

The Family Tribute

Mr. Earnest Carter Sharpe, Jr.

*A smile for all, a heart of gold,
one of the finest this world could hold
Never selfish, always kind;
these are the memories he leaves behind...*

Mr. Earnest Carter Sharpe Jr., 70 was born in Iredell County on February 29, 1952. He was a leap year baby and would joke about only being 17-1/2 years old. Earnest was the son of the late Earnest Carter Sharpe, Sr. and Mattie Parker Sharpe. He departed this life on Friday, December 2, 2022.

He attended Iredell County Schools and graduated from South Iredell High School. He was a devoted member of the Mt. Vernon Presbyterian Church where he worked diligently as a Trustee. Earnest used his construction skills taught to him by his beloved uncles, The Parker Brothers, for the upkeep of the church as well as helping others in the community. He loved working in the Mt. Vernon community garden. He was very skilled at using his tractor. He did amazing things with that tractor.

Earnest never met a stranger and his goal in life was to help everyone. He would often offer a prayer to all he met during his day-to-day activities. In his neighborhood, he was known as the "Welcome Committee." He was the first to welcome new neighbors as well as checking on all his neighbors. Earnest was a skilled mechanic, construction worker, painter, maintenance man, inventor, and he could fix just about anything. If you came to him for help, he would not turn you down.

He worked for the Iredell County School System as a custodian for 30 years after Mann Bus and Trucks closed down.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Earnest Carter Sharpe Sr. and Mattie Parker Sharpe; by his nephew, Orlando Culbertson; and by his two brothers, James Weldon Sharpe, and William Thomas Sharpe.

He leaves to cherish the memory of his life, his wife Sarah Gardin Sharpe; two sons, Ryan Sharpe of the home, and Joshua Sharpe of Statesville; one daughter, Ashley Sharpe of Elmwood Park, New Jersey; his second mother, Marjorie Goodwine of Cleveland, NC; one brother, Rickey (Dorthera) Young of Statesville; two sisters, Dorothy (Roman) Culbertson of Cleveland, NC, and Sheryl (Robert) Harrison of Wayne, PA; brother-in-law, Frank Gardin of Morganton, NC; sisters-in-law, Charlotte Gardin, Mary Collette (Joe), Thelma Gardin, all of Morganton, NC, and Linda Gardin of Elmwood Park, NJ; aunts and uncles, Furman Sharpe (Esther), Kenny Sharpe (Virginia), Lucy Mills, Paul Parker (Mary), Dave Parker, and Mary Parker; one special niece, Deanna Singleteary (Jamilyin) of Cleveland, NC; two great nieces, Desirae Culbertson and Destiny Davis; and a host of nieces and nephews, other family members, church family, and friends.

*Your peaceful smile, your joyful laugh,
how sweet the memory still
Your parting left an aching void,
this world will never fill.*

A Celebration of Life Remembering

Mr. Earnest Carter Sharpe, Jr.

Friday, December 16, 2022

Pastor James Boyce, *Officiating*

Pastor Otto Gaither, *Eulogist*

The Moments of Sharing
11:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

The Processional

Friends may Visit with the family

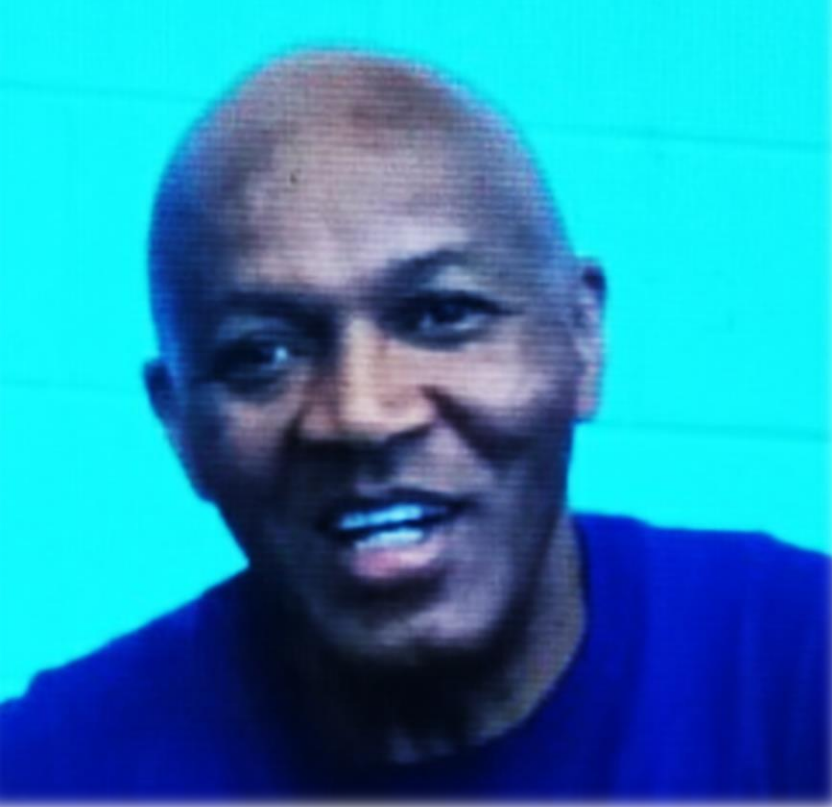
The Order of Service
12:00 p.m.

The Invocation	Pastor Steve McKinnon
Musical Selection.....	Deanna Culbertson-Singleteary and Tony Jones
Scripture Meditation	
Old Testament: Psalm 23 (<i>Passion Translation</i>).....	Pastor Priscilla Young
New Testament: Romans 8:35,37,39; John 14:1-3	Pastor Steven Boyd
Musical Selection: <i>The Lord's Prayer</i>	First Lady Marva McKinnon
Prayer of Comfort	Pastor James Arthur Boyce
Musical Selection	Tony Jones
Reading of the Obituary	Kimberly Harris
Acknowledgments and Presentation	Funeral Director
Remarks	Desirae Culbertson
Resolution	Mt. Vernon
Praise Dance: " <i>I Told the Storm</i> "	Destiny Davis
Musical Selection: " <i>You Know My Name</i> "	Deanna Culbertson-Singleteary
The Eulogy	Pastor Otto Gaither
Musical Selection	Dorthera Young
The Committal	Pastor Timothy Bates
The Recessional	

With Our Thanks

...that we through the patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope, (Romans 15) God has given us our church family, neighbors and dear friends, to help us as we go forward. **God's Word has been manifested through** your many expressions of sympathy and support; **we praise God from whom all blessings flow.** Thank you for honoring the memory of our beloved, "Earnest" and for remembering us during his passing. In our risen Lord, **we have peace that passes all understanding.**

The Family



Memories



As We Remember
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Rutledge and Bigham Funeral Home
Statesville, North Carolina
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12:00 p.m.
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