



Charles Jerome Wynn, Sr.

February 3, 1945 - July 18, 2022

Life Story of Charles J. Wynn, Sr.

Charles Jerome Wynn, Sr. was born on February 3, 1945, in Washington, D.C. at the District of Columbia General Hospital. The only child of the late Rosa Tilman and Henderson Wynn, Charles was raised by his grandparents, the late Francis and Israel Wynn. Part of Charles' time was spent in Washington, D.C. with his parents and part in Goldsboro, North Carolina with his grandparents. Charles' father owned a construction business and it was while working in this business that Charles learned the value of manual labor and hard work.

Charles attended Dillard High School in Goldsboro, North Carolina where he was a star football player and graduated in 1963. After high school, he took the advice of his father and grandparents and entered Elizabeth City State University, in Elizabeth City, North Carolina where he graduated in 1967 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Health and Physical Education. During his time at Elizabeth City, Charles, affectionately known then as "Hen", was a popular student and cheerleader. It was at Elizabeth City, Charles met a lovely young lady by the name of Lossie Turnage in the cafeteria line one day with her friends. Charles knew from that day he would marry Lossie but not without some effort.

After graduating from Elizabeth City, Charles began working with Greenville County Public Schools in Emporia, Virginia as a Physical Education Teacher. After being hired by Greenville County schools, Charles was able to secure a room at Roberts Motel where he paid \$50 monthly for daily breakfast, dinner, laundry service, and room cleaning services, a great bargain even during that time. Charles later went on to receive his Master's Degree in Administration and Supervision from Virginia Commonwealth University. Charles then secured employment with Richmond Public Schools beginning as a Teacher and retiring in 2000 as an Assistant Principal. During his over 30 plus years career with Richmond Public Schools, Charles worked at Mosby Middle School and George Mason, Fairfield, Chimborazo, Norrell, Maymont, Westover Hills, and Carver Elementary Schools.

Charles married the love of his life, Lossie Turnage, on June 29, 1968, and became the parents of four lovely children LaVeta, Samea, Charles, Jr., and Henderson, II.

Charles loved his church, family, and his late wife, Lossie Turnage Wynn. He began attending St. John's United Holy Church after becoming acquainted with Lossie. He wanted to date her, but to Charles, Lossie just wanted to be in church a little too much! He was not interested in church; but in order to get Lossie's attention, he realized he might as well follow her to church. It was during a revival led by St. John's former pastor, Dr. James A. Forbes, Jr., that the Lord saved Charles and he became a dedicated member of St. John's!

Following Charles' casting his lot with St. John's, he served in the following areas: Trustee, Deacon, Chair of Finance, Male Chorus, Bible Church School Teacher, Senior Choir, Vacation Bible School Teacher, and other areas of the church.

Deacon Wynn remained a faithful member of St. John's until God called him

home. He loved babies, children, youth, young adults, and especially the senior citizens. Sickness and failing health never dampened his love, calls, and care for family, church members, children, youth and many others we may have failed to acknowledge. If you had a birthday coming up, you could certainly expect a call to extend an opportunity to have a meal on him or to be serenaded by him.

Charles departed this life and entered his eternal rest on July 18, 2022, at VCU Medical Center.

Charles was preceded in death by his wife, Lossie T. Wynn. Remaining to cherish his memory and continue his legacy are his children: LaVeta Wynn-Coston (Alton, Jr.), Samea Wynn Crittendon (Marlo), Charles Wynn, Jr., and Henderson Wynn, II (Doneca); 13 grandchildren: Charee, Alton III, and Kelsey Coston; Marlea Crittendon; Davon, DaShanti, Charles III, and Cameron Wynn; Javon Palacious, Alexis Hamed, Henderson III, Joell, and Ella Wynn; one great-grandchild: Dakota Payne; a devoted sister-cousin: Annette Flowers; brothers and sisters in love: Lenora Arrington, Lillian McCrimmon, Willie Turnage, Rosa Parland (Kenneth), Jeanette Leeks, Lonnie Turnage (Helena), and Lula Vereen (Harry); a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and dear friends; and last but not least, three granddogs: Alister, Koi, and Levi.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 28. 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM (ET)

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

Celebration of Life

JUL 29. 10:30 AM (ET)

Sharon Baptist Church
500 E. Laburnum Avenue
Richmond, VA 23222

Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Jerome Wynn, Sr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Lisa Morris lit a candle in memory of Charles Jerome Wynn, Sr.*



Lisa Morris - July 29, 2022 at 01:19 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences to the family of Charles Wynn. We met Charles through our uncle Luby Williams. They were good friends and he became part of our family. Charles was a very nice person and supportive. May God bless, comfort and strengthen the family.*



*The Carmon Family
Grifton, NC*

The Carmon Family - July 29, 2022 at 08:36 AM



“ *Michael A. purchased the [Memorial Trees](https://www.marchfh.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of Charles Jerome Wynn, Sr..*

