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EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

Please know that the family of **Christopher Howard** has been deeply blessed by your many acts of kindness and support during the passing of our dear loved one. Your presence, calls, visits, gifts, prayers and all acts of compassion will always be a beacon of hope and a strong pillar of faith for our lives. May God forever bless and keep you.

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HOME GOING SERVICE
FOR

Christopher
HOWARD

APRIL 29, 1956 – MAY 2, 2026



Thursday, May 7, 2026 | 11:00 A.M.

Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church

7396 Rivers Avenue

North Charleston, South Carolina

Reverend Dr. Byron L. Benton, Pastor

Life REFLECTIONS

Christopher "Chris" Howard, a beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather, and friend, was born on April 29, 1956, in Moncks Corner, South Carolina. He lived a life grounded in love, commitment, and quiet strength, leaving a lasting impact on all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Christopher grew up in St. Stephen, South Carolina, and was a proud graduate of the Rams of St. Stephen High School, Class of 1974. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army, where he served his country with honor and dedication, retiring after a distinguished 21-year career. Following his military service, he continued his commitment to public service by working with the Sheriff's Office at the Al Cannon Detention Center.

Christopher was united in marriage to his faithful loving wife Sherry Howard, of 50 plus years. Their enduring partnership was a testament to devotion, resilience, and deep affection—a bond that served as the foundation of their family and an example to many.

He was a proud and devoted father to his son, Chris Dwayne Howard (Tededia Colleton), and his daughter, Sharlena McConnell (Ausy). Christopher took great pride in his children, offering guidance, wisdom, and unwavering support throughout their lives.

Affectionately known as "Papa" by his grandchildren, Christopher shared a special bond with Dallis C. Howard, Shyanne K. Howard-McConnell, and Christopher D. Howard. His love for them was evident in every moment spent together, and they will forever cherish his presence in their lives.

Christopher was a passionate sports fan, and all who knew him were familiar with his unwavering loyalty to his beloved Pittsburgh Steelers, Los Angeles Lakers, and Atlanta Braves. Whether watching a game or discussing his favorite teams, his enthusiasm was infectious wit and brought joy to those around him.

A devoted member of Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church in North Charleston, South Carolina, Christopher faithfully served in the parking ministry and supported Meals on Wheels, reflecting his servant's heart and dedication to his community. He was also a dedicated member of the Caesar and Katie Pinckney Family Reunion, where he served in many roles including Vice President, Treasurer, and cook, contributing his time, leadership, and love to keeping the family connected.

Christopher enjoyed a variety of hobbies that reflected his thoughtful and engaging personality. He had a passion for investing, baking, and gardening, and he never shied away from a good debate—welcoming conversation on just about any topic with insight and enthusiasm.

Christopher was preceded in death by his parents, Willie Junior Howard and Dorothy Howard; and his brothers, Curtis Howard and Johnny Lee Howard.

He leaves to cherish his memory his brother, Eugene Howard; his sister/niece, Clarissa Mitchell (Anthony) and his brother/cousin, Anthony Scott (Mona) along with a host of loving cousins, nephews, nieces, and dear friends.

Christopher was known for his steady presence, kind heart, and willingness to lend a helping hand. He cherished time spent with loved ones and valued the connections that shaped his life. He will be remembered for his strength of character, his love for his family, and the legacy he leaves behind in the hearts of those who knew him best. His memory will continue to live on through the lives he touched and the love he shared.

WHEN MY SAVIOR BRINGS ME HOME

As my days on earth have ended
and my time has finally come
Don't think I've left you,
just rejoice that my battle's finally won.

It was in those quiet hours
when I seemed so far away
That my Savior sat beside me
to prepare me for this day.

He settled all my doubts and fears
and took away the pain.
Please know there was no suffering
when at last my Savior came.

To you it may have seemed too hard
and lasted much too long,
But for me it was a peaceful wait
for God to bring me home.

I know that you did all you could
and yes, He heard your cries,
For God Himself reached out His hand
and gently closed my eyes.



ORDER OF *Service*

Reverend Dr. Byron L. Benton, Officiating
Reverend Adam Spencer, Presiding

- Prelude
- Processional.....Clergy, Deacons, Deaconess, Family
- Opening Hymn“Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand”
- Prayer
- Scripture Readings
 - Old Testament – Ecclesiastes 3:1-4..... Reverend Joseph Hamilton
 - New Testament – John 14:1-4
- Solo..... Evangelist Beverly Jefferson
- Remarks
 - Brother Anthony Scott & Sister Clarissa Mitchell
 - Sister Gwendolyn Robinson, *St. Stephen High Class of 1974*
 - Brother Cory Johnson
 - Deacons Tyrone Sanders, Jr. & Reginald McShan
 - Deacon Charles Francis
- Family TributeBrother Chris Howard
- Reflections of Life Video Tribute
- Acknowledgements & Resolutions Sister Nikki Hardy
- Solo – “Safe in His Arms” Sister Glennita Greene
- Words of Comfort Reverend Dr. Byron L. Benton
- Call to Discipleship Reverend Dr. Byron L. Benton
- Committal
- Benediction..... Reverend Dr. Byron L. Benton
- Final Viewing
- Recessional..... “I’m Free”
- Repast Family Life Center

INTERMENT

Fort Jackson National Cemetery