



Cornell Wilde Ragland

August 31, 1963 - October 16, 2011

Obituary

"To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die" ~ Thomas Campbell

On Saturday, October 16, 2011, in Richmond, Virginia, Cornell Wilde Ragland, "Chuck", departed this life suddenly when God called him home. Though our hearts are filled with profound sadness, as believers of God's word and in acceptance of his promise, we know Chuck is safe in the Master's arms.

"Chuck"- as he was commonly known- was the mature version of nickname "Chuckie" given to him as a child by his mother. He was born at the Medical College of Virginia on August 3, 1963 to the late Joseph and Winnie Ragland. He was the youngest of four children and was preceded in death by the oldest child, brother Eugene "Junnie" Edwards.

A life-long resident of Richmond. Chuck was raised in the Creighton Court community and was educated in Richmond City Public Schools. In his youth, he accepted Christ and joined Cedar Street Baptist Church. It was a 16 year-old Chuck who first practiced in his mother's home the skill and trade that he would later perfect and become renowned for throughout the city- barber.

Chuck gained extensive, invaluable experience as a barber--having worked in shops around town. He built a large clientele of loyal patrons along the way

so, usually, whenever he was presented with a better job opportunity, his customers followed him. Chuck was last employed at "Talk of the Town" on Broad Street where he remained until his untimely death. He was truly a barber extraordinaire!

Just over a decade ago on September 1, 2001, Chuck married the love of his life, Fransine B. Harris and two families merged into one. Together they made a house a home and raised, parented and loved unconditionally five children. Over time, Chuck evolved and settled into the role of family mediator, keeping peace in a house surrounded by only girls whenever son "Little Chuck" wasn't there.

A proud, kind-hearted, husband and father, Chuck was the quintessential family man. He consistently showered Fransine, whom he affectionately referred to as "Poodie"--with thoughtful gifts to demonstrate his continued deep love and appreciation for her. Sending her flowers and balloons became a regular signature expression--not just on special occasions but often, just because. Consequently, some of Fransine's co-workers dubbed Chuck "Ballon Boy"! "Ballon Boy" struck again when he melted daughter Marie's heart by giving her, too, flowers and balloons when she graduated from Swansboro Elementary School in fifth grade. It is an undisputable fact Chuck cherished his children and grandson and that they reciprocated his love.

Chuck joined Fairfield Baptist Church over ten years ago where he and his family faithfully worshipped. For some years, Chuck served passionately on the usher board where he later enjoyed the honor and additional responsibility of head usher. It's no wonder he was tapped for this position as it requires one to be jovial, neat, approachable and cooperative; Chuck was all these and more!

Everyone who knew Chuck knew how meticulous he was about his appearance

and attire. To keep the boy ushers up to his standards and looking dapper, he even bought them matching neckties.

In his leisure, Chuck enjoyed watching football, listening to music, riding roller coasters and working in the yard. He took pleasure in attending outdoor jazz concerts with Fransine and their friends, and he was an ardent Pittsburgh Steelers fan. But above it all, Chuck loved God first. And so it is: "And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise" Luke 23:43

Chuck leaves to cherish his memory, his loving and devoted wife, Fransine Ragland; four daughters, Lakisha Daniels, Tone`Widbee, Franshaun Harris and Marie Harris; one son, Cornell Daniels; one grandson, Sherman Whidbee, II; one sister, Angelean Ragland; one brother, Joseph Ragland, Jr. (Cynthia); mother-in-law, Mary Battle (Sylvester); two brothers-in-law, Toney Bynum and Keijo Butts; two sisters-in-law Tracey Walker (Bobby) and Monica Funn; godfather, James Fuller, Sr.; two god sisters, Tracy Fuller and Cynthia Minott; two god brothers, James Fuller, Jr. and LeVon Fuller; devoted friends, Rodrick Williams, Mario Battle and Pastor Timothy Kirven and a host of other relatives and friends.

