## FOREVER LOVED...



















# LIFE IS BUT \*\*Stopping Place\*\*

Life is but a stopping place, a pause in what's to be,
A resting place along the road, to sweet eternity.

We all have different journeys,
Different paths along the way,
We all were meant to learn some things,
but never meant to stay...

Our destination is a place, far greater than we know.
For some the journey's quicker,
For some the journey's slow, and when the
journey finally ends, we'll claim a great reward,
And find an everlasting peace...

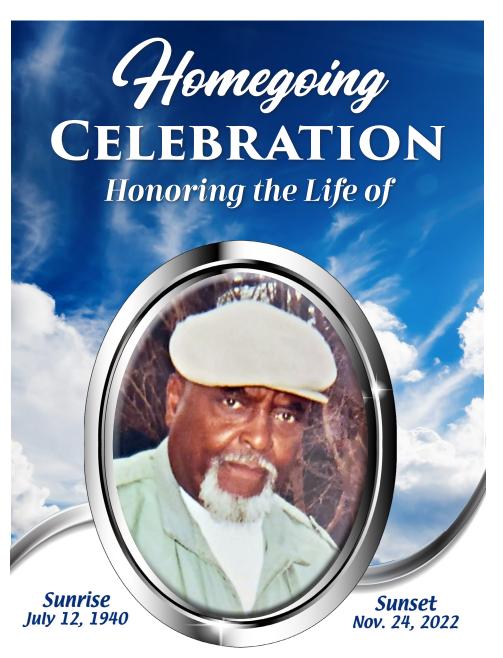
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### **CUNNINGHAM MORTUARY CHAPEL**

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Elder Tommy Newkirk, Eulogist

## Order of Service

Musical Prelude
Processional
Hymn of Comfort
Scripture Reading: OLD TESTAMENT
New Testament
Prayer of Comfort
Solo
Reflections Please Limit to 3 Minutes
Special Tribute
Tributes
Musical Selection (MEDLEY)
Eulogy
Morticians Brief Cunningham Funeral Home

#### **INTERMENT**

SANDHILLS STATE VETERANS CEMETERY
400 Murchison Road • Spring Lake, North Carolina 28390

#### **REPAST**

THE AMBIANCE OF FAYETTEVILLE 2510 Legion Road • Fayetteville, NC 28306

Acknowledgement

We would like to express our deepest love and appreciation for everyone's sympathy as we mourn. The shared memories from all of you at the visitation and funeral, along with many phone calls, flowers, cards, gifts of food and words of condolence meant a lot to us all.

We would especially like to thank Cunningham Mortuary and their staff for the professional and caring arrangements. Thank you to Dr. Segers, Dr. Lasko and the medical team at Cape Fear Medical Center and PA Paul Sharpless for the excellent care, compassion, and exceptional professionalism. We would also like to thank Elder Richard T. Newkirk, Jaki Pace, Andrena Harriel and Dewon Greer for doing a wonderful job honoring Charlie's life.

A special thank you to Sandra Fields and family who assisted with planning. We appreciate (more than words can say) each one of you!

## Charles' Life...

ERGEANT FIRST CLASS (E7) CHARLES C. CLARKE, a proud veteran of the United States Army, passed away November 24th, 2022, from a brief illness. He was eighty-two years old.

The son of John and Georgianna Clarke, Charlie was born and raised in Burgaw, NC. He graduated from C. F. Pope High School. After graduation, Charlie joined the U.S. Army and began his career in the 82nd Airborne Division as a Communications Specialist. He helped protect his country by fighting in the Vietnam War, where he received the Purple Heart. In all, he proudly served for 22 years.

After retirement, Charlie discovered, in addition to his love for family and friends, he had a "green thumb". So, he had now found his new career...horticulture! He took classes at Fayetteville Community College to further his knowledge and established his business, Triple C Landscaping. But more importantly, he just enjoyed giving his plants to family and countless friends throughout the community.

He was a man who believed in the importance of family, friends, and community. His faith was strong, and he was a compassionate man who never met a stranger. He would engage you in any type of conversation, especially one that would have an impact on the world. He always supported and encouraged the younger generation, especially his grandchildren, nieces, and nephews that he cherished. These conversations and lessons will never be forgotten.

An example of his love for great conversations and debates was becoming a member of The Hardee's Breakfast Club, better known as the Hardee's Boys. This is a group of friends that got together every day to enjoy comradery. This group gave Charles many engaging conversations and much enjoyment and laughter. The Hardee's Boys also is known for their acts of kindness and compassion to others throughout the community. They will forever be a part of our family.

Charlie is survived by his wife of 52 years, Mable; three children, Steve (Barbara), Samara (Joey), and Benjamin; two wonderful grandchildren, Jawaun and Yasmin; many nieces and nephews and a host of other relatives and friends whom he adored. His loved ones will remember his courage, sense of humor, generosity, and zest for loving each beautiful day. He will be greatly missed by all that knew him.



# A LIGHT IS FROM Our Household Gone

A light is from our household gone
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.
God gave us a wonderful son You were always there with
a helping hand
Help us now to accept His plan.
We miss you now, our hearts are sore
As time goes by, we miss you more
Your loving smile, your gentle face
No one can take our "your place".
May the choirs of Angels receive you
and may you have rest and
peace everlasting.

Amen.

Ships