



# Charles Wright

August 10, 1932 - September 4, 2022

## In Remembrance

Charles Wright was born on August 10, 1932, in Birmingham, Alabama to Lawrence and Joanne Wright. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Jimmy Hill and Tommy Wright, sister, Gertie Mae Thomas, and grandson, Charles Long.

Charles received his formal education in the Birmingham Public School System. He furthered his education at Monterey Peninsula College in California where he received an Associate in Arts degree.

Charles accepted Christ at early age and was baptized at the St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. He continued to pray to the Lord for strength. When he was lying on his hospital bed, he could be heard crying out "Lord have mercy on me".

Charles left Birmingham at an early age to enlist in the United States Army. He proudly served his country with over thirty-five years of active duty and service-related positions after his honorable discharge with the rank of Sergeant First Class (E7). He received the Purple Heart (PH) Medal of Honor for being wounded in combat. He received a gunshot wound to his hand and as a result, lost full use of the hand.

After retirement, he made his lifetime home in California until his recent move to Virginia to live with his son. His continued post-retirement service with the United States Army gained him numerous awards and certificates of recognition and appreciation. One such award includes the Outstanding Support of the 7th Infantry Division (Light). He also completed a course of instructions with the West Coast Football Officials Clinic of which he received a Certificate of Distinction.

Charles didn't let his limited use of his hand keep him from pursuing his love of playing golf. He frequented many golf courses throughout California. Even after he could no longer play the sport, he satisfied his interest by watching it on television. He also loved

football with his favorite team being the LA Raiders.

He leaves to cherish his memory and legacy to his only child, Gregory Long; granddaughters, Tracee Long, Shavonne Ayinla (Tim), Brittany Jones, and Brianna Long; grandson, Gregory Jr.; great-grandchildren, Butchie, Cristal, Zayden, Timmy, Tiffany, Amil, and baby Ayinla coming in November; a host of nieces nephews and cousins.

# Cemetery Details

## Virginia Veterans Cemetery at Amelia

10300 Pridesville Road  
Amelia, VA 23002

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 16. 12:00 PM (ET)

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

## Celebration of Life with live streaming

SEP 16. 2:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

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**March Funeral Homes** - September 22, 2022 at 08:37 AM



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Charles Wright, Please Click the Link below.*



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**March Funeral Homes** - September 10, 2022 at 08:22 AM



“ *Charles Wright*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 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.*

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**March Funeral Homes** - September 09, 2022 at 12:36 PM