins)*

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**RobHollywood Fulwood** - April 13, 2018 at 06:14 AM



“ *Sister Redden & Family*  
*We are sorry to learn of the loss of Bro. Redden. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time. May it comfort you to know that your sisters and brothers of Prince Hall Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star and Rite of Adoption for the State of South Carolina and its Jurisdiction, share your sorrow and are praying with and for you. May God continue to keep you in His care.*

*Sister Linda Owens Neal, GWM*

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**Linda Owens Neal** - April 12, 2018 at 05:04 PM

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“ THE LAURENS COUNTY BRANCH - N. A. A. C. P. purchased the Heartwarming Thoughts Boston Fern for the family of Charlie Redden.



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**THE LAURENS COUNTY BRANCH - N. A. A. C. P.** - April 12, 2018 at 02:59 PM

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“ Mrs Redden, Ryan and Family,  
Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart.  
Love,  
Tammy, Marc II and Morgan Meddaugh



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**Tammy Meddaugh** - April 11, 2018 at 04:35 PM

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“ Tammy, Marc II, & Morgan Meddaugh purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Charlie Redden.



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**Tammy, Marc II, & Morgan Meddaugh** - April 11, 2018 at 04:27 PM



“ Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of Charlie Redden.



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April 11, 2018 at 11:19 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Charlie Redden.*



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April 11, 2018 at 11:17 AM



“ *My Thoughts are with the Redden Family in this time. I will keep your family in my prayers!!*

*Love, Julia Davis  
South University Student*



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**Julia** - April 10, 2018 at 05:45 PM



“ *Jerome, Tara & Jared Givins purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Charlie Redden.*



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**Jerome, Tara & Jared Givins** - April 10, 2018 at 02:57 PM



“ *Our prayers are with you and your family.*

*Cleopatra Chapter #240*



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**Gillia Robinson** - April 10, 2018 at 10:40 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charlie Redden.*



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April 09, 2018 at 01:34 PM



Johnnyboy  
Reeves

“ *From the brothers of Corinthian Lodge # 11*



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**Johnnyboy Reeves** - April 08, 2018 at 05:28 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charlie Redden.*



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April 08, 2018 at 07:17 AM



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“ *Praying for the family.  
Pastor Marshall (Butch) Ivey, DBS  
Dr. Alexis Ivey*



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**Marshall Ivey** - April 07, 2018 at 10:18 PM

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“As long as hearts remember.  
As long as hearts still care.  
We do not part with those we love.  
They're with us everywhere.”  
Wishing you comfort and peace at this time of sorrow.

*Fecelia Williams Starks,  
Cades High class of 63*

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**F. Starks** - April 07, 2018 at 10:09 PM

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“Deaconess Judy Pendergrass-Braswell lit a  
candle in memory of Charlie Redden



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**Deaconess Judy Pendergrass-Braswell** - April 07, 2018 at 10:05 PM



“Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Charlie Redden.



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April 07, 2018 at 04:39 PM

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“ *Condolence to the Redden Family! So sorry to hear of the passing of our loved one. Please know that I am praying for healing and understanding that God will strengthen all during this time of great loss! We know heaven has gain an angel.*

*Humbly Submitted,*

*Lynwood McDaniel, Jr.  
Baltimore MD*



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**Lynwood McDaniel** - April 07, 2018 at 10:04 AM