



## Joseph A Charles

May 12, 1918 - October 19, 2014

Though his smile is gone forever and his hand we cannot touch; still we have so many memories of the one we love so much. His memory is our keepsake with which we will never part; God has him in His keeping, We have him in our hearts."

### Eulogy

Joseph Andrew Charles was born on May 12th, 1918 in San Pedro de Macoris of the Dominican Republic, W.I. He was the son of Israel Charles and Wilhelmina Charles natives of Antigua W.I. where he later grew up from the age of 5 years old. He loved fishing with his father who was a fisherman and he enjoyed eating portions of his catch. He was also a great swimmer.

At the youthful age of 23 he met and married Wilma A Horsford who was a faithful, frugal and industrious woman who loved the Lord Jesus Christ and made Him the center of her life. This was the stabilizing foundation in their lives. To them were born 5 children: Eunolda C Charles, Eustace A Charles and daughter-in-law Jacqueline Charles, Veronica C Haughton and son-in-law Rudyard Haughton, Maurice N Charles (deceased), and Dr. Avril M Sampson and son-in-law Wesley Sampson. He also had daughters Celestina Phillip and son-in-law Ted Phillip residing in the United Kingdom and Dellie Williams (deceased). He was of humble beginnings and became a very resourceful

man. His parents owned a bakery and so he built his own oven and made his own bread pans from tin and was able to provide lovely loaves of bread for family and friends. He was always a very generous person with a quick and clever wit.

He was never afraid of his responsibilities as provider. When it became difficult to sustain his family he migrated to the island of Trinidad for viable employment in 1951, where he worked with Pan American World Airways and Varig Airlines as a Pastry Chef. He was also a member of The Culinary Arts Society of Trinidad & Tobago, and was commissioned in 1962 to design and decorate the commemorative cake with the Island's coat of arms for their Independence celebration. When he got settled he brought his wife and children to be with him there. There he with the help of faithful friends built a second home for the family. He later migrated with his family to the United States. He has also done some traveling to Brazil, London France, Finland, Germany and other states in the US. While residing in New York, he worked for the Marriott Corporation at JFK as a pastry chef where he retired after over 30 years of service.

In addition to his culinary skills, he was also an avid gardener, and was able to provide a lot of food for both family and friends. He used to cultivate vegetable and fruit gardens in Brooklyn, where he was featured on the local TV news station, and in the newspaper for his gardening expertise. He loved to read and instilled the need of having a good education in all his children. He also taught his children to have the kind of resourcefulness, industry, and frugality with contentment that his wife demonstrated in their home. His first wife died in 1995.

He leaves behind his 2nd wife Eggenetta Peyton, his step-son Larry Peyton and his wife Nita Peyton. From that blended family he has a step granddaughter and six brothers-in-law, eight sisters-in-law and numerous

other in-law families. He is the last of his siblings of brothers and 1 sister. He had the privilege of knowing several generations. He is survived by five children, twenty-two grandchildren, thirty-nine great-grands, four great great-grands and two great great great-grands. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews other relatives and many church family and friends which includes Lise Pidoux, thanks for your faithful devotions over the years. He believed in the Lord Jesus Christ and was devoted to literature distribution. He usually carried Steps to Christ in his car to give to whomever the Lord impressed on him to give. Although he was not able to stand for long periods of time, he was always there with the group giving out bread to those in need. Indeed he was one resilient person who always wanted to honor the Lord in all he did as best as he could. He will be greatly missed as he sleeps in peace until Jesus comes.

Friends desiring to contribute in Patricia's memory are to donate to OVERTOWN YOUTH CENTER INC. The family preferred charities are listed under the donation tab. For more information call 954-639-7451

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph A Charles*

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January 25, 2023 at 07:44 PM



“ *Grandpa... you will always be missed. I am so thankful for the experiences we had together, and the life you led.*

*N. Tonge*

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**Neville Tonge** - October 08, 2020 at 07:09 PM



“ *Dearest Dad,  
Your spirit will live on in my heart forever, the precious moments we had together, I will treasure forever, It is love not reason that is stronger in death. I hope we will meet again in the new life.  
Will think of you always.*

*Tina*

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**Tina (daughter)** - October 30, 2014 at 02:45 PM



“ *George and I would like to extend our sincere condolences to the family' of Joseph. We only knew him for a few years but in that time found him to be a very special man. As a young girl I had a grandfather that Joseph reminded me of so much. We will miss him dearly. We hope he is with God now resting in peace.*

*Sincerely,  
Marilyn & George Serapiglia*

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**Marilyn Serapiglia** - October 28, 2014 at 04:25 PM

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“ may tender mercies soften your grief, may fond recollection bring you relief, and may you comfort and peace in the thought of the joy knowing your loved one brought-for time and space can never divide, or keep your love one from your side, when memories paints in color true, The happy hours that belonged to you. Dad's not dead, he has only gone on to a brighter, more wonderful dawn. Matthew 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers because they will be called sons of God. That's DAD!!!! May we ever be able to fill those shoes. I believed God said well done. What will he says to us? Love you daughter-in-law Nita

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nita peyton - October 26, 2014 at 04:55 PM