



## Mr. Charlie O. Diamond, III

July 14, 1958 - August 29, 2022

### Obituary

#### The History of a Soldier

It was Monday, July 14, 1958, when the Iraqi coup d'état took place and resulted in an overthrow of Hashemite monarchy. Thousands of miles away at the same time in a far away and distant land, a true soldier was being born. Charlie O. Diamond, III made his grand entrance during one of the more prominent days in our history, Monday, July 14, 1958. Born to the late Charlie O. Diamond, II and the late Drue Diamond in West Hermandale, Missouri, this little true born warrior was destined to impact the lives of many.

This great big ball of energy graduated from Hickman Mills High School in Kansas City, Missouri where he developed a profound love for football and had dreams of being a pro football player but opted for a life of service in the United States Army instead where he reached the final ranking of Staff Sergeant before being honorably discharged years later.

From a young age Charlie attended the Diamond family church base Faith Mission C.O.G.I.C. under the pastorate of the late Superintendent Hubert Lambert, Sr. Here he accepted Christ into his heart and played the drums for the church. Charlie loved the drums so much that he built an altar in his room, placed his drumsticks on that altar and asked God to endow him with the

ability to play the beats and rhythms well enough to reach the throne room.

That is exactly what happened. Charlie would play the drums so that he would jump up off of them and dance until his soul was satisfied. Charlie was afforded the opportunity to play for several recording artists, such as the late Bishop Rance Allen and Pastor Shirley Caesar.

Charlie was indeed a family man. He loved his family very much. Especially, his mother's last living brother Clark Davis (Detroit, MI) and his father's oldest sibling and only surviving sister Betsy Diamond-Williams (Kansas City, MO). Charlie often made the statement, "Family over everything. Nothing becomes your family."

On Monday, April 24, 1978, he married Kim Y. Daggs and to that union they brought forth his first-born son, the pride in his eye, Tre'von Diamond. You could always hear Charlie say, "That's my son." with joy and a smile on his face!

A few months later Monday, August 14, 1978, Charlie enlisted into the military as a means to support his new young family. His time of enlistment was another profound love that he held, being able to protect and serve not just his family, but the entire country. He fought in Saudi Arabia (Operation Desert Storm) and Panama with his concentrated areas being in ammo and truck driving.

On Thursday, November 27, 1986, Charlie married Judy Green and to this union of 19 years, Charlie and Judy brought forth the heart and soul of his life, Leonard Diamond and Brittany Diamond. The nuptials are fondly remembered for Leonard's cameo as a three-month-old newborn napping on Mommy's chest during the swapping of vows.

Charlie continued to serve in the military earning several medals, certificates of success, and good honor. Among those honors Charlie received his Purple Heart and Congressional Medal of Honor from the military. He was extremely proud when Brittany announced she aimed to follow in his footsteps. Charlie was later discharged with an honorable release from active duty after twenty plus years of service.

Late in his life, Charlie became a faithful, honorable, and dedicated member of the Boone Tabernacle C.O.G.I.C., under the pastorate of a fellow “army buddy,” Bishop L.F. Thuston. Bishop Thuston and Charlie served together while in the military and became great friends, so it was no surprise that the ministry was such a good fit for him.

Charlie loved and cherished the time he spent at Boone Tabernacle C.O.G.I.C. and took much pride in calling Bishop L.F. Thuston, his pastor. He remained a long-term member of the church until his time of enteral rest.

On Monday, August 29, 2022, a final and deep sleep fell upon him as he closed his eyes for the last time. Several of our family gems and trendsetters like his grandparents Olander and Mary Diamond; Equilla Trotter and Earl Davis; his parents Charlie O. Diamond, II and Drue S. Diamond, along with his five angel siblings all proceeded him in death.

Charlie imparts his memory and legacy to his children; Tre’von Diamond, Leonard Diamond, and Brittany Diamond and is loved and remembered dearly by all who knew him, including his siblings: Rosetta Holt (Kansas City), Wayne Diamond (Grand Blanc, MI), Terry Diamond (Kansas City), Earl Diamond (Flint, MI), and LeRon Diamond (Linda) (Waynesville, MO).

Also left to cherish him are his nieces and nephews: De’Ericka (Walter),

Angela, Krystle, Antwon, Terry Diamond, Jr, Tiffani (DeWhite), Charla, Tierra, Jazmine, Terrell, DeShonia, Kadeeja (Casanova), LeRon, II, Valencia, Alexis, Wayne Jr, and Olivia. Great nieces and nephews: Damarion, Donvavan, Dariah, Aylssa, Zachariah, Deirra, Alisha, Mason, DeWhite, Madeleine, and Giselle, one special daughter Brandy Johnson and one special son, Pastor Jason R. Jones (Indianapolis, Indiana), and a whole host of aunts, uncles, cousins, family and friends.

Funeral Service will be held on September 10, 2022, 11:00am at Boone Tabernacle COGIC. Interment Mt. Moriah Cemetery. Service conducted by Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapel. Condolences may be shared on our website.

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in memory of Mr. Charlie O. Diamond, III, please visit our floral store.

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We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Lawrence A. Jones  
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Funeral Chapels  
Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree*

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for Mr. Charlie O. Diamond, III** - May 25, 2023 at 11:31 AM

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“ *Beautiful in blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Charlie O.  
Diamond, III by Betty Larry. Send Flowers Thinking of you and  
praying that you will have peace and comfort as you remember  
Butch. Love, The Washington Family (Eddie, Willie and Betty) Betty  
Larry*

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**Betty Larry** - May 25, 2023 at 11:31 AM

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“ *Praying for everyone. Look to Jesus he is near to everyone (CWC  
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