

## A Reflection of Life

*"I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I've kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous Judge shall give me at that Day..." II Timothy 4:7-8.*

Mr. Howard Charles, Sr., was born on July 5, 1944, to the late George Charles and Beatrice Dover Charles in Antigua, Barbuda, and attended the public school system for boys in Antigua.

He later relocated to the United States of America and became a professional Sous Chef at various hotels; such as Radisson, Valley Forge, and Crowne Plaza in Norristown, Pennsylvania. He had a passion for cooking and retired as a chef with over fifty-five years of dedicated services.

On December 9, 1980, he was joined in holy matrimony to Mary White Charles for forty-two years and they shared five loving children. Howard was a devoted and loving father. He took pride in caring for his family and he always made sure everyone was happy.

In his spare time, as a certified black belt instructor of martial arts, he taught Taekwondo to all ages. In addition, he enjoyed taking walks with his darling wife on the beach; and playing dominoes with his friends, Sammy and Earl.

On Saturday, December 31, 2022, at 11:01 pm; the Lord called him home from labor to reward. Our hearts are heavy, but we rejoice for we know to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

"The Lord came to claim me as he did my siblings who preceded me in death. I am free, praise the Lord, I am free! No more pain, for former things are passed away. Thank you, Jesus!"

He leaves to cherish his memories: a devoted wife; Mary Charles, children; Kenrick Charles, Tonya White, Kennel Charles, Howard Charles, Jr., (Shannon), and Ron Heyward; grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews: siblings; Ernest Charles (Ingrid), Winfield Charles, (Janelle), Morris Charles, (Patricia); Janet Charles Smith, Byron Charles, and a host of other relatives and friends.

## Order of Service

Apostle Willette Scott Ash – Officiating

Prelude.....Lawrence Charles, Brother

Processional Hymn.....We've Come This Far by Faith – Donnie McClurkin

Opening Hymn..... Amazing Grace

Invocation/ Prayer.....Mr. Daniel Jefferson

Scripture Reading:

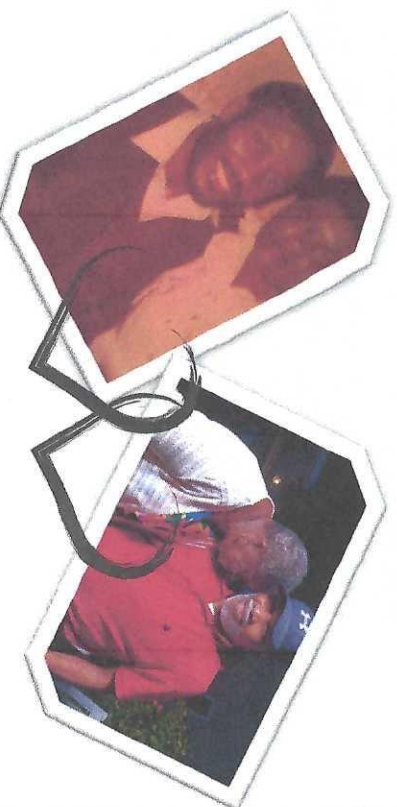
Old Testament Psalms 23                      Apostle Willette Ash  
New Testament John 14: 1-7    Pastor Dr. Patricia Charles

Tribute.....Trenette Johnson, Grandniece

Solo.....Mr. Bernard Manigault

Eulogy.....Apostle Willette Scott Ash

Hymn.....I'll Fly Away – Hezekiah Walker



## Footprints in the Sand

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD.

Across the sky flashed scenes from his life.

For each scene he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand: one belonging to him, and the other to the LORD.

When the last scene of his life flashed before

him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand.

He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints.

He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it:

"LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way.

But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints.

I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."

The LORD replied:

"My son, my precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

Author: Carolyn Joyce Cary

*Family*  
is forever



*Honorary Pallbearers*  
Grandsons & Nephews

*Acknowledgement*

The family of the late Mr. Howard Charles, Sr., wishes to extend sincere gratitude for all expressions of kindness, prayers and comfort shown during their time of bereavement.



*Home Going Services*  
*For the Late*  
*Mr. Howard Charles, Sr.*

Saturday, January 7, 2023  
11:00 AM

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