



Charles Taylor

July 21, 1955 - December 11, 2017

Charles Andre Taylor was born July 21, 1955, to Reginald Taylor and Yvencil Byrd-Taylor-Mitchum. Charles was the only child of this union. Charles departed this life December 11, 2017. He was preceded in death by, his father, Reginald C. Taylor. Charles was educated in the Kansas City School District, attending Booker T. Washington Elementary, Lincoln Jr. High, and Lincoln Sr. High Schools. In his Junior year, he attended the new Vo-Tech Center and studied Architectural Drafting. In a city-wide competition, he was awarded first place and the grand prize for his design. From this achievement, he was hired as a Draftsman for the Land Clearance Redevelopment Authority of Kansas City and worked there until his graduation from Lincoln High in 1973. In August of 1973, Charles attended the University of Kansas, where he majored in Architectural and Urban Design for two and a half years. After returning to Kansas City, he united with his childhood church home, St. Stephens Baptist Church, where he taught the Young Adult Sunday School Class. In 1978, he was licensed to preach the Gospel and in 1982, he was ordained as a Minister by the late, John W. Williams. In 1984, Charles married Martina Criswell and to this union there were no children. In October of 1976, Charles was employed by the City of Kansas City, where he worked for over thirty years before retiring in June of 2007. While with the city, he worked on many major projects including, the Kemper Arena Expansion, the Liberty Memorial Renovation, Bartle Hall Project and more. In March of 2002, he was admitted to the Associate Status of the American Institute of Architects. Charles

Masonic career started in December 1985, where he was raised to Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in Amos Johnson Lodge. He was elected to Master of the Lodge in December 1991 and served two years as Master from 1992 and 1993. Charles was very active in the Order. In 1995, he was elected Building Manager of the Masonic temple and served for ten years. In 2003, he was voted Master Mason of the year. In 1993, he also became a member of the African Lodge #459 F&AM in Boston, Massachusetts. He was also a 32nd Degree Mason and had served as Thrice Potent Master, Lodge of Perfection and in the Kansas City Consistory #7. Other Masonic activities included being a member of the Phylaxis Society for over twenty-five years. He served the Society as its Curator, President of the Council of Representatives, Founding President of the Lawrence A. Jones, Sr. Chapter and First Vice President. In 1997, at the Annual Session in Ontario, California, he was awarded the highest award the Society offered, "The John G. Lewis Medal of Excellence". Charles was involved in numerous Civic Organizations, most notable he had been President of the "Friends of Reggae International", where he served in office for over eight years and brought Reggae music to the Mid-West. In addition to Mr. Taylor's accomplishments during his long tenure with the city was the 4900 Swope Parkway complete remodeling. He was responsible for the design of the 19th floor of City Hall and the City Engineer's Office. He also provided Construction Management Service for the Martin Luther King Hospital renovation and the parking lot. A glance around the city reveals Charles Taylor's work is everywhere, and this work stands as a testament to his dedication to the City and his strong and capable work ethic. Charles A. Taylor leaves to cherish his memories, his mother, Yvoncil Mitchum; best friend Keith Darby; special friend Gail Burt; and a host of friends that will miss him. Funeral Service for Charles A. Taylor will be held Friday, December 22, 11:00 a.m. at the Watkins Heritage Chapel, 4000 Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the Watkins Heritage Chapel. Interment, Forest Hill Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

LB

“ Charley was like a brother. Both of us were Cancers, July babies and he always remembered my birthday. After we both had retired we still stayed in contact. I will truly miss him just like so many others will. GOD only takes the best and heaven has Charley. R. I.P.

Lora Bell - May 25, 2023 at 04:30 PM

AH

“ We had plans you and I
And I didn't even get to say goodbye.
For many years we were so close. You were always there when I needed you most.
My heart is broken, I'm feeling sad.
I can no longer reach out to the best friend I ever had.
But always in my heart, in my mind and my thoughts you will be.
And in my prayers will be your family. I'm missing more than you will ever know.
But our Father knows all things.
He knows I'm missing you so.
May you rest in eternal peace free from illness, free from pain.
Keep that, love light shining... Until we meet again.
Looking you always, forlver and a day. RASTAFARI LOVE & BLESSINGS.
Anne Benji.

Anne Benji Hewitt - May 25, 2023 at 04:30 PM

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“ A candle was lit by Anne Benji

on March 29, 2018 10:41 AM

Anne Benji - May 25, 2023 at 04:30 PM

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“ A candle was lit by Anne Benji

on March 29, 2018 10:42 AM

Anne Benji - May 25, 2023 at 04:30 PM

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“ A candle was lit by Darlene Freeman Co-Worker (City Of Kansas City)

on May 31, 2018 12:44 PM

Darlene Freeman Co-Worker (City Of Kansas City) - May 25, 2023 at 04:30 PM

AN

“ My heart is so heavy I am at a loss for words. We drifted from keeping in touch like usual over the past 10 years & I bought a card to let you know I was thinking of you & wondering why we had let our communication lapse for so long. Something made me google your name & my dear friend has left us. My fellow Cancer with his caring heart, righteous spirit & high humor. Oh the brother could make you laugh. Will forever miss you Charles. The world has lost a little of its shine at your leaving us. I have to go & weep because I let time lapse between us & did not say goodbye. I know your Mom is heart broken. May your Spirit rest well for you lived life❤️

Ankhti - May 25, 2023 at 04:30 PM

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“ A candle was lit by Ankhti

on August 7, 2018 11:10 AM

Ankhti - May 25, 2023 at 04:30 PM



“ *Im going to miss youi just found out after trying yo contact you
Missing you your beautiful smile abeautiful person*

Nnene - May 25, 2023 at 04:30 PM