

Don't Grieve for Me

My dear family, please do not grieve,
For I am at peace, and I have found rest.
The burdens of age have fallen away,
And I now dwell among Heaven's blessings.

Though you cannot see me,
Know that I am never far.
I live within your memories,
Your laughter, your stories,
And within the love we shared.

Do not let your hearts be heavy because I am gone.
Instead, remember the life we were blessed to have
together.

Remember the lessons, the smiles, the traditions,
And the moments that made us a family.

I have crossed into a place of perfect peace,
Where pain cannot reach and sorrow cannot stay.
My spirit is free, my heart is full,
And I am surrounded by God's everlasting love.

To my children and grandchildren,
Continue living your lives with joy and purpose.
Celebrate birthdays, gather for holidays,
Chase your dreams, love one another,
And make memories that will last for generations.

When you share a story about me,
When you laugh at an old memory,
When you show kindness to another,
A part of my legacy continues here on earth.

I will be watching over you,
Proud of the family we built together.
Though my journey on earth has ended,
My love for you never will.

So lift your heads, dry your tears,
And know that I am happy.
I am whole. I am at peace.
And one day, when God calls you home,
We will be together again.

Until then,
Live fully, love deeply, and carry on.

With all my love,

Daddy and Papa

PALLBEARERS
Grandsons and Family

FLORAL BEARERS
Nieces and Family

In Appreciation

The family of
Mr. Charlie Larkin,

Express deep gratitude and sincere thanks, as they
extend their appreciation to all of you for your
prayers, messages of comfort, and countless other acts
of kindness shown during our period of bereavement.
May God continue to bless you in a very special manner.

Repast will be held at
Salem Chapel Heritage Center
101 S. Salem Avenue
Sumter, SC 29150

Job's Mortuary, Inc.

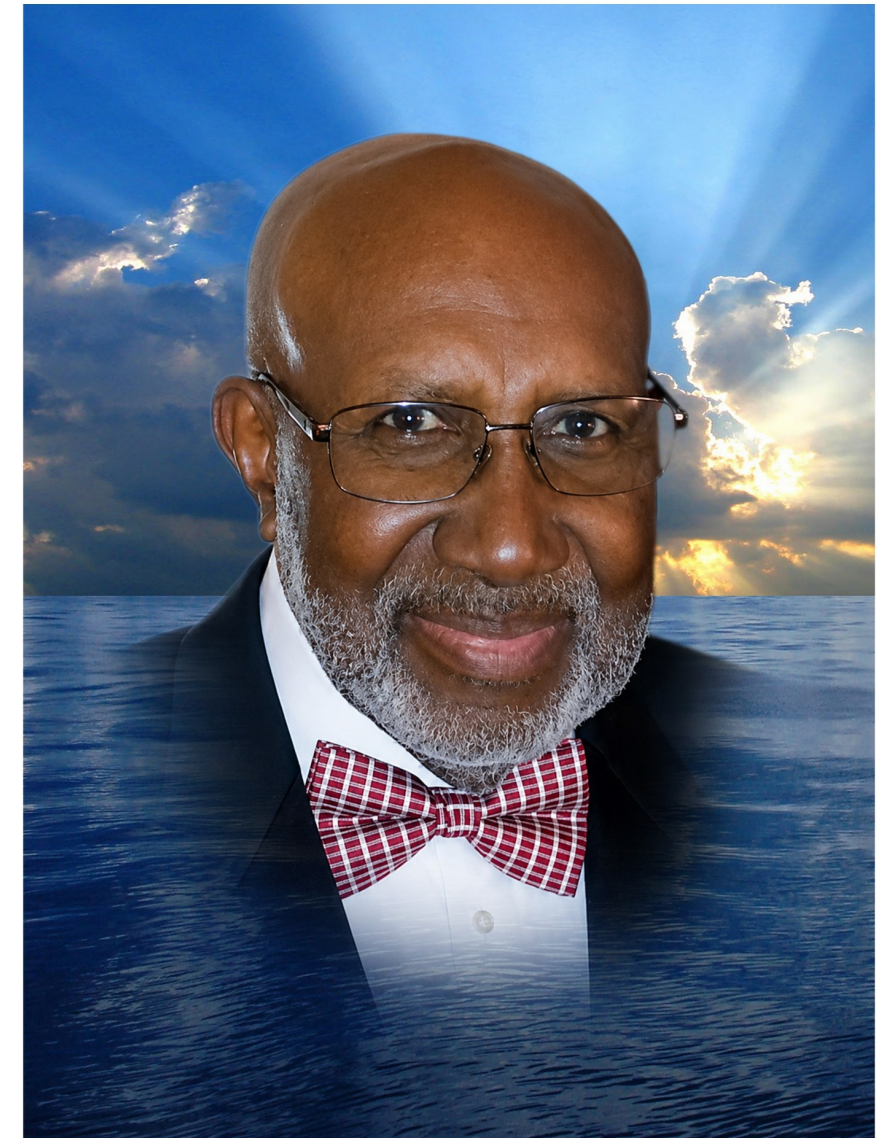
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Home of Distinctively Finer
Funeral Service

Celebration of Life



Charlie Larkin

April 15, 1936 - June 20, 2026

Friday, June 26, 2026
2:00PM

Salem Chapel and Heritage Center
101 S. Salem Avenue
Sumter, SC 29150

Rev. Dr. Walter Butler
Officiant

Sacred Order of Service

Rev. Dr. Walter Butler, Officiating

Organ Prelude Musician

Processional & Viewing Ministers, Family and Friends

Selection Wygelia Palmer Spann

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Dr. Debbie Bowens-Davis

Scriptures:

