



Missionary Charlene Clark-Powell

August 6, 1945 - July 3, 2025

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. Isaiah 40:31

Beginnings. In the sacred silence of farewell, Charlene is released into the embrace of eternity, knowing that her light will continue to shine brightly in the tapestry of the lives of her loved ones. As her memory is carried forward, we find comfort in the knowledge that love is eternal, and that Charlene's spirit lives on in the beauty that surrounds us. She was loved and cherished by many people.

Missionary Charlene Powell, a phenomenal woman indeed! Affectionately called "Lean" by her family and close friends, answering to Momma from her two girls, was a woman of grace, resilience, and quiet strength whose life's journey reflects the power of healing through truth and compassion. A mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and Missionary of the Gospel. Charlene is the second eldest of twelve children, born Monday, August 6, 1945, in Shaw, Mississippi to the union of Florida & Charlie Clark, Sr. The first-born sibling was Rosemary and following Charlene were Charlie, John, Shereline, and Everette. Her Mother later married Wash Ross, Sr. and other siblings were added, Johnny, Henry, Sharon, Mary, Marilyn, and Nina. Lean grew up in Phillips County, Arkansas.

Adult Years. Charlene received her early education from Elaine School District, Elaine, AR and her high school education from C. V. White High School, Lakeview, AR graduating in May, 1966. She later attended Phillips County Community College. Charlene enjoyed a lifetime of working and experienced different career paths throughout her life. She worked as the Director of Security at Zales Department Store, Sales Clerk at K-Mart, Bus Driver for Saginaw Public Schools, Senior Center Coordinator at Saginaw County Commission on Aging, fully retiring from each one. [Job Well Done]. Her later years were spent enjoying her children, grandchildren, and great-grandson. She also carried this joy into every chapter of her life--as a daughter, sister, caregiver, and a mentor. Among the many roles Charlene held, being the matriarch of her family--she took to heart. After the passing of her mother sixteen years ago, she became the central figure and the main source of family strength and values; she was the one who held our family together. And for this, "We say Thank You".

Hobbies. A true culinary enthusiast, Charlene found joy in the art of cooking. From her famous cornbread dressing to her mouthwatering banana pudding, everyone looked forward to her creations. It was more than just a hobby; it was a way she expressed love and created cherished memories. Her family looked forward to her many specialty dishes; they will especially miss her sweet potato pies and hot water cornbread. Her love for cooking extended to sharing meals with friends, community members, and church family, creating lasting memories. Her culinary creations brought people together; the warmth and joy that Charlene brought to the kitchen will be deeply missed, but her legacy of delicious meals and warm memories will live on.

Religion. Charlene committed her life to Christ at an early age and was baptized at the Old Town Lake in Lakeview, AR by the late J.W. Webb and became a member of the Brooks Chapel M. B. Church until she relocated to

Memphis, TN. She continued her fellowship with the saints under watch care, while remaining a formal member at her home church. Charlene spent decades loving her family, feeding the community, and serving God. In the mid 70's she moved to Saginaw, MI and later united with the Rose of Sharon COGIC under the leadership of Elder Louis Knox, Sr., serving until the Lord called her from labor to reward Thursday, July 3, 2025.

Deceased Family. She was preceded in death by her Parents, Mother, Florida (Wash) Ross and Father Charlie Clark, Sr.; Sisters Rosie Lee Mubriu, Rosemary Goodwine, Sherline Gum, and Sharon Johnson; Brothers, Charles Clark, Sr., John Clark, Everette Clark, Henry Ross; Brothers-in-law, David Goodwine, Sr., Izah Broadus; Aunts, Neomia Williams, Elizabeth Lewis, Mary Lee, Lorsteen Webster, Vinnie C. Robinson, Georgia Burrell; Uncles, Oscar Lewis, Rufus Lee, Louis Burrell, Richard Burrell, and Henry Burrell; Nieces, Maria Goodwine, Dr. Lashun King, Mariah Williams, Baby Jena, and Baby Pēs; Nephews, Baby Brandon, Baby Tyrone, and Jason Clark.

