



Mr. Bruce Wayne Charleston

January 14, 1966 - January 26, 2023

****A FUNERAL SERVICE IN LOVING MEMORY FOR MR. BRUCE WAYNE CHARLESTON WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2023 AT OUR FUNERAL HOME,

****NOTE: PLEASE SEE VISITATION & SERVICE TIMES LISTED BELOW****

****PLEASE NOTE THE FAMILY IS REQUESTING THAT MASKS ARE WORN AND WE WILL PROVIDE HAND SANITIZER WHEN ENTERING OUR BUILDING.

If you have any questions, please contact us at: (269) 342-1000

THE OBITUARY

Bruce Wayne Charleston transitioned this world on January 26, 2023, at his family home with his brother Jeffrey at his side. Bruce was the last of nine children born to the late Isiah and Eileen Charleston on January 14, 1966. Bruce confessed his faith in Christ at an early age while attending Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Otha Gilyard.

Bruce attended Kalamazoo Public Schools where he enjoyed playing football. He played the running back position because he possessed great balance

and strength and was considered the core of the offensive team. He graduated from Kalamazoo Central High School in 1984 and worked various jobs throughout his life. For the past 10 years he was employed at Kalamazoo Public Schools until he fell ill.

Bruce was a jack-of-all-trades and mastered a few for example: installing and repairing furnaces, hot water heaters, along with electrical and plumbing work. In addition, he was knowledgeable when it came to fixing vehicles especially older models. Bruce was a social person yet private and reserved who loved music especially old school R&B. He would sit in his car in the driveway listening to music for hours. He enjoyed riding his bike around the neighborhood particularly in the summer and had purchased him a new Huffy Men's Cruiser last summer. His passion was cooking full course meals and of course feasting on them! His specialty was grilling in the summer for his family and friends and preparing a full course Thanksgiving dinner every year. Most importantly he loved his family especially his children and grandchildren, whom will miss him dearly.

He was preceded in death by his parents Isiah and Eileen Charleston; 1 daughter Nichelle Sykes; 1 stepson, Orlando Walker; 1 sister, Charlotte Dunigan; 4 brothers, Tommy, Alfred, Steven and Derek Charleston; 1 nephew, Antonio Ferguson; 1 great nephew, Diontay Charleston and his god brother, Michael Beville-Thompson.

Left to cherish his memory is 3 sons, Anthony (Allea) Charleston, Ashauntay Charleston and Andrias Charleston all of Kalamazoo, Michigan; 4 granddaughters, Aniyah, Ay'Lah and Armani Charleston and NaQuasha Williams, 2 grandsons, Anthony Charleston and DaQuan Williams all of Kalamazoo, Michigan; 1 stepdaughter, April Brown; 2 step sons, Darlynzo Brown and Markuise (Katherine) Brown along with the mother of his children and best friend for life Beverly Fry; 2 sisters Mary Charleston-Elder and Tracy

Charleston-Blakes; 1 brother, Jeffrey Charleston; 1 stepbrother, James White and 1 sister-in-law, Theresa Charleston all of Kalamazoo, Michigan; 1 aunt Rosalee Springs and 1 uncle, Alfred Charleston both of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; 1 special cousin, Jack Dunigan along with bonus sisters and brothers, Thelma Fry, Lynn Minor and Teresa (Mike) Brown, Raynard and Paul Fry all of Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Previous Events

Family Hour

FEB 4. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

A Service in Loving Memory

FEB 4. 2:30 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Bruce Wayne Charleston



Harper Funeral Home - February 02, 2023 at 12:46 AM

DM

Rest in Peace my friend. I will never forget you. You brighten up a dark time for me. Love Always Deb 📄💔

Debra Ann Moore - March 04, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ Mr. Bruce Wayne Charleston

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. Bruce Wayne Charleston

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ Helen Word sent a virtual gift in memory of Bruce Charleston



Helen Word - February 07, 2023 at 04:28 PM

ML

“ *Malinda Ligon-Whitley lit a candle in memory of Bruce Charleston*



Malinda Ligon-Whitley - February 05, 2023 at 05:18 PM

KD

“ *Kevin Dunigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Bruce Charleston*



Kevin Dunigan - February 03, 2023 at 11:18 PM

KD

“ *Kevin Dunigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Bruce Charleston*



Kevin Dunigan - February 03, 2023 at 11:17 PM

KD

“ *Kevin Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Bruce Charleston*



Kevin Dunigan - February 03, 2023 at 11:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Bruce Wayne Charleston.*



February 03, 2023 at 04:42 PM



“ *Pauline Gardner sent a virtual gift in memory of Bruce Charleston*



Pauline Gardner - February 03, 2023 at 01:16 PM



“ *We were so close every other weekend I would come and spend the night and we would watch movies ,eat, and laugh all night I'm going to miss by bestie*

Gina Branion - February 03, 2023 at 10:40 AM



“ *My best friend gone and I'm devastated forever this man did so much for me in my life words cannot explain . May God bring his family strength and me also during this time . MY BABY GOT HIS WINGS . I WILL MISS U DEARLY .*



