



Cleophas Thomas Chandler

April 1, 1937 - February 14, 2022

Cleophas Thomas Chandler of Georgetown, Delaware, passed away on February 14, 2022, at Beebe Medical Center in Lewes, Delaware, with his wife by his side. He was the only child born to the late George and Mary Chandler, on April 1, 1937.

Cleophas attended Mary N. Smith High School in Accomack County, Virginia. After graduation, he joined the U.S. Navy, then went on to Tyler Barber School in New York. He later went to work at the Division of Motor Vehicles in Georgetown, Delaware, where he held the position of Driver Improvement Officer.

Cleophas was a member of The Bible Church of Christ Inc., in Dagsboro, Delaware. He served as Administrator, Deacon, Sunday School Teacher, and saxophone player. He was a supporter of the Sussex Tech Ravens basketball team, holding season tickets for years. From the bleachers he would keep the referees straight, letting them know when they made a bad call.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Damita Chandler; a grandson, Chad Conquest; and a nephew, Warren Lewis.

Cleophas leaves to cherish his memory, his wife of 63 years, Ruth Lewis Chandler; two sons, Steve Bailey (Cassandra) of Accomac, Virginia and

Kenneth Chandler; two daughters, Renell Beach (Rufus Jr.) of Accomac, Virginia and Debra Conquest of Melfa, Virginia; five grandchildren, Rufus Beach III, Darrell Conquest, Jerry Sweat, Christopher Harmon, and Josiah Chandler; sister-in-law, Lucy Redden (Donald); and three nephews, Rodney Lewis, Gregory Smith and Tim Smith.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to:

Cheer Center

546 South Bedford Street

Georgetown, Delaware, 19947

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **26**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Bible Church of Christ
28773 W Diamond Dr
Dagsboro, DE 19939

Funeral Service

FEB **26**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Interment

FEB **28** (ET)

Delaware Veterans Cemetery (Millsboro)
26669 Patriots Way
Millsboro, DE 19966

Tribute Wall

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“ *The greatest uncle who ever lived! EVER! So many life lessons taught. He may be gone, but he will NEVER be forgotten!* ”



Timothy Smith - February 03 at 07:44 AM

“ GREETINGS, MEMORIES & COMFORT:

Holy greetings to Mrs. Ruth Chandler and Family, and The Pastor & Members of The Bible Church of Christ, Dagsboro, Delaware:

As we bow to the will of Almighty God, I ponder our first meeting and the memories I have of Deacon Cleophas Chandler. As a young woman, fresh out of high school, little did I know that such a man of dignity, talent and integrity would become my brother-n-law. I was so blessed by meeting and getting to know my sister and her wonderful husband.

It has been many years since that first meeting, and much has transpired in those years that followed, including my father's passing, (Deacon Edward Miller.) But, though he has passed, I have never forgotten his love for his son-n-law. He would beam with pride as he shared his love, honor and respect for Cleophas Chandler. The rest of us felt the same way. We admired him as a man of God, a pillar of his community, an anointed musician, but most of all as a "Boaz," for our loving sister, Mrs. Ruth Chandler. You could tell, that their relationship, was "A God-ordained Marriage!" Oh, I am sure they had their challenges, just like any other couple, but when Jesus is in the mix, that is what makes the difference!

Because the life he lived was such an exemplary one, a life that was pleasing to God, there would be no other thought in our minds as to what took place when he closed his eyes for the last time here on earth, other than what the word says in 2Corinthians 5:1-8, but especially verse 8, where it says, "We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." So, we take comfort in those words, that though it was necessary for him to leave Ruth, yet he is finally resting from his labor, in preparation for that Great Coronation of our Lord and Savior, therefore, we shall see him again, but next time, it will be in GLORY!

Humbly Submitted...
Pastor Karen J. Butler & Family
Wings of Deliverance Transforming Ministries
P.O. Box 1342
Lincoln Park, MI 48146



Pastor Karen J. Butler - February 25, 2022 at 09:33 PM

DW

“ *We extend our deepest sympathies to the Chandler family. We'll be praying for you all. Deacon Robert and Reverend Cynthia Williams*

Dea & Rev Williams - February 25, 2022 at 07:25 PM

KD

“ *On behalf of the Accomack-Northampton Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., we extend our deepest sympathy and send condolences to our sister Renell and family in the passing of her dad. May God be with you and surround you with His love, strength and fill you with a peace that surpasses all understanding. Love and blessings, Karen Downing, President*

Karen Downing - February 25, 2022 at 03:31 PM

SP

“ I was saddened to hear of the loss of our cousin Cleophas Chandler. May God comfort Ruth his wife , who is our first cousin. I didn't conversate a lot with him ,but he was good to be around, I will miss him during our gatherings and reunions.
May the comfort and peace of God be upon him, Knowing that he was loved and respected by ALL the Lewis/Harmon family. There were happy times when our parents, aunts, uncles were with us, but now he's with them resting in the Lord.
I remember when he started attending church. Miss you.

With the Love of Jesus Christ,
Sheila Palmer

Sheila Palmer - February 25, 2022 at 01:41 PM

TT

“ God Speed Cleo.



Todd Lowe/Linda Timmons - February 25, 2022 at 09:46 AM

EJ

“ Cleophas was a man with a smile and a good heart. I do not think he ever met a stranger. I always enjoyed talking to him even at times I would lose my place in line but he would always get me taken care of. I missed him after he retired. I worked at Del Dot and we did some projects for Motor V. God Speed my FRIEND. Will see you on the other side one day. Rest well until we meeet in Glory.
Emory West

Emory West Jr - February 24, 2022 at 10:28 PM

VW

“ *Mr. Cleophas worked at the Dept. of Motor Vehicles when I was pregnant with my first child. I had to see him, because I drove at least 20 miles over the speed limit. He asked me about the importance of my prenatal checkups. I promised him that I would not get any tickets within the three years. I held to it. He was very firm with me and had me so nervous. He and his wife attended the Sussex Tech basketball games faithfully. I saw him during the fall at an event with the neighborhood association in Dagsboro, Delaware and my place of work. He will be missed.*

VALARIE V WRIGHT - February 23, 2022 at 07:59 PM