Surviving Family. She leaves to cherish her memories and forever keep her legacy alive, Daughters, Kim (Anthony) Ross and Keva Clark, Saginaw, MI; Grandson; Timothy Holden, Jr., Granddaughters, Sade Henry, Courtney Sledge, Jasmine Sledge, Saginaw, MI and Kolby (Antone) Williamson, Grand Rapids, MI, Great-grandson, Emmanuel King; Sisters, Alie Jackson, Hampton, VA; Mary (Robert) Slater, Memphis, TN; Marilyn (James) Golden, and Nina Ross, Benton Harbor, MI; Brothers, Johnny (Cheryl) Ross, Raytown, TX; Sisters-in-law, Jeanette Clark, Saginaw, MI, Jerlester Gordon-Freeman, Marvell, AR; God Son, Langston Knox; God Daughter, Dr. Tonya Sims; God Brother, Thomas Brown Jr., Elaine, AR; God Sister, Latunga Brown, Pine Bluff, AR; A special friend for over sixty years T'ella Shannon, Saginaw, MI; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends.

“In life we had pleasures with our loved ones we have sorrows and joy but thank God for the memories that death cannot destroy”

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. Friday, July 18, 2025 at Rose of Sharon COGIC, 4302 Webber St., Saginaw, MI 48601. Elder Louis Knox will officiate. Interment will take place at Forest Lawn Cemetery, 3210 S. Washington, Saginaw, MI 48601. Visitation will take place 9:00 a.m. until the time of service.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 18. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Rose of Sharon Church of God in Christ
4302 Webber St.
Saginaw, MI 48601

Funeral Service

JUL 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Rose of Sharon Church of God in Christ
4302 Webber St.
Saginaw, MI 48601

Tribute Wall

BH

“ Sending my condolences and prayers to the families. I first met Charlene while working at K-Mart on Holland. Whenever we saw each other we had a pleasant conversation . She was always very kind with her beautiful smile.



Barbara Hollis - August 19, 2025 at 12:00 AM

NA

“ Natalie Abernathy lit a candle in memory of Missionary Charlene Clark-Powell



Natalie Abernathy - July 23, 2025 at 04:23 AM

BA

“ Brooks Chapel MB Church, Lambrook, Arkan purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Missionary Charlene Clark-Powell.



Brooks Chapel MB Church, Lambrook, Arkan - July 18, 2025 at 09:14 PM

JH

“ *Jacqueline Holmes-Irvin sent a virtual gift in memory of Missionary Charlene Clark-Powell*



Jacqueline Holmes-Irvin - July 17, 2025 at 08:52 PM

DB

“ *Diane (Burns) Blackmon lit a candle in memory of Missionary Charlene Clark-Powell*



Diane (Burns) Blackmon - July 17, 2025 at 08:21 PM

DB

It was a pleasure knowing her It was a joy working with her a Kmart. RIP 🙏 prayers for the family

Diane (Burns) Blackmon - July 17, 2025 at 08:24 PM

AC

“ *Alina Cannon lit a candle in memory of Missionary Charlene Clark-Powell*



Alina Cannon - July 17, 2025 at 05:29 PM

DS

“ Deondra and Jamil Stallings purchased the Shades of Purple for the family of Missionary Charlene Clark-Powell.



Deondra and Jamil Stallings - July 17, 2025 at 03:02 PM

LH

“ LOVE FIRST CLASS HEALTHCARE purchased the Blue & White Funeral Standing Spray for the family of Missionary Charlene Clark-Powell.



LOVE FIRST CLASS HEALTHCARE - July 17, 2025 at 01:36 PM

LH

“ LOVE FIRST CLASS HEALTHCARE planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Missionary Charlene Clark-Powell.