 Old Testament Phillip Washington (son-in-law)

 New Testament Tracy Chamblee (son-in-law)

Selection Wygelia Palmer Spann

Reflections (3 minutes maximum)

 Community Mr. Charles Harris

 Special Friend Mr. William Lanon

 Son-in-law Phillip Washington

 Daughter Brenda Chamblee

 *****Grandchildren*****

Acknowledgements Cynthia Montgomery/Family Friend

Selection Wygelia Palmer Spann

Words of Comfort Rev. Dr. Walter Butler

Recessional Medley of Songs

Benediction

Interment
Fort Jackson National Cemetery
Monday, June 29, 2026
11:00AM



A collage of seven photographs. The top row features a man in a tuxedo with a red bow tie, a group of three people (two young women and an older man), and a man in a blue shirt and cap. The middle row shows a man in a blue shirt, a man in a blue shirt and hat, and a man in a blue shirt and hat. The bottom row depicts a group of people on a boat.

A collage of five photographs showing various groups of people, including families and friends, posing together in different settings like outdoors, indoors, and at a party.

Charlie was an extraordinary husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, uncle, role model, neighbor, and friend. He had a remarkable ability to make everyone feel welcome, embracing others with genuine compassion, kindness, and love. Though quiet in nature, his gentle spirit, unwavering character, and warm presence touched the lives of many. Through his actions, he demonstrated the values of faith, integrity, humility, and devotion to family, leaving a lasting impression on all who had the privilege of knowing him.

He also leaves to cherish his memory his sister, Frezell Evans of Brooklyn, N.Y.; his sister-in-law, Deloris Glover of Bowman, S.C; and his brothers-in-law, Raymond Dickson of Orangeburg, S.C and William Dickson Jr. (Linda) of Lynn, M.A. His legacy also lives on through eleven nieces, two nephews, a host of grandnieces and grandnephews, and many other relatives and dear friends whose lives were enriched by his love and friendship.

Although Charlie's physical presence will be deeply missed, the love he shared, the values he instilled, and the memories he created will remain forever in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

CHILDREN'S REFLECTIONS

(His Pride and Joy)

Renee

It is easy to say hello but so incredibly hard to say goodbye, so instead I say goodnight as I know I will see you again. If I could sit with someone in heaven for an hour, it would be you dad, and I would jump at the chance. I weep for all the beautiful memories we created and shared but am grateful that I get to keep them in my heart and let your memory live on. I do not know how to describe you and all that you were in words because you are so perfect in my eyes. You loved mom so dearly and purely, that I made sure to marry a man who emulates you and what you stood for. I am your mini me and wear the title with pride because I could not have asked for a better father. Dad, I loved you then, I love you now, and I will love you forevermore.

Brenda

Daddy,
This is BBB (Big Bad Brenda), and I will always cherish that nickname because you were the only person who ever called me that. Every time I say your name or think about you, my heart hurts. Yet at the same time, I find myself smiling because of all the wonderful memories we shared together.
Thank you for showing me how a woman should be treated and for demonstrating the respect, love, and kindness that every woman deserves. When I was younger, I didn't fully understand the lessons you were teaching me, but now I see them clearly. The values you lived by have been passed down through me and extended to my two sons, who will continue your legacy for generations to come.
I know I may have given you a hard time when I was little, but I hope I made you proud. I grew up to become a devoted wife and mother, and so much of who I am today is because of you.
Thank you for your love, your guidance, your strength, and the example you set. Those gifts will stay with me forever.
Until we see each other again, Daddy, know that you will always be loved, always be missed, and never be forgotten.
Love always,
BBB (Big Bad Brenda)

Josiah *(Oldest Grandchild)*

Charlie Larkin was an amazing grandfather who loved his grandchildren. Papa can best be described as a well-traveled soul who loved the home life he built in South Carolina, always opting to stay home when we'd make our shopping trips to miscellaneous stores. Papa showed me what it means to take pride in how you present yourself, whether that be with a wardrobe, the lawn, or a smile. He will be forever remembered as a loving, supportive, and stand-out grandfather.

Micah *(Only Granddaughter)*

My papa was the human embodiment of virtue, goodwill, and love. He taught me how to be a good person and neighbor, and what he did not say was only exemplified through his actions. He represented what a good person is, and I can only try to emulate him. I will miss him more than words can truly convey, but I will never forget how much he meant to me and every life he impacted.

Chazz (*3rd Grandchild*)

I loved and admired my grandfather, specifically because of the type of man he was. He provided for his family, spent time with his kids, helped others in need, and on top of that served his country in one of the most gruesome wars in American history. However, one thing that I admired the most about him was how strong he was physically, mentally, and emotionally. No matter the obstacles he encountered he always conquered them and he came back better than ever. Thank you, Papa, for teaching me to be strong and thank you for the impact that you had on my life not only as a grandfather but also as a role model. Any obstacles that I face in the future, I will always remember that you instilled in me to remain, "TOUGH-TOUGH- TOUGH"

Larkin (*Youngest Grandchild*)

Today we honor my grandfather, Charlie Larkin, a confident, persistent and focused man whose hard work made him successful in everything he did. He proudly served our country in the Vietnam War, showing courage and strength that inspired everyone around him. He taught me the value of determination, integrity, and never giving up. We will miss him deeply, but his legacy and the lessons he gave me will stay with me forever.

