



Charlene H. Chapman

February 28, 1947 - January 8, 2021

Charlene Virginia Hamilton Chapman traveled the highway to heaven during her lifetime and departed her earthly home on January 8, 2021. She was born February 28, 1947 in Richmond, Virginia and was the eldest of five children born to the late Lola Josephine Hall and Clarence William Hamilton. Charlene attended Richmond Public Schools and was on track to graduate with the class of 1965 at Maggie L. Walker until her father was transferred and the family moved to Babenhausen, Germany in 1962. She graduated from Frankfurt American High School in Frankfurt, Germany. She went on to pursue higher education at Richmond Professional Institute now known as Virginia Commonwealth University. She often mentioned that she was there when the student body voted on changing the school name. She married Norbert Fields and was blessed with a daughter. She later married and divorced Tyrone Chapman.

Charlene was christened at an early age and baptized at the age of 12 at Mount Carmel Baptist Church. As a young adult she moved her membership to Sixth Baptist and later to St. Pauls' Baptist. Never a participating member at either church she kept her membership active financially. Charlene was not a joiner so therefore she didn't belong to any organizations but she herself was an organizer. Her first project was a 1975 senior class voter registration drive for the Crusade for Voters. Later projects included several Hamilton-Charity family reunions and a Southampton Ave street reunion.

She retired in 2003 after 33 years in social services from her position as Energy Assistance Program Manager with the Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS). Providing social services was a way of life for Charlene. Not only did she work for (VDSS) and the City of Richmond Department of Social Services but she always had an individual or family with whom she shared knowledge of ways to better their life financially or emotionally. She never charged for resume writing and job search services nor allowing folks in transition to stay in her home. She was devoted to her family, never missing the opportunity to dote on her daughter and grandson. She was proud of their talents and accomplishments, and was always ready to share them with others.

Charlene was preceded in death by both parents and her youngest brother, Woodrow. She leaves many to cherish her memories. She is survived by one daughter Shanna F. Mosby (Alvin) of Richmond, VA, two sisters, Yvonne H. McWhite (Willie) and Judy H. Robinson (Lorenzo), one brother - William V. Hamilton (Deborah) all of Richmond, VA; a grandson, Quinton E. Taylor, 3 step-grandchildren, Cori Mosby, Altavion Mosby, and Juelz Robertson, one niece, Contessa H. Jackson, seven nephews - Devin B. Hamilton (Nicole) of Winston Salem, N.C., Ryan P. Jarman (Nicolette) of St Cloud, Florida, Jason W. McWhite (Kimberly), Alonzo N. Robinson, Antonio D. Robinson, Jared V. McWhite (Caitlyn) all of Richmond, VA and Justin H. McWhite (Tiana) of Richmond, VA, eight great nieces and ten great nephews. A host of other relatives and friends will be left to mourn her passing but especially a devoted friend of over 20 years, Milton D. Cox.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Walk through Visitation

JAN **15**. 11:00 AM - 4:30 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Celebration of Life

JAN **16**. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Charlene H. Chapman, Please Click the Link below.*



March Funeral Homes - January 14, 2021 at 08:23 PM



“ *Charlene H. Chapman*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *My prayers and thoughts are with her family, love ones and friends during this very difficult time. I remember the first day I met Charlene. She was jumping rope up and down Southampton Ave and each time we would say hi!! She eventually she stopped ad we sat on the steps and talked for a long time and from that moment I always thought she was very first best friend. Will always remember hanging out her house and she at mine. Beautiful woman inside as well as out.*

Rest in Paradise Charlene you will be missed.

Yvonne Macklin Hicks - January 18, 2021 at 11:15 PM

GT

“*Charlene has been a friend since elementary school. We walked to The Carytown library got stacks of books, met halfway exchanged & read each other's books. We played in Maymont Park. She went with my family to Seaview beach as kids. Later went with our dates to VA beach. I was her maid of honor & she gave us the privilege to be Shanna's godparents. I loved her & will miss our talks. She chastised me for not checking Facebook then updated me on Richmond news. We love you, granddaughter & will pray for you, Quinton & rest of family.*”

