



Pastor Charles Dunn Jr.

May 21, 1940 - March 12, 2021

Charles Dunn, Jr. second to the oldest of ten, was born to the late Charlie and Fannie Dunn of Whitakers, North Carolina. From the very beginning, his personality and character would chart the course of a distinguished and fruitful life experience. His transition to his eternal home was completed in the quietness of evening, Friday, March 12, 2021.

Charles was educated in the Baltimore City Public School System. In 1959, he graduated from Carver Vocational High School where he received a diploma in the field of carpentry and was a member of the wrestling team.

In pursuit of a new career, Charles worked with his father performing labor work. Because of the strenuous work requirements, he decided to focus on developing his muscular physique. In 1969, Charles was hired at the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company as a meter reader and was a Senior Field Collection Representative when he retired in 1997. Subsequently, Charles matriculated through numerous institutions of higher learning, including Philadelphia Bible College where he received his Diploma (1988) and later his Bachelor of Theology (1989).

While there he received an achievement and teacher's certificate. Due to his thirst of knowledge, Pastor Dunn attended and graduated from Sojourner-Douglass College; Magna Cum Laude at the age of 72 (2012)

in the field of Addictions and Substance Abuse. From 1959 to 1963, he served in the United States Marine Corps and was honorably discharged on September 24, 1963, with the rank of Corporal.

In 1963, Charles and Edith Daniels were united in holy matrimony and from this union were blessed with three children, Derrick Dunn, who preceded him in death, Pamela April Dunn, and Charles Charon Dunn. He later married Patricia Winn in 1974, from that union they were blessed with two children, Michael, and Antoinette Dunn.

On March 18, 1990, Darlene Crawford-Melton would become his friend, life partner and

soulmate, emerged as the center of his attention for more than 30 years. Along with her was her daughter Crystal Melton whom he raised as his own. As a blended family we shared the joys of a loving spiritual home and family life.

As an adult, Charles Dunn, Jr. accepted Christ in the back bedroom of his mother's house. Charles' nurturing, training, and teaching began at First Charity Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Thomas Turner. He also served under Pastor P.A. Kearney and later Pastor Hollis Neal. He served in the following rolls: choir member (Male Chorus, Mass Choir), Superintendent of Sunday School and Assistant Pastor. Pastor Dunn always had a song in his heart and a smile on his face. His smile was so infectious, it touched everyone in his presence. Charles' love for Music drew him to Christ. He sang with many groups throughout Baltimore: the Young Harmonizers, Baltimore Reunion Choir, Jackson Choral Ensemble, Good News, Unity and Anointed. However, his love for Christ and passion for others motivated his desire to evangelize, winning many souls to Christ. Charles became licensed on January 15, 1986 under Pastor P.A. Kearney and later ordained as Reverend by the church officials on June 18, 1993.

Believing God's word to go Ye therefore and teach everyone about the Savior (Matthew 28:19). Rev. Dunn began serving in nearby Missions working diligently to reach lost men for Christ. He volunteered every Thursday at the Helping Up Mission since 1997 until the pandemic with ceaseless energy and a positive attitude to spread hope and to keep them focused. He always ended with the song "Hold on, Don't Let Go", reminding the men to hold on to God's hand. He also volunteered at Christopher Place Employment Academy for 2 years.

God's plan for Charles Dunn's pastoral career began to unfold in 2000, when God spoke to him to plant a church. His appointment to serve effectively was fulfilled during his tenure at Freedom Missionary Community Church that began on January 7, 2001. Under his leadership, the congregation grew significantly. He and the church leaders organized the following Ministries: Praise and Worship, Usher's, Youth, Men's, Women's, Missions, Nurse's, Youth Dance, and Choirs, (Male Chorus, Youth and Mass), Pastor Dunn also served on the Praise and Worship Team, Male Chorus, Mass Choir and Men's Ministry. He affectionately served, assisted, and encouraged the seniors and youth by delivering meals and spending time with the seniors as well as, ministering, guiding, and helping the youth through difficult situations.

Few of God's true ministers are ever wholeheartedly supported by those to whom they minister; too often they are neglected and made to share the short end. Yet, Pastor Dunn untiringly pressed forward under orders from Him who called and sent them to be faithful unto death.