LOVE FIRST CLASS HEALTHCARE - July 17, 2025 at 01:36 PM

KK

“ Miss you Godmother. Langston Knox



Kamelia Knox - July 17, 2025 at 11:27 AM

JH

“ Jerry & Dennis Hall lit a candle in memory of Missionary Charlene Clark-Powell



Jerry & Dennis Hall - July 17, 2025 at 11:03 AM

LB

“ Linda McGhee Ans Avis Burrell lit a candle in memory of Missionary Charlene Clark-Powell



Linda McGhee ans Avis Burrell - July 16, 2025 at 02:16 PM

TG

“ Tina Griffen lit a candle in memory of Missionary Charlene Clark-Powell



Tina Griffen - July 14, 2025 at 11:10 PM

BK

“ Betty King lit a candle in memory of Missionary Charlene Clark-Powell



Betty King - July 14, 2025 at 07:22 PM

MB

“ *Michael R. Brown lit a candle in memory of Missionary Charlene Clark-Powell*



Michael R. Brown - July 14, 2025 at 10:34 AM

BC

“ *Betty J Cliatt lit a candle in memory of Missionary Charlene Clark-Powell*



Betty J Cliatt - July 13, 2025 at 10:57 PM

CF

“ *Condolences to Kim, Keva & the entire family love from my family to yours during this time may Gid strengthen & comfort you.*



Cynthia Adams -Sledge & Powell families - July 13, 2025 at 07:14 PM

VV

“ *Verdia Valentine lit a candle in memory of Missionary Charlene Clark-Powell*



Verdia Valentine - July 13, 2025 at 06:26 PM

SB

“ Stephanie Brison lit a candle in memory of
Missionary Charlene Clark-Powell



Stephanie Brison - July 12, 2025 at 08:46 PM

KG

“ Beautiful Person Rest on Ms Charlene

Kimberly Griffin - July 12, 2025 at 05:22 PM

SB

“ Sharron Burrell lit a candle in memory of
Missionary Charlene Clark-Powell



Sharron Burrell - July 12, 2025 at 12:14 PM

AP

“ Alberta And Gerald Palmer sent a virtual gift in
memory of Missionary Charlene Clark-Powell



Alberta and Gerald Palmer - July 12, 2025 at 11:53 AM

CP

“ Cheryl Payton lit a candle in memory of Missionary Charlene Clark-Powell



Cheryl Payton - July 12, 2025 at 04:49 AM

RL

“ My Condolences To The Family. My Husband And I Worked With Mrs Charlene At The Commission On Aging. I Loved Her Dearly I Called Her Grandma. Take Your Rest. Helen And Riley Lutz



Riley And Helen Lutz - July 10, 2025 at 11:52 AM

HW

“ My Condolences to the Family of Missionary Charlene Powell. She was a great friend to all who know her. I work with her at Saginaw Public School System as a Bus Driver. We had many of field trip together and she always had great advice for me. She always had a smile on her face and she always tell me to keep a smile on my face cause it is not that bad. I will truly miss her. Rest in Peace my friend.



Helen Wright - July 10, 2025 at 10:09 AM

RG

“ Fred & Rochelle Gilmer will be lifting your family up in prayers



Rochelle Gilmer - July 10, 2025 at 12:24 AM

TJ

“ Trina Jackson lit a candle in memory of Missionary Charlene Clark-Powell



Trina Jackson - July 09, 2025 at 09:21 PM


CM

“ Cheryl Morris lit a candle in memory of Missionary Charlene Clark-Powell



Cheryl Morris - July 09, 2025 at 03:20 PM

MT

“ Mary Hannibal, Saginaw, Texas  lit a candle in memory of Missionary Charlene Clark-Powell



Mary Hannibal, Saginaw, Texas  - July 09, 2025 at 02:55 PM

SB

“ *Stephanie E. Brison lit a candle in memory of Missionary Charlene Clark-Powell*



Stephanie E. Brison - July 09, 2025 at 09:05 AM

YS

“ *Yvonne Sanders lit a candle in memory of Missionary Charlene Clark-Powell*



Yvonne Sanders - July 09, 2025 at 03:21 AM



“ *Yvette Wofford lit a candle in memory of Missionary Charlene Clark-Powell*



Yvette Wofford - July 08, 2025 at 10:38 PM

RA

“ *To the family and friends of Missionary Charlean Powell my prayer and condolences. We worked together at Kmart. She was a beautiful person inside and out. Charlean got her wings so fly high you made it over.*