George & Beverly Robinson Thomas - January 16, 2021 at 05:04 PM

GT

From George and Beverly (Robinson) Thomas

George and Beverly Robinson Thomas - January 16, 2021 at 05:10 PM

JT

“*To my godsister, Shanna: Our mothers have been truly lifelong friends. The "lene" in Joylene was inspired by Charlene's name. Praying for God's amazing grace and love to engulf you and the entire family in such a way that you feel peace and comfort beyond all measure. Love, Joy Thomas*”



Joy Thomas - January 16, 2021 at 04:38 PM

CS

“*Charles & Phyllis Simmons purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Charlene H. Chapman.*”



Charles & Phyllis Simmons - January 16, 2021 at 11:50 AM

BW

“ To my childhood friend, Shan, my heart’s heavy for you my dear, we’ve shared many great stories and laughs about our experiences of being an only child growing up. Therefore, we both know first hand that there’s no greater love than a mommy’s love! (Aside from the Almighty!) Ms. Charlene’s spirit and energy will continue to whisper to you and nudge you when needed.

Trust in God that he’ll guide you through your pain because when you were knitted in your mother’s womb, you were fearfully and wonderfully made in His image. He knows your heart and what you’re experiencing, because he carried your pain before you endured it, so know that he will carry you through all of this!

Wishing you beautiful memories of the Queen’s undeniable, sustaining love and compassion and may God’s grace and mercy continue to cover you, Quinton, Alvin and the family.

Luv u my friend, peace and blessings! Bev Walker

Bev Walker - January 16, 2021 at 09:48 AM

AR

“ Heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the family. May God continue to bless, comfort and strengthen you during this difficult time. Praying for you.



Amanda Robinson(MLW 65 classmate)

Amanda Robinson - January 15, 2021 at 03:37 PM

SM

“ Ma,

When I was a teenage and didn't want to verbalize my feelings you use to tell me to put in writing. Well here goes.....

Tomorrow will be the very last time I get to see your earthly body. I know you are in a better place now with no more suffer and pain but I just don't know how to move forward without you. I thank God for allowing me the opportunity to have you for 52 years because a lot of people don't get to have their mother for that long but this hurts so bad.

So many things have happened over the last few days that I wanted to pick up the phone and tell you about but you're no longer here. Who am I supposed to talk to now? Who am I supposed to fuss with about insignificant things? No one on this earth knows me better than you! You know me better than I know myself.

I love you ma!!!!!! Rest well pretty lady. Till we meet again!



Shanna Fields Mosby - January 15, 2021 at 03:07 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Charlene H. Chapman.*



January 15, 2021 at 12:00 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charlene H. Chapman.*



January 14, 2021 at 11:21 PM



“ *Char-lene.....was like a 2nd mother to me and for that I will always hold a special place in my heart. She was always there when I needed her and we shared many good and bad times together... The Cousin that knew ALL the cousins and the backbone behind our Family Reunions. To Shanna and Quinton, you were her world. She will always be there watching over you. Love Glenda*

Glenda Hamilton - January 14, 2021 at 08:23 PM



“ *I met Charlene about 15 years ago at a Bid Whist card game and she became a part of our "Rise and Fly" card group. Charlene was very easy to talk to and kind to all. Offering my sincere condolences and prayers to the family. May your many precious memories sustain you during this difficult time and the days to come. God bless and keep and heal you.*



Violet Miller - January 14, 2021 at 04:25 PM

EC

“ To the family we are so sorry for your loss. We are praying for you to have strength and comfort at this time. Our hearts are also sadden because Charlene was one of our dear cousins, truly she will be missed. We send our love to you all and may God continue to bless you. Eugene and Judy Crump

Eugene and Judy Crump - January 13, 2021 at 12:55 PM

YJ

“ Yvonne, William & Judy purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Charlene H. Chapman.



Yvonne, William & Judy - January 13, 2021 at 08:20 AM

JB

“ To the Family,
We were sorry to hear of Charlene's passing and offer our sincerest sympathies. We pray that God's presence in your lives will bring you strength, peace and comfort during this trying time. May God ever bless and keep you.
Warren & JoAnne Bell

JoAnne Bell - January 12, 2021 at 08:53 PM



“ 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 Funeral Homes - January 12, 2021 at 05:29 PM