Many profess a call to ministry, but only those chosen demonstrate God's ordination. Pastor Dunn, by his deeds, love, and commitment, harvested the fruit of spiritual output in his family, congregation, colleagues, and friends in immeasurable ways. His impeccable style and tasteful presentation of himself reflected the noble character with which he considered others, even during the challenging obstacles he faced. Pastor Dunn never wavered in his commitment to fervently lead God's people, to encourage the disenfranchised, to empower the faint of heart, to offer healing to the emotionally wounded, and to console the distressed. His devotion to others displaced concern for himself. Pastor Dunn's untiring loyalty embodied his will to be faithful until death in effort to gain a crown of life (Revelation 2:10).

Though his work, witness and deeds are completed in this realm, those who follow his deeds are challenged by his example, 'to serve this present age' with unyielding inspiration to bring God's will on earth as it is in heaven. His family, congregation, associates, colleagues, and community at large have been forever enhanced by the life of this servant preacher, Charles Dunn, Jr.

Forever sustaining his place in their hearts are his loving wife, Darlene Dunn of Rosedale, MD; his children; Pamela April Harris (James) Baltimore, MD; Charles Charon Dunn (Harlow) of Saratoga Springs, NY; Angela Dunn-Johnson of Pikesville, MD; Michael Dunn (Kia) of Aberdeen, MD; Antoinette Dunn of Edgewood, MD; Gabriel Vanlandingham-Dunn of Philadelphia, PA; Crystal Melton-Johnson (Terrell) of Baltimore, MD; 3 brothers, Jonas Dunn (Belinda) of Baltimore, MD; Harry Dunn (Earleen) of Baltimore, MD; Ricky Dunn of Baltimore, MD; 4 sisters; Marie Dixon of Baltimore, MD; Heddie Armstead (Rudy) of Baltimore, MD; Margaret Clack (Daniel) of Baltimore, MD; Christine Dunn of Baltimore, MD; 1 Aunt, Retha Mae Pittman of Whitakers, NC; 4 sisters-in-law; Mary McDonald of Windsor Mills, MD; Catherine Bradshaw of Mesa, AZ; Maxine Barnes (Willie) of Inglewood, CA; Joan Hubbard of Hockley, TX; 3 godsons, Douglas and Dedrick Harris of Baltimore, MD; Dominic Harris of Boston, MA; 20 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends.

Cemetery

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD,

Events

MAR **Viewing** 03:00PM - 06:00PM

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1st Charity Baptist

5601 Bowley's Lane, Baltimore, MD, US

MAR **Wake (FAMILY ONLY)** 05:30PM - 06:00PM

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MAR **Service (FAMILY ONLY)** 06:00PM

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Comments



“ From your Daughter April and The Harris' Family. purchased the Heaven's Comfort for the family of Pastor Charles Dunn Jr..



From your Daughter April and The Harris' Family. - March 29 at 07:50 AM



“ I worked with Pastor Dunn at BGE for a number of years. He was a hard worker and the spiritual conscious of our Front Street Unit. He was a good man, may he rest in peace.

David Morton - March 26 at 04:08 PM



“ Rev. Dunn was a wonderfully warm, wise, and gracious man. My fondest memory, and I am sure others who grew up at First Charity, will remember how he took us to Lake Clifton to swim and have fun. Charles always spent time tending to and making sure the youngsters enjoyed themselves playing sports and just roughhousing. We all loved being in his presence and looked forward to hanging out with him. Missed, but not forgotten, Areh O. Howell.



Areh Howell - March 25 at 06:24 PM



“ Please join the digital celebration honoring Pastor Charles Dunn Jr. on Tuesday, March 30th, 2021 at 5:10 p.m. . Due to COVID standards and capacity we are livestreaming the funeral from First Charity Baptist Church's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/firstcharity/> and Youtube Live. www.youtube.com/channel/UC0-uDzMKX-GGDR7JSmwTyBg

March Life Tribute Center (Randallstown) - March 23 at 11:30 AM



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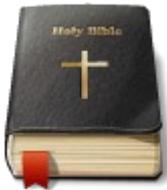
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A BEAUTIFUL LIFE HONORED 🕊️

🕊️ WITH SYMPATHY TO
LOVING FAMILY 🕊️ 🕊️

🕊️ GOD BLESS YOU ALWAYS 🕊️ 🕊️

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JONES-BEY 🕊️ PRICE JENKINS 🕊️
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G.ANNETTE FRANKLIN - March 22 at 11:26 AM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Life Tribute Center (Randallstown) - March 19 at 03:34 PM