



Charlie Stokes, Jr.

April 14, 1934 - May 26, 2019

Charlie Stokes Jr. (85) was born April 14, 1934 in Dumas Arkansas. He was the eldest son of the late Charlie Stokes and Bertha L. Burton Stokes. In 1952 at the age of 17 Charlie relocated to Connecticut and became a part of the Elizabeth and Walter Bert Family and later the family of Bertha and Bishop Holden.

Charlie Stokes graduated from Eli Whitney of New Haven CT and his entrepreneurial spirit empowered him to own his first home at the age of 18 years old. By 1962 he would own several homes in the greater New Haven area. In addition to owning homes Charlie worked at United Nuclear / Winchester Repeating Arms for approximately 10 years. Over the next 50 plus years Charlie was owner and president of several self-made companies (C. Stokes Oil, C. Stokes Paving, C. Stokes Trucking, C. Stokes Plowing, and C and S Construction, Inc.

On March 24, 1966, Charlie married the love of his life, Patricia Ann Rosemond Stokes, and from this union had one daughter Kimberly Lynn Stokes-Holder. Charlie and Patricia remained married until his passing. Charlie was generous to a fault. He would literally give anyone help when needed. He employed many of New Haven's youth providing them a trade that would help to later provide for themselves and their families. He also provided jobs for the homeless and disavowed. Everyone who met Charlie loved him immediately. 90% of Charlie's professional business came by word of mouth which is a testament to the quality of work he provided. He worked hard for his clients. He served Trinity Temple Church of God and Christ whenever called upon to do so. He could often be seen plowing snow early in the morning and would make sure everyone in his immediate neighborhood and his family was taken care of rarely accepting payment.

Charlie never complained. Charlie was known for his kindness, generosity; and putting others first. He was chivalrous he held doors for women (physically impossible for him to walk through a door before a woman). He was known as the candy man, Santa Claus, Poppa Stokes, Uncle and his daughter's favorite nickname for him was Handsome or PoppaDoddles, which he would in turn response "yes DaughterDoddles?" As a testament to his generosity you would often find unendorsed checks for \$100, \$200, \$300 and \$400 from people paying a debt that he did not deposit or cash.

As with many of his siblings Charlie received Christ at an early age and loved Jesus

faithfully. Charlie was a lifelong member of the Trinity Temple COGIC under the leadership of the late Bishop C.H. Brewer Sr. and continued under the leadership of the late Bishop CH Brewer Jr. and now Pastor Charlie Brewer III.

Since 2009 Charlie silently and courageously struggled and fought with the crippling effects of Alzheimer's Disease. On May 26, 2019 he transitioned from this earthly life peacefully at home surrounded by his wife, daughter, son in law and his beloved nieces (Shawne Lumpkin-Greene, Karen Dunlap Copeland and Ashley Moore).

Charlie leaves to cherish and celebrate his memory his wife of 53 years Patricia; Two sisters Elizabeth Bert and Bertha Holden of CT, Two brothers Vernon Stokes of CT and Wardell (Beverly) of New Mexico; One daughter Kimberly Stokes-Holder (Ruben). He also raised as his own upon the passing of her mother his niece Shawne Lumpkin-Greene (Larry). Two adoring grandchildren Donald Charles James of CT, and Kymberly Christina James Rogers (Todd) of Florida; Seven precious great grandchildren (Alexa, Jesse, JaLyn, Tristyn, Daniel, Harlee and Maleah) and two great grandchildren yet to be born; Nieces and nephews: William, Clarence, Patricia, Linda, Phyllis, Walter Jr., Deborah, Karen, Tom, Michael, Melissa, Janifer, Maurice and Vernell Jr., Clemecia, Jeannie (predeceased) and Rosemary; And a host of cousins and great nieces, nephews. Charlie is predeceased by siblings Bernice, Robert, David and Vernell, and predeceased by brother in laws Walter Bert Sr. and Bishop Ivory W. Holder and sister in law Elizabeth Taylor Stokes.