Gina Branion - February 03, 2023 at 10:38 AM

TB

“ Tony Bell lit a candle in memory of Bruce Charleston



Tony Bell - February 02, 2023 at 11:02 PM

VM

“ Vicky Mills/Jones lit a candle in memory of Bruce Charleston



Vicky Mills/Jones - February 02, 2023 at 04:28 PM

LS

“ Lola Streeter lit a candle in memory of Bruce Charleston



Lola Streeter - February 02, 2023 at 08:19 AM

EG

“ Edith Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bruce Wayne Charleston



Edith Gardner - February 01, 2023 at 11:59 PM

YH

“ Yvonne Reese Heltzel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bruce Wayne Charleston



Yvonne Reese Heltzel - February 01, 2023 at 09:05 PM

DW

“ David & Laverne Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bruce Wayne Charleston



David & Laverne Walker - February 01, 2023 at 08:15 PM

RL

“ Ramona Lumpkin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bruce Wayne Charleston



Ramona Lumpkin - February 01, 2023 at 01:39 PM

DW

“ I met Mr. Bruce Charleston in Kindergarten. He was my 1st friend. Bruce was a beautiful man with a beautiful heart. He was always smiling and yes he loved his old school music. Bruce will be missed so greatly. It's funny how you grow up with someone and then you grow apart in so many ways because of life etc. but you never grow apart in spirit.. our friendship never grew apart. Whenever I would see Bruce we always had a hug for each other...always..as a matter of fact.. I don't know where he got this picture from but he gave it to me within the past couple of years...a picture of me when I was in Kindergarten 📷📷📷📷📷📷 that's the only picture that I have of myself in kindergarten 📷📷📷. Now that's a real friend.....Bruce you will be missed so greatly. I am praying for your family and ask God to walk with them through this most difficult time. Rest in Paradise my dear friend.....Rest in Paradise

Deborah Woodard - February 01, 2023 at 11:02 AM

DW

“ Deborah Woodard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bruce Wayne Charleston



Deborah Woodard - February 01, 2023 at 10:52 AM

LB

“ LB lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bruce Wayne Charleston



LB - February 01, 2023 at 09:33 AM

DF

“ Dallas Boards And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bruce Wayne Charleston



Dallas Boards and family - February 01, 2023 at 06:56 AM

KG

“ Sending prayers to the Charleston an Fry family yr gonig to be missed uncle Bruce Gone but never forgotten the Trotman family



Kimberly Guy - January 31, 2023 at 09:37 PM

EF

“ Earline Fields And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bruce Wayne Charleston



Earline Fields and Family - January 31, 2023 at 06:41 PM

EF

“ My Condolences to the Charleston family I will keep you in my prayers always RIP Bruce 🙏



Earline Fields and Family - January 31, 2023 at 06:41 PM

TF

“ *Thelma Fry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bruce Wayne Charleston*



Thelma Fry - January 31, 2023 at 05:06 PM

JD

“ *Jack Dunigan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bruce Wayne Charleston*



Jack Dunigan - January 31, 2023 at 05:01 PM

JD

“ *Jack Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bruce Wayne Charleston*



Jack Dunigan - January 31, 2023 at 04:59 PM

GF

“ *Gaila Smith & Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Bruce Wayne Charleston*



Gaila Smith & Family - January 31, 2023 at 04:37 PM

HB

“ We’re sending our deepest condolences. To the family of Bruce.
Just in the Lord, he is your Strength and Comforter. Love!!
Helen Mills Brooks and Barbee Family



Helen Brooks - January 31, 2023 at 02:07 PM

KA

“ Kimyatta Armstrong lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bruce Wayne Charleston



Kimyatta Armstrong - January 31, 2023 at 11:50 AM

JG

“ JoAnne & Renaford Owens Jr-Atlanta GA lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bruce Wayne Charleston



JoAnne & Renaford Owens Jr-Atlanta GA - January 31, 2023 at 11:47 AM

AM

“ Alma M. Snell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bruce Wayne Charleston



Alma M. Snell - January 31, 2023 at 11:44 AM

TL

“ Teresa Lark lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bruce Wayne Charleston



teresa lark - January 31, 2023 at 11:38 AM

LJ

“ Lucy Cruz Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bruce Wayne Charleston



Lucy Cruz Jackson - January 31, 2023 at 09:19 AM

CS

“ Cindy Phillips Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bruce Wayne Charleston



Cindy Phillips Smith - January 31, 2023 at 09:18 AM

LJ

“ The Charleston family live right across from my home I remember those good old days. God bless you all RIP Bruce



Lucy Cruz Jackson - January 31, 2023 at 09:13 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Bruce Wayne Charleston.*



January 31, 2023 at 09:08 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Charleston family. Rest in peace Brucy Bruce. I'll always cherish our good times we spent growing up on Princeton Street. You and your family have always welcomed me in your home as I have spent many nights there. You will always be my "Lil Bro". I'll miss your big smile and warm heart!! Love you!*



Karen Gray - January 31, 2023 at 08:59 AM



“ *Kevin Dunigan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bruce Wayne Charleston*



Kevin Dunigan - January 31, 2023 at 05:32 AM