



Obituary

Born: Sunday, August 6, 1933

Died: Tuesday, September 24, 2019

A Life Well Lived

Bishop Charlie Louis Wilkes, Sr. was born August 6, 1933 to the union of the late Johnnie and Lola Bell Watts Wilkes, Sr. in Roanoke, Randolph County, Alabama. After the passing of his mother, his father remarried Pearl Beasley who helped continue in his and his siblings rearing.

Service Summary

Visitation

12:00 PM to 5:00 PM, Fri Sep 27, 2019

Deliverance Temple Church of the Living God ~ Roanoke

779 Strozier St
Roanoke, Alabama 36274

Celebration of Life

11:00 AM Sat Sep 28, 2019

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Charlie, as he was called in his youth, was no stranger to work as he began sharecropping at a young age to help support the family. He grew up in church and was a singer and guitar player in a quartet group. The group lead him to Gadsden, Alabama in 1952. Here he met the love of his life, Shirley Ann Harris, and they were married after four months of dating on December 21, 1952. This union lasted forty-seven years, seven months, nineteen day, one hour and fifty-five minutes and was blessed with two boys and seven girls.

Shortly after his marriage to Shirley, they embarked on a new life together and headed to Houston, Texas. Charlie worked very hard to support his large family. He was a truck driver, heavy duty mechanic, 'master mechanic', 'master builder' of motors, professional automobile painter. It was here in Texas that he and his wife stumbled into the Deliverance Temple Church of the Living God Pillar of the Ground and the Truth under the pastorate of Bishop W. T. and Mary Matthews. Charlie and Shirley were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. It was then he new, "Ye Must Be Born Again". He often would tell the story of driving his 18-wheeler when he experienced a 'bright light' in his cab that change his life forever. He didn't know how he made it to his destination, but afterwards,

God educated and equipped him to preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ and everything else he found to do with his hands. He often exclaimed to his offspring that he was the "Godfather of Guitar" as his music also took a shift in playing his Les Paul Gibson.

Bishop Wilkes heard God's voice August 1971 to return to Roanoke, Alabama to build a church for his people and to continue preaching the Word of God. It was on September 26, 1971 that Deliverance Temple Church of the Living God was founded by he and his wife, Shirley, at their home on Tin Shop Road. He and Shirley continued to preached the Word of God throughout the United States in Ohio, Florida, Louisiana, Georgia and Texas, just to name a few.

God saw fit to give First Lady Shirley rest from her labor in the vineyard August 9, 2001. This left a terrible void in Bishop C. L.'s life and he knew it was not meant for him to continue on alone. He later married Lady Mildred Wilkes who continued with him in ministry and spreading the gospel abroad. After only being wedded for almost five years, the Lord gave Lady Mildred rest. Once again Bishop was without a helpmeet, but the Lord saw fit for him to unite with Brenda Joyce McClendon Hines February 2007.

Bishop C. L. Wilkes was a loving man and was the epitome of the Love of Jesus to all he met. He showed unconditional love to all of his family regardless their lots in life. He always encouraged his offspring to walk with God and be the best at whatever they did, but more honorable than that he showed them how to do so.

Bishop C. L. Wilkes finished his race and gained victory on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at the age of 86. He joins in the realms of glory his wives, Shirley Ann Harris Wilkes, Mildred Wilkes; children, Norma Jean (Tina), Charles, Charlie, Jr.; granddaughter, Antionette; great-grandchild;

siblings, Johnnie, Rufus, James "Hamp" and Jessie. Those left to celebrate his legacy and victory in the Lord Jesus Christ are his wife, Brenda Joyce Wilkes, Roanoke, AL; seven children, Curtis (Tawania) Buggs, Gadsden, AL, Lola Gray, Birmingham, AL, Johnnie Mae (Eddie) Henderson, Kelley (Mark) Phillips, Sara (Rodney) Houston, Dorothy (Brian) Armstrong, all of Roanoke, AL, Syretta (Ronald) Revels, Jacksonville, FL; twenty-six grandchildren; thirty-six great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; two bonus sons, Corderious and Llewellyn Hines, both of Roanoke, AL; three bonus grandchildren; a host of sons and daughters in the gospel, Deliverance Temple family, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Celebration of Life for Bishop Charlie Louis Wilkes will be 11:00a.m. Saturday, September 28, 2019 at Deliverance Temple Church of the Living God, Pastor Michael Goss, Pastor, Apostle Fred Bell, Officiant. Interment will follow at Skyview Memorial Cemetery. Viewing will be held 12:00p.m. until 5:00p.m. Friday at the church.