

## Order of Services

- Processional**.....Clergy, Family and Friends
- Holy Scripture** .....Reverend King Perry, Jr.
- Prayer of Comfort**.....Reverend King Perry, Jr.
- Reflections** ..... Mr. Ronald Wallace
- Life Story** ..... Silent Reading
- Poem** .....Ms. Vivian Lynch  
A Special Cousin
- Family**
- Acknowledgements**..... Ms. Joyce Alexander
- Tribute** .....Reverend King Perry, Jr.
- Committal**.....Reverend King Perry, Jr.

## Military Honors

United States Army Honor Guard



## Should You Go First

*Should you go first and I remain, to walk the road alone,  
I'll live in memory's garden, dear, with happy days we've  
known. In Spring I'll wait for roses red, when fades the  
lilac blue, in early Fall, when brown leaves call, I'll catch  
a glimpse of you. Should you go first and I remain for  
battles to be fought, each thing you've touched along the  
way Will be a hallowed spot. I'll hear your voice, I'll see  
your smile, though blindly I may grope, the memory of your  
helping hand Will buoy me on with hope. Should you go  
first and I remain to finish with the scroll, no lenth'ning  
shadows shall creep in to make this life seem droll, we've  
known so much of happiness, we've had our cup of joy,  
and memory is one gift of God That death cannot destroy.  
Should you go first and I remain, one thing I'd have you  
do: Walk slowly down that long, long path, for soon I'll  
follow you. I'll want to know each step you take, that I may  
walk the same, for some day down that long, long road  
You'll hear me call your name.*

*Albert K. Rowswell*

## The Repast

*Immediately following the interment, the family will  
fellowship with friends and relatives in the church  
fellowship hall.*

## Acknowledgements

*We are deeply grateful for your thoughts, prayers, telephone  
calls, visits, kind words, and other courtesies you have  
extended to us during our time of bereavement. They have  
been sources of great comfort to us. Thank you and may God  
bless you.*

*The Family*

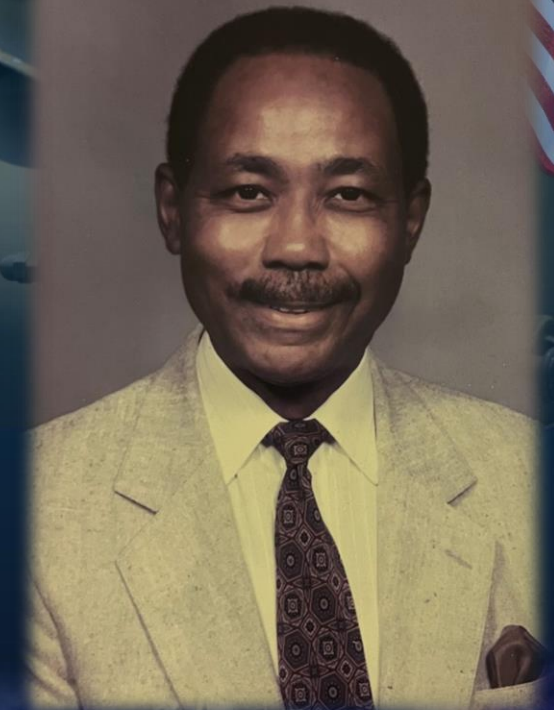
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## In Loving Memory



**Charles L. Alexander**

**March 10, 1934-January 27, 2024**

## Memorial Service

**Saturday, April 13, 2024**

**11:00 A. M.**

**Snow Hill Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery**

**Warrenton, NC 27589**

**Reverend King Perry, Jr., Officiating**



## *Life's Story*

**Charles Leon Alexander** passed away peacefully on January 27, 2024, at the age of 89 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was born on March 10, 1934, in Wise (Warren County), North Carolina to the late Robert Alexander and Ruth (Cobb) Alexander and was the second of four children.

Charles moved to Philadelphia in 1952 where he worked as a retail salesman for Gordon & Sons glass company. Charles joined the United States Army in 1954. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and received an Honorable Discharge. He served as a mechanic in the 937th Engineer Group and trained with the 573rd Engineer Pontoon Bridge Company of that group while stationed at Fort Campbell, KY.

Charles married the love of his life, Margaret Tunstall in Warrenton, NC on September 2, 1955. They welcomed their precious daughter, Angie Charlene, in 1960. Charles and Margaret (as they are affectionately known by all who love them) were an example of love, perseverance, and dedication. They were partners in every sense of the word. They moved to Sanford Street in 1969 where the Alexanders truly made a home and were loved and respected by their neighbors. Charles was meticulous in the care of his family and home. He was an avid gardener and could fix almost anything. Charles retired from the School District of Philadelphia where he worked for 37 years as a Fire Safety Specialist. In this role, he was responsible for the safety of up to nine Philadelphia public schools. Charles and Margaret were devoted to their mothers (Ruth and Ethel) taking nearly monthly trips to North Carolina after retirement to care for them. Charles once cleared a fallen tree from his mother's property by himself. His dedication and commitment did not stop there.

He was a 1952 graduate of the Warren County Training School and became a major supporter of the Alumni Association when it was organized in 1983. He purchased a lifetime membership and became a regular attendee of the annual Reunion Weekend event. He could be found at the business session, the fish fry, and the gala dinner/dance reminiscing with former schoolmates. Charles was a founding member of the Century Club and gave generously to all fundraising activities.



As a member of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Alumni Association, Charles contributed greatly to the renovation of several buildings on the Warren County Training School-North Warren High School campus. Not only did the Chapter support the project financially, but a group would also travel from Philadelphia to North Carolina on weekends to provide the physical labor needed for repairs to the buildings. He loved reading the Alumni Association newsletter and providing feedback on various articles. He was not shy when it came to expressing his opinion. Charles always pursued excellence and expected the same from others.

Many people had the pleasure of meeting Charles in the past year including nurses, doctors, physical therapists, and aides. All had the chance to witness his kind and charismatic spirit. After all, there is nothing more heartwarming than a hearty Charles Alexander greeting! Many shared how they were encouraged and inspired by him, especially how he loved and cared about his wife. Margaret equally showed us all what it means to love and care for your husband. Admired for his sincerity and loyalty (only a few of the words that describe a loving husband, father, son, and brother), Charles left an indelible mark on all who knew him. He will be forever loved and remembered.

In addition to his parents, Charles was preceded in death by his beloved daughter, Angie and brother, Robert Earl Alexander, Class of 1950.

He leaves to mourn his beloved wife Margaret of 68 years; sisters, Ruby Greene and Joyce Alexander of Brooklyn, NY; nephews, Keith Greene (Patricia) of Port St. Lucie, FL, and Walter Greene of Brooklyn, NY; niece, Alexis Greene of Brooklyn, NY; sister-in-law, Denise Britt of Mableton, GA; brother-in-law, Ronald Wallace (Linda) of Richmond, VA; cousins, Mary Simmons of FL, Vivian Lynch and Carolyn Allen (Odell) of Wilmington, NC; cousins from Philadelphia include Bernadette Fersner, Dilworth Yancey (Celestine), Anna Renee Quarles, Lisa Liburd (Derrick), Aisha Renee Moore (Robert Kirby) and Mark Yancey Sr. (Nikeeta); the Tunstall family and close friend Marshall (Tillie) Fogg of Warrenton, NC; and a host of other family and friends.