



## Charles Wayne Hitchens

August 19, 1945 - January 2, 2026

### His Story

Charles Wayne Hitchens, also known as Uncle Chuck, was born in Laurel, Delaware on August 19, 1945, to the late Reverend Richard and Alberta Hitchens. He was a soft-spoken beacon of love to all who knew him. He transitioned into eternal rest on Friday, January 2, 2026, at TidalHealth in Salisbury, Maryland.

He attended Paul Lawrence Dunbar School and graduated from William C. Jason High School in 1964. He was employed at the Laurel Sewing Manufactory for many years until they closed. Later, he was employed at M&T Bank in Millsboro, Delaware and then Walmart in Seaford, Delaware.

Charles Wayne was a life-long member of St. Matthews under the leadership of his father, Reverend Richard Hitchens and First Lady Alberta Hitchens. Later, under the ministry of Reverend Nathan McCoy, Sr. and at the present time, Reverend Errond B. Truitt, Sr., he served faithfully in several ministries, including a trustee for over 55 years, drummer/percussionist, a lead singer for the Senior Choir, Gospel Choir, Men's Choir, Baptist Men original member, Baptist Men – revived member. The Baptist Men were well known on the Delmarva Peninsula. Two of his favorite songs were "Running for My Life" and "I Believe I'll Testify While I Have A Chance." His favorite scripture was Proverbs 3:5 "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto your own understanding."

He was a prayer warrior, attending Bible Study regularly when he was able. He frequently called into St Matthews' Wednesday Night Prayer Line and the Thursday Noon Day Bible Study call in. He had a kind heart and took part in several food distribution campaigns, including Walmart's.

He was a semi-professional photographer – mostly wedding photos and church events. He was well known as the church photographer. He enjoyed arts and crafts, and he loved a good meal. He often requested his favorite foods: oyster sandwiches, chitterlings, and turnip greens.

Charles Wayne was always jovial in spirit and a faithful friend. He loved his pastor, Errond Truitt Sr., special niece, Cheryl Hitchens who always kept track of him, and others along his life's journey including Mary Bolden, whom he affectionately called "Mom", Eugene Greene, Helena Richards, and Brian and Rosalynn Baker and his entire St Matthews church family.

He leaves behind two sons, Charles Brackett from Bridgeville, Delaware and Timothy Hitchens from Parsonsburg, Maryland, and one granddaughter, Leilani Rose Hitchens, also from Parsonsburg, Maryland.

He was preceded in death by: his parents, Reverend Richard and Alberta Hitchens; his wife, Helen Hitchens; son, Tyrone Brackett; siblings, one sister Sylvia (Joe) Oney and five brothers, Theodore (Ardella), William Alvin (Claudette), Louis (Margo). Robert (Bertha) and Donald (Lorraine), and his niece, Jameszena Roach, a faithful missionary who supplied him with many things, especially delectables.

Sorrowfully Submitted

The Family

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Matthews First Baptist Church  
Wolf Street  
Laurel, DE

## Funeral Service

JAN 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Matthews Church Cemetery  
32129 Wolfe Street  
Laurel, DE 19956

# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

**Bennie Smith Funeral Home** - January 30 at 07:33 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Running for my life*



**SMFBC** - January 21 at 07:31 PM



*That's what you enjoyed you really loved the Lord*

**Milton Maddox** - January 25 at 10:26 AM



“ *4 files added to the album Uncle Chuck memory lane*



**SMFBC** - January 21 at 05:29 PM

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“ Sorry For Your Loss



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**Thomas Widgeon** - January 20 at 08:21 AM

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“ Rest in Peace Uncle Charles 🙏🙏🙏

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**Michael Hitchens** - January 20 at 02:04 AM