



Charles McDaniel

July 18, 2010

Charles W. McDaniel, 83, passed away on July 18th, 2010 at his home. Charles William McDaniel, the oldest son of four brothers, was a native of Fairfield, Alabama. Both of his parents were music teachers. His father, Charles A. McDaniel, was a student at Tuskegee Institute and his mother, Willie Viola (Selden), was the first female graduate of Miles College in Fairfield. His parents organized the Birmingham Sacred Symphony Orchestra in the 1920s. Charles began to develop his musical talent at an early age when he played saxophone and piano with his father and brothers. During high school, he was appointed as temporary band director. After serving in the Navy during World War II, he attended Miles College, where he played saxophone, clarinet and French horn in the marching and dance bands. He moved to Toledo, Ohio and married Rose L. Bowen in 1949. To this union was born one daughter, Deborah, and two sons, Charles F. and Reginael. In 1950, Charles organized the Royal Swanks Band, which played for most area high school proms, the Ebony Fashion Show, the first black Cotillion and the Chere Amies dance. He also played gospel music at First Baptist Church in Fremont, Ohio, Second Baptist Church in Holland, Ohio, and Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church and the Gospel Jubiletttes. He enhanced his music education by attending the Bach Conservatory of Music in Toledo, Ohio. His civil service began in 1952 as an employee at Rossford Ordinance Depot and ended 39 years later in Atlanta, GA, as Deputy Director of logistics management directive at Headquarters Forces Command under the

leadership of General Colin Powell. Some of the many highlights in his illustrious career include working at the Pentagon and receiving a letter of appreciation from the White House signed by President Gerald Ford for saving the government over \$2 million. After civil service retirement, he was elected a board member of Local 15-286. In 1999, Charles became the first black secretary/treasurer for Local 15-286 and one of only four black secretary/treasurers in the United States and Canada. He served in that capacity until 2010. In 1993, he organized a group of teenagers into a Gospel Jazz group called Jelise and Company. This group was named after his granddaughter, Jelise, whom he had taught to play saxophone. They have traveled throughout Toledo and the states of Ohio, Michigan and Indiana bringing their unique, upbeat, sound of praise to God to many churches and other venues. He leaves to cherish wonderful memories, wife, Rose; daughter, Deborah, (Derrick) Roberts; sons, Charles F. (Deidre) of Indianapolis, IN and Reginael (Diann) of Atlanta, GA; brother, Braxton (Renay) McDaniel of Birmingham, AL and sister-in-law, Mother Willie L. Jones of Toledo, OH; grandchildren, Jeremy Lincoln of Miami, FL, Cameron (Lori) and Corey McDaniel of Indianapolis, IN, Jelise Roberts of Columbus, OH, and great-grandchildren, Christian McDaniel and Joelle Gregoire-Lincoln. Visitation will be Friday 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with musical tribute 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Indiana Ave. Missionary Baptist Church. Wake service Saturday 11:00 a.m. followed by funeral service at 12:00 noon at the church, Rev. Dr. John E. Roberts, officiant. Interment Ottawa Hills Memorial Park. Arrangements entrusted to the Dale-Riggs Funeral Home. www.dalefh.com

Tribute Wall

BJ

“ On behalf of the Board, Advisory Board and Staff of the Area Office on Aging, Inc., we send our heartfelt sympathy to the family. Mr. McDaniel's presence was always welcomed at our senior events and he will truly be missed. Fondly, Billie Johnson, President/CEO

Billie Johnson - July 29, 2010 at 09:26 AM

PS

“ God be with you in your loss. The very same God who made you, loves you with all the tenderness and compassion a Father's heart can hold. You are more important to Him than you could ever imagine. Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee..Psalms 50:15. At this time of sadness, may you find strength in God and comfort in the warm and loving thoughts of others. I've had the honor and pleasure of being in his present, he was a very delightful man. With heartfelt sympathy.

Peggy Stribling - July 26, 2010 at 02:07 PM

SS

“ Deborah, we are so sorry to hear of the passing of your father. He was a very nice man and I understand how it is to lose your dad. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in the coming days. Love, Steve and Nancy

Steve & Nancy Sparks - July 23, 2010 at 07:23 PM

DM

“ So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I took care of your mother for 2 years @ Lake Park always looked forward to him coming in. He was a joy to talk to. GOD BLESS

Dee Miller - July 22, 2010 at 03:57 PM

AP

“ Uncle Charles was a very special man. He and Aunt Rose brought happiness to me through their kindness. He will be greatly missed.

Andrea Perryman - July 22, 2010 at 02:34 PM

MT

“ My prayers are with the family and I know "GOD" will see you through. I thank GOD for the opportunity to of not only meet but worked with Mr. McDaniel. His love for family, musical talent, and warm personality made him to person we all admired. Although your presence will be missed "GOD" heavenly choir just got another musical genius. The Turner Family

Mrs Cynthia Turner - July 22, 2010 at 02:13 PM

PJ

“ I had a opportunity and a privilege to meet Bro. Mac at New Hope, He played for our choir, I sang with the choir, And It was a pleasure to meet this music genius. He was truly a wonderful man, He was a Blessing to me and our choir, we appreciated his talents, May God keep you and remember Bro. Mac was a angel loaned to us! GOD bless You1

Pamela Jackson - July 22, 2010 at 11:51 AM

TG

“ I am a friend of his son Reginald McDaniel and would like to share that my family and the Ohio IRS-CI Family will have you and your family in our prayers. Reggie, the information above proves that your father was special on earth and will be Special in the presence of the Lord! God Bless and have Faith.

Tony Gonzalez - July 22, 2010 at 08:35 AM

YH

“ *May God embrace your family in this time of need. Believe that he is with you at all times.*

Yvonne Harper - July 21, 2010 at 11:13 PM