Michael A. - July 28, 2022 at 08:46 PM

SP

“ Blessings and condolences to the family of Mr. Wynn especially to his children and to Mrs, Lillian McCrimmon and her daughter, Ms. Marcia McCrimmon. It’s my prayer that the comfort and peace of our Lord abide, rest and rule over each of you at this difficult time and the days ahead.
SynthiaParker, Caregiver



Synthia Parker - July 28, 2022 at 04:51 PM

MW

“ My sincerest sympathies to the family and friends of Charles Wynn. I had the honor of working with Mr. Wynn through his many years of dedicated service to the children of Richmond Public Schools. His dedication and love of his staff and children made him an unsung hero in education. His memories will not fade. May God bring you his peace and strength. Rest in Peace Mr. Wynn.

Margaret Wildy

Margaret Wildy - July 28, 2022 at 03:23 PM

MH

“ My dearest Uncle Charles, thank you for being YOU! Such the ambitious, loving, caring man as you took my mother under your wing as one of her dearest friends. Yall would fuss as best friends do, but you would always follow up with a joke im sure she will miss you and Mr. Lewis as yall were always cutting up and laughing. I remember coming over to the house to play with Samea, Charmaine and Charlene...and the overnites we had to beg to stay but we had to get up and get to Sunday School on Sunday morn. Always tough and never wavering, yet a big cuddly bear on the inside full of class! Thank you for helping to raise us and thank you for keeping your eye on my mommy. As I STILL miss my Aunt Lossie, I know you are with her now and yall are just happy again together! I love you Uncle Charles and will definitely miss you!



your favorite (lol)MIA

MIA HILLIARD - July 28, 2022 at 02:36 PM

VJ

“ My sincerest condolences for you at this time. My heart goes out to you and your family. While you enjoy the good memories and the life and times of Mr.Wynn.



Vanessa Johnson - July 28, 2022 at 10:11 AM

MW

“ Charles, how can anyone forget you, always fun to be around. Your classmate in high school and college, Minnie Swinson Williamson



Minnie Swinson Williamson - July 27, 2022 at 01:42 PM

GT

“ Deacon Charles J. Wynn, Sr. (my Uncle) - I will missed him a lot. He was everyone's Buddy and Special Friend. He was always in Great Spirits and a joy talking to him. He was my inspiration and I always get a clear understanding on all matters personal and spiritual. He went above and beyond his call to duty as an officer - St. John's United Holy Church and the Community. God have a better and higher place for him. Love Your Niece - Ms. Gloria Turnage



Gloria Turnage - July 27, 2022 at 02:39 AM

SH

“ I'm sending my heartfelt condolences to the family of Mr Charles Wynn.

Sonia V Hunt - July 26, 2022 at 09:50 PM

BG

“ Charles' passing has left us heartbroken, however we are thankful that he consistently demonstrated for all who knew him how to daily live the Great Commandments. The lyrics of the song "May The Work I've Done Speak For Me" seem so fitting at this time. The Vikings of Elizabeth City State University will always remember his love, dedication, commitment and encouragement to all of us and our University. I believe he is hearing what we all want to hear one day, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of the Lord." Matthew 25:21. Take your rest, my friend.

Betty Watson Garris - July 24, 2022 at 06:53 PM

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“ Norma Cherry, Dillard H.S. Class Of 1963 lit a candle in memory of Charles Jerome Wynn, Sr.



Norma Cherry, Dillard H.S. Class of 1963 - July 23, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ Patricia Wilkins Jones and Thad are sad to read and hear about the passing of Charles. He was a very caring person. While my husband was deployed, he would call to check on me. His legacy will never be forgotten as a friend and ECSU alumni. R.I.P. Charles J. Wynn Sr as he would often refer to himself when he call us.



Thad Jones - July 23, 2022 at 07:48 AM

KH

“ Uncle Charles, words can't express how heartbroken I am. The last time we talked was on Saturday, July 2nd. You called me and said "it sounds like you're jamming" I said "no, I'm at a cookout" lol, but we proceeded to talk anyway over the loud music....we made plans for me to come by the house to see you and to bring Kavan on July 4th....I wish we wouldve made it. I have so many memories....You took me to the hospital to give birth to Kavan, and sat in the waiting room and read the paper and then called 2 hours later to see if I had had the baby, I said, its not quite that fast, lol. You were always there for me, for us....I wish I had spent more time with you then I did.... You told me a few years ago I act like I don't love you anymore, because I didn't call as often as I should...I'm so sorry, I love you forever and always...you will always be my Uncle Charles....I find comfort in knowing that you are in the arms of our Lord and Savior....I promise to continue to make you proud....I will always love you.

K'tia

K'tia Hicks - July 22, 2022 at 12:36 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 - July 22, 2022 at 09:53 AM