Rosie Anderson - July 08, 2025 at 10:03 PM

PF

“ Perkins Cage And Kimble Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Missionary Charlene Clark-Powell



Perkins Cage and Kimble family - July 08, 2025 at 06:38 PM

DW

“ Doug Williams lit a candle in memory of Missionary Charlene Clark-Powell



Doug Williams - July 08, 2025 at 01:00 AM

CY

“ Condolences from The Sledge-Adams Family



Cynthia - July 07, 2025 at 09:14 PM

LC

“ My condolences to the family. From Lynnette Jackson Chavis

Lynnette Jackson Chavis - July 07, 2025 at 08:10 PM

BR

“ Working with you has left me with so many amazing , happy memories! You were truly amazing and a great blessing ! Thank you Mama I love you and miss you the most ! May you Rest Peacefully

Benessica Rivera - July 07, 2025 at 06:01 PM

VC

“ Sorry for your loss Vera Clark and Family



Vera Clark - July 07, 2025 at 01:44 PM

EM

“ Earl Martin lit a candle in memory of Missionary Charlene Clark-Powell



Earl Martin - July 07, 2025 at 01:11 PM

BK

“ Barbara Kemp-Lauria lit a candle in memory of Missionary Charlene Clark-Powell



Barbara Kemp-Lauria - July 07, 2025 at 12:13 PM

JB

“ Jennifer Bates sent a virtual gift in memory of Missionary Charlene Clark-Powell



Jennifer Bates - July 07, 2025 at 10:49 AM

JO

“ JoyReeves lit a candle in memory of Missionary Charlene Clark-Powell



JoyReeves - July 07, 2025 at 09:12 AM

AP

“ ANN M. PATRICK lit a candle in memory of Missionary Charlene Clark-Powell



ANN M. PATRICK - July 07, 2025 at 08:37 AM

BK

“ Betty King lit a candle in memory of Missionary Charlene Clark-Powell



Betty King - July 06, 2025 at 08:39 PM

JO

“ JoyReeves lit a candle in memory of Missionary Charlene Clark-Powell



JoyReeves - July 06, 2025 at 08:30 AM

DR

“ Dorothy Redeemer sent a virtual gift in memory of Missionary Charlene Clark-Powell



Dorothy Redeemer - July 05, 2025 at 10:33 PM

RA

“ Sending my deepest heartfelt condolences to the family of Ms Charlene. I am so sorry for the loss of your beautiful Mom. Ms Charlene was a special person and so very dear to my father, Henry. She exemplified faith in God, service via her deeds/work for the Lord and love via her heart. She always greeted you with a big beautiful smile. Hold on to precious memories shared, for those are yours forever. She will be missed. God keep you all



Renee Alexander - July 05, 2025 at 10:06 PM

EM

“ *Earl Martin lit a candle in memory of Missionary Charlene Clark-Powell*



Earl Martin - July 05, 2025 at 05:20 PM

RB

“ *Rochelle Brewer lit a candle in memory of Missionary Charlene Clark-Powell*



rochelle brewer - July 05, 2025 at 12:16 PM

SH

“ *I really go miss you grandma Charlene all of the shows that we be watching 📺 on the tv and they are the rifleman perry Mason chips Columbia matlock murder she wrote in the heat of the night and family fued and America says.*

Sade M Henry - July 05, 2025 at 11:31 AM

SH

“ *I am going to really miss you granny Charlene you mean the world to me also I am going to miss the way that you be beating me in phase ten and I am going to miss playing spades ♠️ with you also I am going to miss all the cooking and your laughter and your smile you will always be in my heart I will always love you as always.*

Sade M Henry - July 04, 2025 at 08:23 PM

VC

“ *To keva and Kim and the other family sorry for your loss praying for your family love you all*
Vera Clark and Family



Vera Clark - July 04, 2025 at 08:11 AM

MV

“ *Monica Vaughn lit a candle in memory of*
Missionary Charlene Clark-Powell



Monica Vaughn - July 03, 2025 at 08:38 PM