

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The family wishes to express profound and heartfelt gratitude to each of you for the many expressions of love through prayers, visits, words of comfort, telephone calls, food, flowers, cards, letters and other acts of kindness extended to us during our time of bereavement. We would also like to thank Raleigh Rehab for the special care they provided. Thank you  
-The Family

### I'm Free

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard him call,  
I turned my back and left it all  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work or play  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of day  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow  
My life's been full, I've savored much,  
Good friends, good times, my loved one's touch  
If my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief  
Lift up your heart, rejoice with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.

Professional Services Entrusted to:



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# CELEBRATING

*The life of*



# CHARLES DUPREE

AUGUST 15, 1941 — JANUARY 11, 2025

Thursday, January 23, 2025

1:30 pm

Selma Church of Christ  
801 E Lizzie St, Selma, NC 27576

## REFLECTIONS

Charles Dupree was born on August 8, 1941, to the late Bailey and Retha M. Dupree in Bennettsville, South Carolina. He was the eldest of ten children.

Charles received his education in the Johnston County public school system, attending Richard B. Harrison. He worked as a dedicated truck driver for T.W. Shirley of Smithfield, North Carolina. Charles embraced life with enthusiasm and was always willing to help others. His devotion to his life partner was unwavering. He had a passion for nice cars and enjoyed watching Westerns, especially Gunsmoke. Earlier in life, he demonstrated a talent for playing pool.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bailey and Retha M. Dupree; his wife, Thelma Reid Dupree; two brothers, George and Cornelius Dupree; and his sister, Linda Joyce Adams.

He leaves to cherish his memory his life partner of 52 years, Margaret Woodard of Raleigh, North Carolina; two sons, Charles Ray Dupree of Selma, North Carolina, and Freddie Groves (wife, Sherry) of Smithfield, North Carolina; four daughters, Pamela Battle of Raleigh, North Carolina, Cassandra Williams of Four Oaks, North Carolina, Beverly Woodard of Clayton, North Carolina, and Linda Rogers of Greensboro, North Carolina; five brothers, James W. Dupree Sr. of Selma, North Carolina, Rudolph Dupree (wife, Louise) of Goldsboro, North Carolina, John Dupree Jr. (wife, Phyllis) of Selma, North Carolina, Donald Dupree of Wilson, North Carolina, and Ronald Dupree of Selma, North Carolina; and one sister, Alice Dupree of Durham, North Carolina.

Charles is also survived by 12 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Additionally, he leaves behind a special friend, K. Woodhouse, who provided him with support and companionship.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional  
Clergy and Family

Reading of Holy Scriptures  
Old Testament- James Dupree Sr.  
New Testament-Rudolph Dupree

Prayer of Comfort  
Kevin Moore

Musical Selection  
Congregation

Acknowledgments and Reading of Obituary  
Delma Jackson

Remarks (2 minutes)

Eulogy  
John Dupree

Mortician's Brief  
Sanders Funeral Home

Recessional

Interment  
Crocker Cemetery

