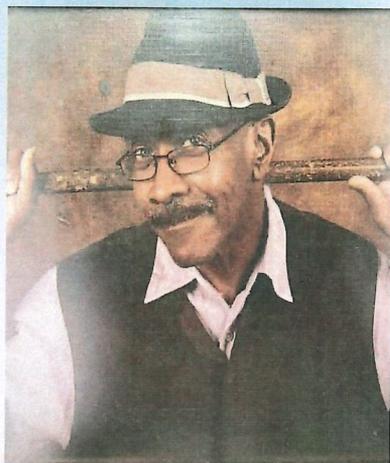


CELEBRATION OF LIFE



CHARLES HENRY GITTINGS

JUNE 15, 1952 - MARCH 29, 2023



A person that departs from this earth never truly leaves, for they are still alive in our hearts.

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Wednesday, April 12, 2023

OBITUARY

CHARLES GITTINGS JR WAS BORN JUNE 15, 1952 TO THE LATE CHARLES GITTINGS SR. AND DOROTHY GITTINGS AT JOHNS HOPKINS HOSPITAL IN BALTIMORE MARYLAND. HE WAS THE SECOND BORN OF FOUR CHILDREN. ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2023 THE LORD CALLED ONE OF HIS STRONGEST SOLDIERS HOME.

CHARLES RECEIVED HIS EDUCATION FROM THE BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS. HE GRADUATED FROM PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR HIGH SCHOOL. IN 1973 HE SERVED FOR THE UNITED STATES NAVY, AND THEN WORKED SEVERAL JOBS AFTERWARDS. CHARLES RETIRED AS A DIETITIAN FROM SYKESVILLE CONTINUUM CARE.

CHARLES MET DELORES (LOLO) MCGOWAN IN 1974 AND THEY LATER MARRIED IN 1983, FROM THIS UNION TWO CHILDREN WERE BORN, DAMION GITTINGS AND ELIZABETH (TANIKA) GITTINGS. THEY ENJOYED VARIOUS ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS PLAYING CARDS, BOARD GAMES AND BOWLING, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY SPENDING TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

CHARLES WAS AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS CHARLIE, CHUCK, DADDY, POP-POP AND OLD MAN. HE WAS LOVING, FUNNY, CHARMING, AND INTELLIGENT. CHARLES LOVED TO COLLECT MODEL CARS AND HE LOVED THE ORIOLES "GO O'S". HE ALSO LOVED TO PLAY PING PONG.

CHARLES WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS MOTHER, DOROTHY GITTINGS, HIS FATHER, CHARLES GITTINGS, HIS BROTHER, BRYANT GITTINGS, AND HIS LATE SON CHARLES (CHUCKY) GITTINGS.

CHARLES H. GITTINGS JR WILL FOREVER LIVE IN THE HEARTS OF ALL OF US. SISTERS JONELLE WALLACE (EDDIE), VASHTI HAWKINS, AND DELORES BROWN. CHILDREN, NICKIEA "NICKY" ROBINSON (LAMONT), BRYANT "BUTCH" STEWART, DAMION GITTINGS (JESSICA) AND ELIZABETH "TANIKA" GITTINGS. TWELVE GRANDCHILDREN, MARQUITA, SAMYA, KIERRA, BRYANT, DAEKWON, BRYASIA, DAYSHAWNNA, DAYSHAWN, KYLA, DAYSHA, CHANTELL AND JOSHUA. SIX GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, SIGNIFICANT OTHER, CAROLYN LEE, AND A HOST OF OTHER RELATIVES AND FRIENDS.

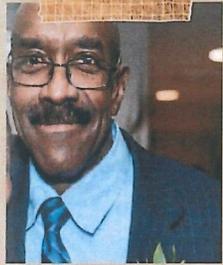
ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING HYMN	CARLEITA COLES
OLD TESTAMENT PSALM 90 1-6, 12	SAMYA RICHBURG
NEW TESTAMENT REVELATION 21; 1-7	SAMYA RICHBURG
PRAYER	VASHTI GITTINGS
SELECTION	CARLEITA COLES
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS	DAYSHAWNNA GITTINGS
REMARKS OF REMEMBRANCE	2 MINUTES
OBITUARY	DEDRAIA CRAGWAY
SONGSTRESS	CARLEITA COLES
EULOGY & BENEDICTION	ELDER LAMONT A ROBINSON, SR

*If I should go tomorrow, It would never be goodbye.
For I have left my heart with you, So don't you ever cry.
The love that's deep within me, Shall reach you from the stars,
You'll feel it from the heavens, And it will heal the scars.*

If I should go tomorrow - Anon





You are forever in our s. We love you daddy



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The greatest gift I ever had came from God. I call him Dad!



