

Celebrating

the Life and Legacy of

Charlie Mae Shoats



Sunrise December 13, 1939 – Sunset February 16, 2024

Wednesday, February 21, 2024
12:00 p.m.

Friendship Christian Church
Gastonia, North Carolina

Bishop John McCullough II, Senior Pastor
Officiating

Miss Me, But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road
 And the sun has set for me
 I want no rights in a gloom-filled room
 Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little, but not too long,
 And not with your head bowed down low.
 Remember the love we once shared.
 Miss me but let me go.

For this journey we must all take
 And each must go alone.
 It's all a part of the master's plan
 A step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick of heart,
 Go to the friends we know
 And bury your sorrows with good deeds.
 Miss me but let me go.

Pall Bearers

Moloch Lodge #468
 Men of Church

Flower Ladies

Orchid Temple #923
 Missionary Circle
 Mothers Board

Acknowledgements

Words cannot express how thankful we are for what-ever you did, however small or large. Your expressions of kindness and sympathy are appreciated more than you know. We are truly grateful for your friendship and support.

The Family of Charlie Mae Moore Shoats

Thank you for being there for my children during this time. Please pray for their strength and know that God is good, and He has done what He said He would.

--Message from Charlie Mae Shoats (written before her death)

Service of Comfort Provided by:

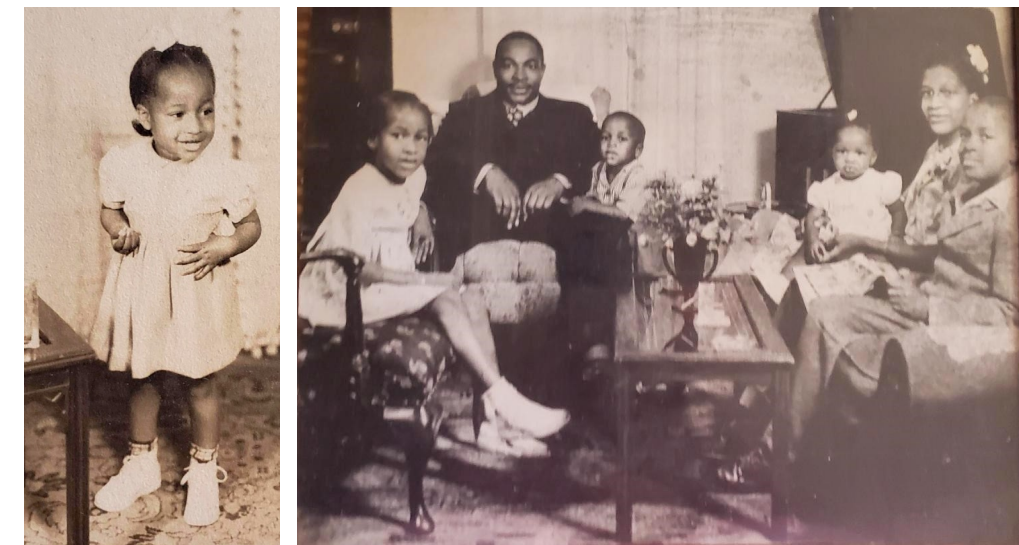
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 Gastonia, North Carolina 28052 | 704-867-4364



The Order of Service

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| Prelude | |
| Processional <i>(Receiving family and friends from 12:00pm until 12:30pm)</i> | |
| Selection | Friendship Hymn Choir |
| Scriptures | |
| Old Testament | Psalms 23 |
| New Testament | John 14: 1 - 6 |
| Prayer of Comfort | |
| Selection | Friendship Hymn Choir |
| Reflections | Jackie Kendrick, Moloch Elks Lodge Charles Johnson Friendship Christian Church Deborah Currence, Family |
| Resolutions | Daughter Janice Wray Daughter Beverly Collins Financial Secretary |
| Selection | Friendship Hymn Choir |
| Eulogy | Bishop John A. McCullough II <i>Friendship Christian Church</i> |
| Recessional | "Going Up Yonder" |

INTERMENT
Rose Hill Cemetery
Gastonia, North Carolina



CHARLIE MAE SHOATS – OBITUARY

Charlie Mae Shoats, daughter of the late Charlie B. Moore and Virginia D. Smith Moore, was a native of Gastonia, NC. She was born December 13, 1939, and she departed this life February 16, 2024, at Caromont Regional Medical Center, Gastonia, NC.

Charlie Mae is a graduate of Highland High School Class of 1957. She was the first black registered woman barber in Gastonia and worked in Gastonia as a barber from 1958 to 2002 when she retired.

Charlie Mae was a life member of Friendship Christian Church, Gastonia, NC, where she was active in the Early Seekers bible study class, Missionary Circle, Mother's Board and Hymn Choir.

A member of IBPOEW, Orchid Temple #923, Charlie Mae served as Daughter Ruler for 26 years. She was a member of Azalea LaRose Kelly Council, and she received her Past State President and Past Grand Daughter Ruler Honors, which is the highest honor that you can receive as a daughter of Elks. In February 2023, Charlie received the Life Members Honors, an honor given to daughters serving in the same temple for 25 consecutive years.

Along with her parents, Charlie Mae was preceded in death by her husband, Theron C. Shoats, her brothers, William Moore, Sr., Barney Moore, her son, Edward "Hot Shot" Forney, and her great-grand-dog, Balu Gardin.

She leaves to cherish the memories of her life her eldest son: Eric Forney (Harriet) of Rocky Point, NC; her daughter: Carla Forney Jackson of Gastonia, NC; one sister: Carolyn M. Pitts; nine grandchildren: Erica Gardin of Missouri City, TX, Jerome Forney (Amber), Tyrone Forney, Jordan Forney, Damian Hill of Charlotte, NC, LaKisha Dunovant (Justin), Tyler Forney, and Lawrence "LJ" Jackson of Gastonia, NC, and Bryanna Jackson of Winston-Salem, NC; ten great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; special sister/friend, Claretha Spann; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

