



Charles Dillard

April 14, 1948 - April 30, 2021

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Charles Earnest Dillard, which occurred on April 30, 2021. Charles was the youngest son of George, and Ursula Dillard. Charles was born on April 14, 1948 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was a loving husband to Faith, and father to three sons; Eric (Shaheed), Ernest (Lateef), Edward, and an adopted daughter Andrea. After being childhood friends, Charles and Faith started dating in 1964, and were married on September 9, 1967.

After graduating from Overbrook High School in 1965, Charles joined the U.S. Air Force. He served for four years, and one was a tour in Vietnam. After leaving the Air Force in 1970 with an honorable discharge, Charles served two years in the U.S. Army. During his military career, he earned the rank of Sergeant. He also received many awards including the Vietnam Service Medal, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Charles took pride in being a good father, and did the utmost to provide for his family. It seemed that no matter where Charles went, he was lauded for his hard work ethic, and high moral standards. After leaving the Military and holding several jobs, Charles gained employment with the Pennsylvania Railroad as a clerk typist. He also worked at Conrail and Septa before landing

at Amtrak. He started as a Clerk Typist, moved to a Mail Carrier, and was finally able to train as a Locomotive Engineer. While at Amtrak, he was promoted to an Assistant Transportation Manager, then to a Transportation Manager at the new station in Pittsburgh. After discovering that voluminous paperwork was not his cup of tea, he went back to being an engineer. He retired from Amtrak in 2002, after being diagnosed with an Agent Orange related brain tumor.

Charles thoroughly enjoyed spending time with his family, going to church, reading the bible, Eagles football, singing, going to the beach, listening to music, and going out to eat with family. He became a member of the True House of God in 2002, where he became an Elder. Charles, known as Dad to everyone, endeavored to be a great father and husband. There are many great things to say about Charles as a Man of God, husband, father, and person. His life has been a prime example of how one should live, and lead a family.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents George and Ursula Dillard, his oldest brother George E. Dillard, and granddaughter Shanee Hargrove.

He is survived by his devoted wife Faith Dillard, sons Eric "Shaheed"(Renee), Ernest "Lateef", Edward (Seleena), his adopted daughter Andrea (daughter), as well as grandchildren, great-grandchildren,,sisters-in-laws, brothers-in-laws, cousins, nephews, nieces, and oldest brother and life long friend Stanley P. Dillard Sr.

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 17. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bible Fellowship Church of Newark
808 S Old Baltimore Pike
Newark, DE 19702

Service

MAY 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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808 S Old Baltimore Pike
Newark, DE 19702

Burial

MAY 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

Delaware Veterans Cemetery
2465 Chesapeake City Rd
Bear, DE 19701

Tribute Wall

TB

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Tanei Benjamin - May 19, 2021 at 02:53 PM

SV

“ My condolences to my Family. Cousin Charles I will miss you. We will miss you. I reflect on a lot but one in particular is me you and Shon singing your song by Oran Juice jones "The Rain". We love you! You meant a lot to a lot of people. Praying for my families healing.

Sheena, Joy and Vashon - May 17, 2021 at 10:17 AM

KS

“ My condolences and prayers to Faith and her family 🙏🙏 I pray God give you strength and peace. Cherish the beautiful memories and I am blessed to have met my best friend Joy. Through this friendship I would have never met your family. Sending prayers and hugs, Karen Simmons and Karenina ❤️

Karen Simmons - May 16, 2021 at 09:36 PM

HK

“ We have never met anyone that could make us smile as easily as Charles did. His smile was contagious. He was filled with joy and thankful no matter what the circumstance. He shared his stories and his love of his wife with anyone who would listen. We listened and heard him loud and clear. It showed in his face and his actions. He will be missed by all those who knew him. We extend our deepest sympathies to his family.

Debra and Howard Kimelstein

Howard and Debra Kimelstein - May 16, 2021 at 03:42 PM

SD

“ Charles really liked to relax and laugh with family and friends, and demonstrated a remarkable sense of humor through storytelling. Charles probably could have become a very successful professional comedian, because many of his stories were funny and side-splitting. On a summer weekend afternoon at their home in West Philadelphia, Charles and our cousin Donald Churchill were about to host a backyard barbecue. As guests started to arrive, they discovered that they didn't have any charcoal fire starter fluid. One of them remembered that they had a can of gasoline in the car, which they poured onto the stone barbeque pit. Charles told everyone nearby to “stand back”. When one of them threw a match onto the charcoal, an interesting thing happened; a squirrel came flying out of the chimney just ahead of a 5 foot fireball. The coals were lit successfully, the ribs and chicken were delicious, and the squirrel never came back.

Stanley P. Dillard, Sr.

STANLEY P DILLARD - May 15, 2021 at 09:07 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Dillard.*



May 15, 2021 at 05:39 PM



“ *Sending thoughts and prayers to the Dillard family. It was a pleasure to have had the opportunity to be one of Mr. Dillard caregivers. He often talked about the goodness of God and how many times God spared his life. I told him he was a walking miracle. Mr. Dillard loved his wife and family dearly and often talked about them. He fought a good fight, ran a good race, and has made it over the finish line into God's eternal rest. Peace to you Dillard family Love & Prayers from Jackie*

Jackie Rivers - May 12, 2021 at 04:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles Dillard.*



May 12, 2021 at 10:05 AM

DA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Daughter - May 09, 2021 at 06:13 PM



“ I feel beyond blessed to have so many wonderful memories. We had so much more still to do. Our father in heaven has other plans for you and has called you home, I must have faith in his perfect plan. I will love you until my last breath. Until we meet again. Rest in paradise



Seleena Matos-Dillard - May 06, 2021 at 10:31 AM



“ Dad knew he was cool!! 😂



Eddie Dillard - May 06, 2021 at 09:26 AM