



Charles David Stokes, Sr.

October 5, 1936 - December 9, 2013

Charles David Stokes, Sr., was born on October 5, 1936, as the 5th eldest son of John Godfrey Stokes and Ruth Geneva-Stokes in Amelia County, Virginia. He is preceded in death by his parents, 5 brothers—John Stokes, James Stokes, William Stokes, Alonzo Stokes and Christopher Stokes; and 1 sister, Geneva Dabney (James).

His family moved to Richmond, Virginia during his childhood and settled in the Jackson Ward area. After completing his secondary education, he enlisted in the United States Army. During his time in the military, he discovered his love for photography and travel. After completing his enlistment obligations, he began his post-secondary education at Southern University and subsequently completed his studies at Virginia Commonwealth University, with a focus in criminal justice.

Committed to a life of public service, he began work in the Richmond City Police Department. After becoming a Detective, he helped to establish the Internal Affairs Division. After greater than 20 years of service, he retired and continued to be an active member of the Fraternal Order of Police.

Civic involvement was paramount for him and to that end he has participated in the Richmond Jaycees; Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated; local involvement in the Democratic National Convention; and was a regular voting

poll worker.

Faith was a cornerstone of his identity. He was a long time member of Fourth Baptist Church and served there as a Deacon. He was also involved in several other ministries.

Family was the joy of his heart. He met and married Arletha Diane Hathaway in 1976 and from that union came three devoted children, April Pleasants(Shawn);Charles Stokes,III and Rene` McClain(Kakwa). Also,he cherished 3 children from a previous marriage,Vanetta Brown,Charles Stokes,Jr. and Velvet Randles (Peter) . He is survived by his wife,children and 11 grandchildren;Whitney Brown,Oliver Brown,Peter Randles,Theodore Randles,Jeremy Randles,Stacy Randles,Quincy Randles,Brandon Pleasants,Ja`Don Pleasants,Kamari Stokes and Christopher Stokes. He is also survived by two sisters,Margaret Eaddy,Cynthia Stokes and one brother,Ricky Stokes.

All in all,to know him was to love him. One could always count on him for a kind smile or encouraging word. He will be truly missed and will remain in our hearts forever.

Cemetery Details

Riverview Cemetery

1401 S. Randolph Street
Richmond, VA 23220

Previous Events

viewing

DEC 13. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

DEC 13. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

DEC 14. 1:00 PM (ET)

Fourth Baptist Church
2800 P Street
Richmond, VA 23223

Tribute Wall



“ *Charles David Stokes, Sr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *To Arletha & the Stokes family,
Our condolences go out to you and family, may the love of God
sustain you at this time.
We would have been there, but we just got the news yesterday. God
bless you and family.
Thomas & Barbara Booker-Cousins of Amelia Va.*

Barbara Booker - January 09, 2014 at 08:40 PM



“ *Our family would like to express condolences to your family. May
you find comfort from Jehovah God's Word The Bible. He assures
us at 1 Corinthians 15:26 that "the last enemy death will be brought
to nothing". Our prayers are with your family.*

linn & family - December 22, 2013 at 05:59 PM



“ *Dear Arletha,
I am lifting up prayers for you and family at this difficult time. My
sympathies are with you. i will talk with you soon. Had to leave town
suddenly. Debbie Yerby*

Debbie Yerby - December 14, 2013 at 09:05 AM

MF

“ To the Stokes family,
I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your loved one. It is my hope that Jehovah, the God of all comfort (2Corinthians1:3-4), continue to sustain you during this difficult time. May you find solace in the John5:28-29 and Revelation21:4 that talks about a future time when there will be no more sickness or death and when our loved ones that have fallen asleep in death will be resurrected to perfect life in a paradise earth. Continue to pray for strength and look to God's word for comfort and hope. With deepest sympathy.

Murphy Family - December 11, 2013 at 05:18 PM

JL

“ Sending our deepest condolences with love and appreciation for everything Mr. Stokes and family brought to our lives.

Janaka Lewis - December 11, 2013 at 04:55 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 - December 11, 2013 at 04:02 PM