

Thank You

The family wishes to express our sincere appreciation for all the love and kindness shown during our time of bereavement. We would like to thank UNC Johnston Clayton, UNC Johnston Smithfield (4th Floor), Heartland Hospice, and SECU Hospice for all that you have done for our beloved father and brother. Your compassion and care will always be remembered.

Brother

You gave no one a last farewell,
Nor ever said good-bye.
You were gone before we knew it,
and only God knows why.
A million times we will miss you,
A million times we will cry.
If love alone could have saved you,
You never would have died.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we love you still.
In our hearts you hold a place,
no one else can fill.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you didn't go alone,
for part of us went with you,
the day God took you home.
We will meet again someday,
I know in a better place.
I thank God He made you our brother
While you were here on earth.

-In loving memory of our brother, Jr.
Lovingly remembered by Lois, Wanda, Princess,
Timothy, and Antonio



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Celebrating

THE LIFE OF



William Robert Groves Jr.

MAY 11, 1969 – JANUARY 3, 2026

Saturday, January 10, 2026

3:00 pm

Shiloh Christian Church

REFLECTIONS

William Robert Groves Jr., affectionately known as Charlie, Chase Vape, Charlie Jr., and Uncle Jr., was born on May 11, 1969, in Greensboro, North Carolina. He entered eternal rest, leaving behind cherished memories and a legacy of love.

William Jr. was born to the late Rossie “Granny Groves” Goodson and the late William “Charlie” Groves Sr. He was educated in the Guilford County Public School System. Throughout his working years, he was employed with Champion, Comfort Air, BD, and Ashley Furniture. While he held many positions, his true passion was being a mobile mechanic, where his skills, dedication, and willingness to help others were well known.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, James and Lozzie Lemon, and William Douglas Groves and Alva Mae Fowler-Groves. He was also preceded in death by his beloved aunts and uncles, Joyce Session, Ruby McLamb, Ronnie Groves, James Lemon Jr., and Dennis Crosland.

William Jr. leaves to cherish his precious memories his three sons, Timothy Williams Jr., Chase Johnson, and Amarion Johnson, and his loving and devoted high school sweetheart, Portia Johnson, of the home. He also leaves behind three sisters, Lois Solomon (Anthony), Wanda Groves, and Princess Groves, and two brothers, Timothy Groves and Antonio Groves.

His memory will also be treasured by his aunts, Lois Woodard, Barbara Evans, Louise Smith, Margaret Woodard, Beverly Groves, Evelyn Wilson (Conrad), and Debra Pettway (John); his uncles, Conrad Groves (Linda), Ricky Groves, and Fontelle Groves (Francine); his four grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews; and a loving host of family and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Presiding
Dr. Rev. Morris Sanders Jr.

Processional
Clergy and Family

Hymn of Comfort
The Rouse Brothers

The Holy Scriptures
Old Testament — Minister Charles Sanders
New Testament — Bishop Terry Thompson

Prayer of Comfort
Pastor Pete Bryant

Solo
Carolyn Best

Acknowledgements & Obituary
Sharon Ray-Somerville

Reflections
(Respectfully limited to two minutes)

Solo
Paula Waters

Eulogy
Minister Robin Sanders

Mortician’s Brief
Sanders Funeral Home

Recessional
Clergy and Family