



## Charles Oliver Parsons

April 5, 1941 - May 12, 2024

### Charles's Journey

Charles Oliver Parsons II went to rest in the arms of the Lord on the night of May 12, 2024. He was eighty-three (83) years old. Charles, affectionately known as "Sonny", was the only son and third of four children born to the late John and Lucinda Parsons on April 5, 1941.

Charles was educated in the public schools of Wicomico County Maryland, graduating from Salisbury High School in 1959. He studied at Bowie State College and served in the United States Army. Charles married Valorie Matthews Parsons on April 26, 1980.

Charles earliest Christian education was received at Mount Calvary United Methodist Church in Fruitland, Maryland. Prior to becoming a member of St. Michael Church of God in Christ in Princess Anne, Maryland, he and his family were baptized in November 1980 at Schumaker Pond in Salisbury, Maryland by their Pastor, the late Elder Porter Deal. He sang with the men's group, "The Big Brethren" and served as a deacon for a number of years. He graduated from International Bible Institute and Seminary based in Plymouth, Florida.

Charles was a master brick Mason, having learned his trade under his father.

He worked at his craft for fifty (50) years. During his free time, he loved to fish, take his family crabbing and on drives in the country. Like his dad, he loved to farm and share his vegetables with family and friends.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents, John and Lucinda Parsons and sisters, Catherine "Kitty" Williams and Frances Waters. He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife of forty-four (44) years, Valorie Parsons; his sons, John Parsons, and his wife Danielle and Charles Oliver Parsons III; his daughters, Charlett Cheeks, and her husband, Ty, Leslie Green and her husband, Donald, Ashley Parsons Anderson and her husband, Carl and Jacquelyn Parsons; a granddaughter who he raised as a daughter, Alexis Parsons, all of Salisbury, Maryland, Janet Fagans and her companion, Frank of Edgewood, Maryland, Samantha Matthews of Cambridge, Maryland, Rosetta Mills and her husband, Rick of Mocksville, North Carolina and Valorie Thomas and her husband, Clarence of Hurlock, Maryland; his sister, Jacqueline Johnson of Fruitland, Maryland; sister-in-law, Loretta Matthews of Camden, New Jersey and brother-in-law, Emmanuel Matthews of Salisbury, Maryland. He also leaves to cherish his memories twenty-three grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Lovingly Submitted ~ The Family

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bennie Smith Life Celebration Center  
901 West Isabella Street  
Salisbury, MD 21801

## Funeral Service

MAY **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Salisbury, MD 21801

## Live Stream Broadcast on Facebook

MAY **25**. 11:00 AM.

Bennie Smith Funeral Home MD / VA

# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - May 24, 2024 at 04:42 PM



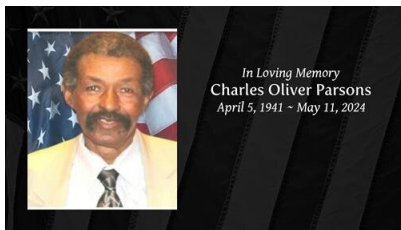
“ *Bennie Smith Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Charles Oliver Parsons*



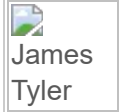
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“ *Bennie Smith Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles Oliver Parsons*



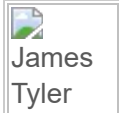
Bennie Smith Funeral Home - May 24, 2024 at 04:55 PM



James Tyler

*I just recently found out that Mr. Charlie Parsons had passed away. He was such a great nice gracious guy I had the chance to know during the excellent foundation and brick work he did for us during my employment at Mason Quality Homes and he was a great friend who will sadly be missed but never forgotten 🌹 Sending prayers and condolences to the family 🙏.*

**James Tyler** - January 07 at 10:05 PM



James Tyler

*Godspeed 🙏🙏*

**James Tyler** - January 07 at 10:08 PM



*“ To the family of Deacon Parsons, you have my deepest condolences. I remember him as such a kind person. Who loved his family and loved the Lord. He will surely be missed. You're in my thoughts and prayers family. From Kim Chandler & Family*



**Kim Chandler** - May 25, 2024 at 09:00 AM



*“ From The Brightspeed TA and HR Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Oliver Parsons.*

**From The Brightspeed TA and HR Team** - May 24, 2024 at 09:43 AM

FT

“ *From The Brightspeed TA and HR Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Charles Oliver Parsons.*



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**From The Brightspeed TA and HR Team** - May 24, 2024 at 09:43 AM

TC

“ *The Dixons in AZ and CA purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Charles Oliver Parsons.*



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**The Dixons in AZ and CA** - May 23, 2024 at 04:53 PM

CC

“ *Charlett Cheeks lit a candle in memory of Charles Oliver Parsons*



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**Charlett Cheeks** - May 22, 2024 at 11:31 AM

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*Forever in my heart. I love you daddy. RIH*

*Love always,  
--Lettie*

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**Charlett Cheeks (Parsons)** - May 22, 2024 at 11:36 AM

EF

“ Ernesto and Dixon Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Charles Oliver Parsons.



Ernesto and Dixon Family - May 22, 2024 at 04:51 AM

AP

“ Ashley Parsons lit a candle in memory of Charles Oliver Parsons



Ashley Parsons - May 21, 2024 at 10:03 PM

TP

“ The House of Praise purchased the Serene Retre at for the family of Charles Oliver Parsons.



The House of Praise - May 21, 2024 at 12:48 PM

FT

“ Faith Tull-Church lit a candle in memory of Charles Oliver Parsons



Faith Tull-Church - May 21, 2024 at 09:23 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Charles Oliver Parsons.*



May 20, 2024 at 08:13 PM



“ *Christina Dixon & Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Charles Oliver Parsons.*



**Christina Dixon & Family** - May 20, 2024 at 03:04 PM



“ *Rosetta C. Mills lit a candle in memory of Charles Oliver Parsons*



**Rosetta C. Mills** - May 19, 2024 at 09:50 PM



*Love & Miss you Dad! R.I.H.!*

**Rosetta C. Mills** - May 20, 2024 at 08:23 PM

MF

“ MDI Family purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Charles Oliver Parsons.



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**MDI Family** - May 19, 2024 at 09:46 PM

YF

“ Your Grandson Eddie & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Oliver Parsons.

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**Your Grandson Eddie & Family** - May 19, 2024 at 09:33 PM

YF

“ Your Grandson Eddie & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Charles Oliver Parsons.



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**Your Grandson Eddie & Family** - May 19, 2024 at 09:33 PM

CG

“ Mr. Parsons was a hard working man that provided for his family and loved the Lord. He had a piece of land where he grew vegetables, and would often let those in the community come and get what they needed to feed their families. My continued prayers for his family.

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**Charmaine Gardner** - May 17, 2024 at 07:32 AM