Cemetery

Beaverdale Memorial Park
90 Pinerock Avenue
New Haven, CT, 06511

Events

JUN 3 **Calling Hours** 09:00AM - 11:00AM

The New Trinity Temple C.O.G.I.C.
285 Dixwell Avenue, New Haven, CT, US, 06511

JUN 3 **Celebration of Life** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Unfortunately I just picked up the Sunday paper today (Wednesday) and saw Charlie's Obit, thus missing the Monday morning funeral service, which I would have attended.

As Director of Design and Construction for Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven, I was introduced to Charlie early in my days there (late 90's) and he instantly became my go-to site contractor for grading, paving, and drainage. From the day I met Charlie, I knew that I was encountering a very special and extraordinary human being. I could feel the bond of our faith in Jesus automatically and pervasively. Charlie was honest, reliable, and accurate in the execution of his work, and a skilled manager of his business. I never had to micro manage the work being done, one conversation about the scope was all it took to produce the desired result. In so many ways he was a true asset to the community. I missed him greatly since he left the business, but the time comes for everyone to lay down the tools, let go, and let God's next steps take over. When my time to cross the river comes, Charlie is one of the people I hope I can visit with and be friends with for eternity. I can say with sincerity that I loved Charlie like family, and I offer my sympathy to all his family and friends who are grieving his passing.

June 5th - Henry Dynia

Henry Dynia - June 05 at 11:02 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you the family of Charlie Stokes. He was a great man and he will be missed.

Yours truly ,
Geneva Raye

Geneva Raye - June 02 at 02:54 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Charlie Stokes, Jr..



June 01 at 10:03 AM



“ Hello to Mr Charlie Stokes family just now seeing passing of Mr. Stokes I remember when I use work him paving driveway in new Haven and surrounding towns I remember truck driver Gil was one main driver and Tony and Roy mechanic I remember when I asked Mr Stokes can I drive one of the trailer trailer he go just be careful so I remember we was doing a driveway on dixwell ave so I drove Pu a load from tilco plant sure will be missed. Donald whitted . lake City ga.

Donald whitted - May 31 at 06:39 PM



“ MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THE STOKES FAMILY,I GREW UP A FEW BLOCKS AWAY AND MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU

TIM SMITH - May 31 at 01:55 PM



“ To Stokes family my sincere condolences in the passing of your husband,father and brother. Bertha and Lizzie I've known your family since I was a child. May you be comforted by memories and

Patricia Hurse - May 31 at 10:54 AM



“ Everything said about Charlie is true. If it wasn't for him and his generosity ... none of us would have made it this far!!!! We loved him dearly.

May our sincere condolences bring peace and comfort to the stokes family at this difficult time.

Sidney & Brenda Parker - May 31 at 10:50 AM



“ We would like to express our sincere condolences to the family of Brother Charlie Stokes. He was a kind and soft-spoken man who was always so pleasant. We know him from church when we were members of Trinity Temple many years ago. Remember that earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. God can dry your tears and heal your broken heart when you put your complete trust in him.

Respectfully submitted,
Elder and Miss'y Edward White

Beverly A White - May 31 at 07:31 AM



“ Sending lots of love, peace and comfort for the family of Mr Stokes. He will definitely be missed as he was a pillar of Connecticut's cast community for many years. Where there was a need, he always pitched in for many years. Back in the day he worked with my dad in many areas trucking etc. He was always kind and comforting. Mr Stokes will always be in our memories. God's Blessings & comfort to all.

Rev Dee (Giles) Mitchell - May 31 at 10:36 AM



“ To the family of Mr. Stokes and to his daughter Kim,(whom I grew up with as a teen):THIS Ministry sends her condolences and yes,Kim,your father was a good man and well known and liked. God Bless you,in Jesus' Name,Amen. (Apostle Coleman,aka Eroan)

Allen - May 31 at 02:07 PM



“ To Patty and the Stokes family. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy on the loss of Charlie. He truly was a great person, and as many others have already said, he didn't know how to say no. He will quickly become God's friend.

Joan Scarveles.

joan scarveles - June 02 at 01:31 PM



“ Our sincere condolence to the entire family of Charlie Stokes.
Pastor James C. and Mattie Allen

Pastor James C. & Mattie Allen - June 03 at 12:50 AM