Daddy

I always felt like you saved me as a child and you showed me how I should be treated and not settle for anything less. As time went on, memories were created and we shared much joy and laughter with little tears. We've experienced a wonderful father and daughter bond that has lasted all my years.

Yes, I'm blessed and beyond grateful to have had the best father whose inner beauty equals his intellect. In you I saw a strong, intelligent man that could make you laugh at the drop of a dime and knowing that whatever you said came straight from your heart. You said what you meant and meant what you said.

So, I thank you for teaching me about life, keeping track of my bills and making sure they're paid on time. Just think If it wasn't for you I wouldn't have known how to play spades, 5,000 and monopoly. I'm forever grateful for it all.

I just had to say in a unique and loving way that my life has truly been special and wonderful having you as my dad the first man I've ever loved.

Love your first born
(Nickiea)



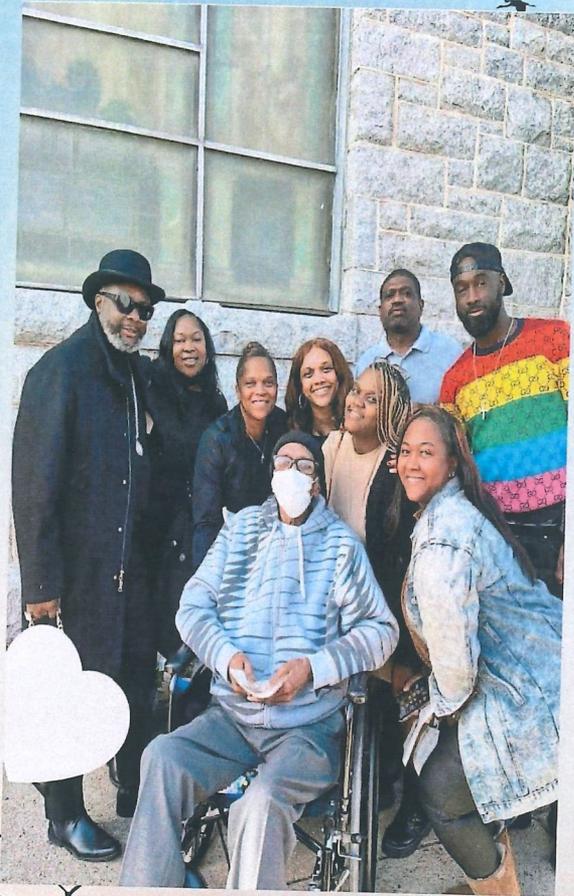
A Letter to My Poppop

Dear Poppop,
You're really gone and there's nothing I can do about it, my heart is broken... my first real heartbreak! This is a hard one to digest, 21 years with you wasn't enough, you were suppose to get better. But I know you're no longer in pain, no more suffering.. when I was little I thought you were going to live forever, by making me smile with all your jokes and sarcasm. This is hard for me because you were my ONE & ONLY poppop. I broke down when I heard that you were gone in the middle of the hallway to be exact, no more ' hey poppop ' or ' see ya later poppop ' I can't come over anymore to take a handful of mints, you can no longer send my mother home with a bag of mints for me...it's hard going to your house and not seeing you there, it's hard taking all the pictures off the walls, it's all HARD! I thank you for being the best grandfather and always being there, I'm glad you were able to see me graduate high school. You will always have a special place in my heart, I will always & forever love you, my favorite Gemini!

Love,
Samya " old lady "

A Letter to my Grandfather

Daddy , 34 years of having you seems long , but just wasn't long enough . Just knowing that you were here gave me a sense of grateful peace Because you were always a call away . The love you poured into me will forever stay with me . The times we spent watching your favorite shows or sports , playing board games , teaching me how to play cards (especially two of your favorites 5000 & Spades) , having casual conversation , or the times we laughed together cause one thing u always had a million jokes , it all will be cherished forever . You've been by my side since day one & I stood by yours until the end . You will never know how much of my day you made just seeing you walk through my mothers doors or me walking through yours . Spending time with you was always pleasurable . You were my Superman . In my eyes there was nothing you couldn't do . So super that I just knew you would live almost forever , but God needed you more . My heart is crushed , but you're at peace . If love alone could've saved you , u would've made jokes for 30 more years cause you were loved beyond measures . God lent u to us & you did your part . Job well done ! Now get your rest . I am forever grateful to have experienced a grandfather like you . Thank you for loving me . I'll miss you & I love you . You're Forever in my heart ♥



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May God Bless You!