

DR.  
*Joseph*  
"JOE" CHARLES, JR.



**July 2, 1965 ~ May 7, 2022**

***I AM FREE***

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following paths God made for me  
I took his hand, I heard him call  
Then turned, and bid farewell to all.*

*Be not burdened... deep with sorrow  
I wish you sunshine of tomorrow  
My life's been full I've savoured much  
Good friends, good times  
A loved one's touch*

*I could not stay another day  
To laugh, to love, to sing, to play  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I found my peace ... at close of play*

*And if my parting left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joy  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee  
God wanted me now  
He set me free.*

**Viewing: Saturday, May 21st 2022 - 1:30PM**

**Service: Saturday, May 21st 2022 - 3:00PM**

**Faith Missionary Baptist Church  
2905 SE 2nd Ave, Gainesville, Florida**

# Survivors

**WIFE:** *Joslyn Charles*

**CHILDREN:** *Joseph M. Charles III and Jade Charles*

**PARENTS:** *Joseph M. Charles Sr. and Ruth Charles*

## SIBLINGS

*Denese T. Charles (deceased), Donald Charles,  
David S. Charles, Sheri Charles-Rogers, and Kathy Charles*

## NIECES

*Tamieah Charles, Asia Hill, India Charles (deceased), Kenya Charles, Kwanasia Charles, Makaila Charles,  
Tiarra Charles, Hayley Rogers, Eliise Rogers, Hannah Lewless, Arriale Tabson, Kaitlyn Vanterpool,  
Sanai Vanterpool, Jasmine Lattimore*

## NEPHEWS

*Jamaal Allen, Donald Charles Jr., Jason Owens, Charles Christopher Lewless, Jevon and Joshawn Gumbs,  
Vaughn Vanterpool, Jr., Joseph Kline IV, Joshua Kline, Jordan Lattimore*

**Mother-in-Law ~** *Honorio Vanterpool*   **Father-in-Law ~** *Eric Vanterpool*

## SISTERS-IN-LAW

*Kellie Charles, Freda Charles, Jacqueline Vanterpool, Annie Trish Kline,  
Erika Vanterpool, Joycelyn Vanterpool*

## BROTHERS-IN-LAW

*Joseph H. Kline III, Dale Rogers, Vaughn Vanterpool*

## AUNTS

*Judith Scotland, Nelcia Bain, Elsa Woods, Linda Noel, Justina Scott, Esther Albert, Dorcas Charles*

## UNCLES

*Alston Hood, George Hood, Samuel Charles, Lawrence Sharpe*

## SPECIAL COUSINS

*Derick, Debra P., Trevor, Roger and Timothy Sharpe*

## SPECIAL FRIEND

*Courtney Sheldon*

*Many other family members and close friends whom he  
cherished daily are also lovingly embracing his memories.*

Please visit the memorial website using this QR Code  
to view service program and offer condolences.



# Eulogy

Dr. Joseph Michael Charles II transitioned from this life on May 7<sup>th</sup> 2022 while residing in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Joseph (Joe) was born on July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1965 on the island of St. Thomas, US. Virgin Islands to Joseph Michael Charles Sr. and Ruth Doslyn Charles. He was raised in the Christian community which would be his lifelong support from an early age.

After graduating high school (IEKHS) in 1982, he enrolled at Michigan State University (MSU) and received a Bachelor's degree in Laboratory Science. He was employed by the American Red Cross and MSU Medical Technology Lab for many years. He received his MD at MSU School of Medicine in 1997. Subsequently, he completed the Obstetrics and Gynecology (OB/GYN) Residency Program at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing Michigan in 2001.

In 1990, Joseph married the love of his life, Joslyn (Vanterpool) Charles, daughter of Eric and Honoria Vanterpool. Joseph and Joslyn were blessed with two wonderful children Joseph M. Charles III (Trey) who is presently stationed in South Korea (US Air Force) and their daughter Jade M. Charles who is completing a degree in Psychology at the University of New Mexico.

