

**ERNEST CHARLES AGNEW** was born on January 27, 1943, in Meherrin, VA at home to the late Ray Agnew and Florence (Chumley) Agnew. Ernest attended school at R R Moten High School in Farmville, VA. In 1963 he moved to Brooklyn, New York where he met his wife, Rosia Lee Moore. On February 18, 1966, Ernest and Rosia were married in Brooklyn, NY. From this union, three wonderful children were born, Felita T. Tshiona, Charles T. Agnew (Sparkle) and Tyiesha A. Nixon (Micheal).

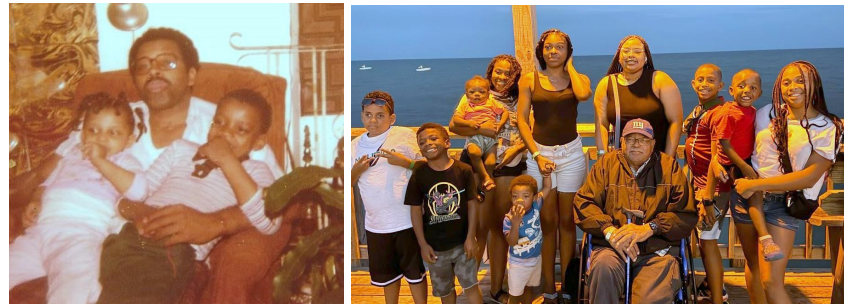
Ernest enlisted in the Army in 1965. He was stationed at Fort Bliss in El Paso Texas. He then went to Benwa and Long Ben Vietnam in 1966 where he served in the Artillery Air Defense Unit during the Vietnam War. Once he left the Army, he worked as a Foreman at Preferred Dentist Supply in Brooklyn, NY from 1968-1976. He then worked at Darby Drugs in Rockefeller Center, NY as an Inventory Control Specialist from 1976-1985. In 1985, Ernest and Rosia had enough of the city life and he and his family moved to Castle Hayne, NC. Ernest worked for the City of Wilmington Sanitation, where he retired as a manager in 2005. Ernest and Rosia moved to Charlotte, NC in 2011 where they lived out their years surrounded by their children and grandchildren. Ernest was a dedicated member of Center Baptist Church in Gastonia, NC.

Ernest enjoyed fishing and would regularly take Tyiesha and Chuck to play at Fort Fisher while he fished off the rocks. Ernest and Chuck often spent hours fishing off the pier for Spot fish. Ernest enjoyed bowling in his middle-aged years where he was part of several leagues for many years. His recreation passion was playing golf, and he has the trophies to prove it. In retirement he would spend most of the day on the golf course two days a week. Ernest was a devoted husband and father and a loyal brother, grandfather, uncle and friend. He will be missed by many.

Ernest was the last child of Ray and Florence Agnew to enter heaven. He was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Rosia M. Agnew, his parents and his siblings: Lincoln, Norman, Raymond, Roosevelt, Beulah, Leroy, Wilfred, Melvin, Gladys and Harvey.

Ernest leaves to cherish his memories: his children, Felita T. Tshiona, Charles T. Agnew (Sparkle) and Tyiesha A. Nixon (Micheal) all of Charlotte, NC; nine grandchildren, Felani, Kasai and Fari Tshiona, Jaden Hedgebeth, Cierra, Kamden and Zayden Agnew and Nya and Micheal Nixon all of Charlotte, NC; three great-grandchildren, Kai, Jaynum and Jiyan Tshiona; one brother-in-law, Jimmy Moore (Cathy) of Columbus, GA; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

YOU HAVE LEFT OUR LIVES, BUT YOU WILL  
NEVER LEAVE OUR HEARTS.





# Order of Service



PRELUDE  
PROCESSIONAL  
RECEIVING OF FRIENDS .....10:00 am –11:00 am  
CALL TO WORSHIP..... Pastor Pierre Crawford  
HYMN..... “Just As I Am” .....Congregational  
SCRIPTURES:  
OLD TESTAMENT.....Rev. Dannie McClees  
NEW TESTAMENT.....Rev. John Robbins  
PRAYER OF COMFORT.....Pastor AT Pearson  
SELECTION.....Congregational  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.....Sister Sparkle Agnew  
REMARKS..... Family  
Coworker  
Community  
READING OF THE OBITUARY.....Silently  
HYMN OF PREPARATION.....Congregation  
EULOGIST.....Rev. Dr. Pierre J. Crawford,  
Th.D., Senior Pastor Center Baptist Church  
CLOSING SELECTION.....Congregational  
RECESSIONAL

INTERMENT  
Center Baptist Church Cemetery  
Gastonia, North Carolina

PALL BEARERS AND FLORAL BEARERS  
Family and Friends

## The Broken Chain



We little knew that day,  
God was going to call your name.  
In life, we loved you dearly,  
In death, we do the same.  
It broke our hearts to lose you.  
You did not go alone.  
For part of us went with you,  
The day God called you home.  
You left us peaceful memories,

Your love is still our guide.  
And although we cannot see you,  
You are always at our side.  
Our family chain is broken,  
And nothing seems the same,  
But as God calls us one by one,  
The chain will link again.  
Author: Ron Tranmer



## Acknowledgement

The family of Ernest Charles Agnew, truly appreciate and thank you for your prayers, and every act of kindness and love shown during our bereavement. May God richly bless each of you.

Repass to follow in Center Baptist Church Fellowship Hall



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# A Home Going Celebration

*Honoring the Life and Legacy of*



## Ernest Charles Agnew

JANUARY 27, 1943 –MARCH 19, 2025

Monday, March 31, 2025  
11:00 am

Center Baptist Church  
Gastonia, North Carolina  
Rev. Dr. Pierre J. Crawford, Th.D., Officiating