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Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

3101 Nine Mile Road
Richmond, VA 23223

Previous Events

Public Viewing

OCT **21**. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

OCT **21**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

OCT **22**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Cornell Wilde Ragland*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Wanda & Ricky(skin) Henderson lit a candle
in memory of Cornell Wilde Ragland*



Wanda & Ricky(skin) Henderson - October 22, 2011 at 05:27 PM



we love you forever!!!!

Wanda & Ricky(skin) Henderson - October 22, 2011 at 05:28 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to Chuck's family. I was introduced to him from a male friend who sat in Chuck's chair for over 20 years. I needed my 3 year old to get a good hair cut. Chuck who was ever so mellow and cool with the young and the old and always respectful of the Mom's like me who waited for their sons. No one cut my son's hair like Chuck and I tried to find him maybe a few months ago without luck. My son is now 13 and wishes to express his sadness as well. Rest in peace, you will not be forgotten.*

Tracey and Jordan

Tracey Johnston - October 22, 2011 at 02:37 PM



CJ

“ Chuck it seems like yesterday you hanging out with my cousins Tim and Ves. What a wonderful guy. Im Sure Tim (Til) and you are clowning around again. Rest in peace and my prayers are with your family. Charles Johnson & family

Charles Johnson Jr. - October 22, 2011 at 09:06 AM



“ *No More Troubles*

*No more troubles my brother,
Go ahead and rest,
God has called you home
Because you're one of his best.
He heard your cries and saw your tears,
He knew of you struggle over the years.
Your ups & downs, Your highs and lows,
Only he knew it was your time to go.
We will miss your smile and laugh that we adored,
No more pain and heartache for you I'm sure
And as we say our goodbyes,
We know that we've been blessed
To be in the presence of one of God's best.
Now my dear brother, go ahead and rest.*

*Love always,
Darrell*

D - October 22, 2011 at 08:45 AM

AG

“ To Fransine and family, please know that you all are in my prayers and thoughts during this difficult time. There are no words that can ease your pain but know that God is a comforter and healer. He will comfort you during your sorrow and heal your broken heart. Always rely on Him for your courage and strength.

Alisa Griffin - October 22, 2011 at 05:02 AM

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“ Truly a "CLASS A" act. You will forever be etched in my memory.
Love You
Rev. Ann

Annesto H. Younger - October 21, 2011 at 03:39 AM

PW

“ Poindexter I can't believe you are with God already!!!! Man We will meet again. Francine I got you cousin. You know that. Luv You



Patrice "Treedy" Whitaker - October 20, 2011 at 03:19 PM

PL

“ I wanted to express my sorrow over the loss of your loved one. Losing a loved one is something we all wish we never had to go through. Thankfully, within his word the bible, God promises us that soon "death will be no more". He also gives us the hope of seeing our loved ones who have already fallen asleep in death (Revelation 21:3,4 John 5:28,29). Again my condolences.

Peggy Land - October 20, 2011 at 03:10 PM

HU

“ *HMO BROKER UNIT lit a candle in memory of Cornell Wilde Ragland*



HMO BROKER UNIT - October 20, 2011 at 11:32 AM



“ *I am at a loss for words. I was extremely surprised to hear about Chuck. Please know that I am praying for you and your family. It never seems fair when people we are close to die. I want you tell you that I am sorry for the loss. I am praying for you and your family. Please accept my condolences.*

TyJuana Person - October 20, 2011 at 10:51 AM

JB

“ *Jelaine Branch lit a candle in memory of Cornell Wilde Ragland*



Jelaine Branch - October 20, 2011 at 10:40 AM

BP

“ *Becky Peterson lit a candle in memory of Cornell Wilde Ragland*



Becky Peterson - October 20, 2011 at 07:57 AM

TM

“ To my Brother, friend and soldier in the struggle. The time is now and the struggle is no more. Every time I had the honor of gracing your chair and receiving the gift of your craft, I'd get stopped immediately upon leaving and asked "Yo man, who cut that joint?; that's tight; you think I can holla at em?" That... I will always remember. Rest in peace Soldier and may God guide your family and keep them well.

Luv Always,
Thann Mills, Chesterfield

Thann Mills - October 19, 2011 at 09:40 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 - October 19, 2011 at 12:14 PM