Joe and his family moved to Lake City, Florida where he established his OB/GYN medical practice "*Comprehensive Woman's Health*" for 12 years. In 2014, the family relocated to New Mexico where he continued to practice as an OB/GYN at Cibola General Hospital in Grants, NM, and Alta Vista Regional Hospital in Las Vegas.

Joe delivered over 3,000 babies and always did that "extra" that caused his patients to swear by him because they recognized his caring touch and listening ear. He understood that life was "People First!"

Dr. Charles was known by all for his generosity and was a giver at heart, always wanting to support and help others, family or otherwise. He supported multiple organizations/charities and had many great friendships.

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Joe was a member of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church where he held several positions to include Elder, Musical director and Sabbath School teacher. He also was a Medical Missionary Physician to Haiti, Peru, Panama, Costa Rica, and Honduras.

Joe enjoyed piano and trumpet playing as life-long hobbies and was a proud member of Kappa Alpha Si Fraternity organization.

Joseph is preceded in death by his paternal and maternal grandparents, sister Denese Charles, niece India Charles and brother-in-law Eric Vanterpool Jr. Left to cherish his memories are his parents Joseph Michael Charles Sr and Ruth Doslyn Charles, his wife Joslyn and their children Joseph (Trey) and Jade. His brothers Donald (Kellie), David (Freda), sisters Sheri (Dale ) and Kathy. Brothers-in-law Chris Lewless and Vaughn Vanterpool. Sister-in-Laws are Jacqueline Vanterpool, Annie Trish Kline (Joseph), Joycelyn Vanterpool, and Erika Vanterpool (Sidney Lattimore). Best friend Courtney Shelton, along with aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, cousins and many close friends whom he cherished daily.

Services will be held in Gainesville, FL on Saturday, May 21, 2022. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

He will be forever missed!

Lovingly Submitted, The Family



# Order of Service

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## **PROCESSIONAL**

### **WELCOME AND INVOCATION**

*Pastor Keith Paschal (Pastor Macedonia SDA Church, Lake City)*

### **SCRIPTURE - 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18**

*Pastor Brendan White (Lake City SDA Church)*

### **CONGREGATIONL HYMN**

*(Blessed Assurance) – Led by Pastor Paschal*

### **PRAYER OF COMFORT**

*Pastor Keith Paschal (Pastor Macedonia SDA Church, Lake City)*

### **REFLECTIONS OF LOVE**

*Elder Eustace Morrison, Pastor Brendan White, Dr. Courtney Shelton*

### **EULOGY**

*Pastor David Charles (Brother)*

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Pastor and Sister Wells*

### **WORDS OF COMFORT**

*Pastor Byron Wells (Pastor Progress Village SDA)*

### **CONGREGATIONAL HYMN**

*(When we all get to Heaven) - Led by Pastor Paschal*

### **PRAYER**

*Eustace Morrison (Elder Macedonia Lake City SDA)*

**(Thank you and Recessional by Funeral Director)**

# Church Hymns

## BLESSED ASSURANCE

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine  
O what a foretaste of glory divine  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood*

*This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long*

*Perfect submission, all is at rest  
I in my Savior am happy and blessed  
Watching and waiting, looking above  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love*

*This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
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## WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN

*Sing the wondrous love of Jesus,  
Sing His mercy and His grace;  
In the mansions bright and blessed  
He'll prepare for us a place.*

*When we all get to heaven,  
What a day of rejoicing that will be!*

*When we all see Jesus,  
We'll sing and shout the victory!  
While we walk the pilgrim pathway,  
Clouds will overspread the sky;  
But when trav'ling days are over,  
Not a shadow, not a sigh.*

*Let us then be true and faithful,  
Trusting, serving every day;  
Just one glimpse of Him in glory  
Will the toils of life repay.*

*Onward to the prize before us!  
Soon His beauty we'll behold;  
Soon the pearly gates will open;  
We shall tread the streets of gold.*

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I took his hand I heard him call  
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I could not stay another day To laugh, to  
love, to sing, to play. Tasks left undone  
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with remembered joy. A friendship shared,  
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*Author Unknown*

