

# *A Celebration of the Life of*



## *Charles Lovelle Reed*

*May 30, 1942 - May 1, 2023*

*Oasis of Love Church  
Saturday, May 6, 2023*

*Visitation: 11:00am Service: 12:00pm*

### ***Expressions of Gratitude***

*Perhaps you sent a card or food, prayed for us or whispered a kind word in our ear, The family of Deacon Charles Reed thanks you for all acts of kindness. Though we are sad, we don't grieve as those that have no hope. We Thank God for all of you who have loved on us during this week. We pray that God continues to bless each and everyone of you who cared for us.*

### ***Pallbearers***

*Jody Frye - Tim Nall - Stanley Cameron  
Shawn Drayton - Rudy Reed - Elder Damon Butts*

### ***Honorary Pallbearers***

*Elder Dannie Lloyd - Deacon Bobby Elder - Deacon Earl Hess  
Leon Reed - Jermaine Jordan*

### ***Angel Gone Too Soon***

*You were here one moment, then you were gone.  
We had no idea what was going on.  
The sadness in our heart is so hard to bear, thinking you thought  
no one cared.  
The emptiness, loneliness and pain you were dealt makes it hard  
for us to understand what you had felt.  
How we wish we could have taken it all away, if only we knew  
what you were thinking on the day.  
A thousand words or tears won't bring you back to stay.  
For God said it was time to go his way.  
You are now safe in heaven with all the angels above.  
They will take care of you and give you their love.  
Our love for you will always remain.  
Never forgotten, never the same.*

To offer condolences to The Reed Family,  
visit [www.TheChapelofPeace.com](http://www.TheChapelofPeace.com)



# Obituary

Deacon Charles Lovelle Reed was a beloved son, brother, husband, father, papa and friend. He took the ultimate trip to Heaven May 1, 2023.

He made his earthly debut May 30, 1940 in Akron, Ohio. He was the first son of Romaine and Gladys Reed. Upon the deaths of his parents, Charles kept a watchful eye over his younger siblings. Charles learned responsibility at an early age, in fact his first job was at the age of five, where he perfected the duties of sweeping up cut hair and shining shoes at his father's barbershop.

Charles was very athletic. He played football, ran track and was on the high school soccer team. He graduated from Mansfield Senior High in 1964. He joined the Army shortly thereafter. He spent time as a scout all over Germany during the Vietnam war and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He enjoyed traveling all over Europe experiencing various cultures and people. If you knew Charles Reed, you undoubtedly heard many of these "Army" stories that he would gladly share to any eager listening audience. He fulfilled his three-year commitment and returned home with honors.

After returning from his military service, Charles was employed with the Kroger Company. Charles fell in love with Carolyn Ann Jordan and they were married in 1967. Around that time he joined Greater St. John COGIC. As a new member he became spiritually employed and faithfully served the church in many capacities for over 55 years including: Chairman of the Trustee Board, Trustee for over 30 years, usher, bus driver, choir member, member of the men's fellowship, and finally a Deacon of the church.

In 1990, he was honored with the prestigious "Our Man of the Year Award" by the Greater St. John Brotherhood. Charles was active in the community by serving as a Gideon. He distributed Bibles and encouraged inmates at the local prison.

After a few years they started a family and had two children. As a young man Charles began his apprenticeship as a plumber, earning the status as the first African American Master Plumber in the state of Ohio. Charles worked with the Local 42 Plumbers Union, and established his own business forming Reeds Plumbing and Heating and Pyramid Mechanical. During the construction of the Oasis of Love Church, Charles was responsible for all of the plumbing in the bathrooms. (Praise the Lord for good plumbing!) In the summer months, Charles seeing the needs of the youth in the inner city, started Cool Stop Ice Cream Truck. Most of the time he gave away his treats and did not sell them for profit. Charles loved to travel and spend time with his wife and family.

He was a devoted husband, father, papa, brother, uncle, cousin and friend. His two granddaughters Michaela and Mariah are the light of his life. He learned so much from them, as they have learned so much from him.

Charles never met a stranger. He was the kindest, smartest, welcoming and most gentle loving person you could ever met. Throughout his walk through life, he impacted generations with his impeccable kindness, incredible stories, world class wisdom and larger than life fun-loving- personality.

He is survived by his wife Carolyn Reed, his son Charles Reed, his daughter Demetria K. (Michael) Drayton, his granddaughters Michaela Drayton and Mariah Drayton, his siblings, Marianne Edwards, Elaine (LaBaugh) Stansberry, Jerry Reed, Alyce Kennedy, Kay Reed and Special Sister Shirley A. Jordan and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

**DO NOT STAND  
AT MY GRAVE AND WEEP  
I AM NOT THERE. I DO NOT SLEEP  
I AM A THOUSAND WINDS THAT BLOW  
I AM THE DIAMOND GLINTS ON SNOW  
I AM THE SUNLIGHT  
ON RIPENED GRAIN  
I AM THE GENTLE AUTUMN RAIN  
WHEN YOU AWAKEN IN THE MORNING'S HUSH  
I AM THE SWIFT UPLIFTING RUSH OF QUIET BIRDS IN CIRCLED FLIGHT  
I AM THE SOFT STARS  
THAT SHINE AT NIGHT  
DO NOT STAND AT MY GRAVE AND CRY  
I AM NOT THERE. I DID NOT DIE**

# Order of Celebration

Pastor William Jordan, Jr. - Officiant

MUSICAL PRELUDE..... Oasis Music Ministry  
PRAYER OF COMFORT..... Pastor Ray Cochran Jr.  
SCRIPTURE READING .....  
    Old Testament..... Stanley Cameron  
    New Testament..... Elder Cynthia Kyser  
SELECTION..... Oasis of Love Choir  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/CONDOLENCES..... Missionary Brenda Clancy  
SELECTION..... Condrea Cannada, Niece  
REFLECTIONS (2 minutes) ..... Marianne Edwards, Sister  
    Leon Reed, Childhood Friend  
    Bishop William Morris, Cousin  
    Deacon Earl Hess, Church Friend  
    Sylvia Jordan, Niece  
    Mariah Drayton, Granddaughter  
    Charles J. Reed, Son  
  
SELECTION..... Kay C. Reed, Sister  
READING OF OBITUARY..... Michael Drayton, Son-In-Law  
SELECTION..... Oasis of Love Choir

*The Eulogy*  
Supt. Gregory E. Jordan

BENEDICTION..... Supt. Gregory E. Jordan  
RECESSIONAL..... Clergy, Family & Friends

*Interment*  
Mansfield Cemetery  
10am Monday, May 8, 2023

Immediately following the service the family will receive friends for repast at  
Providence Baptist Church  
112 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Mansfield, Ohio 44902

*I am the resurrection and the life: He that believeth in me  
though he were dead yet shall he live.  
And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.*  
~John 11:25-26

MEMORIAL SERVICE

We little knew the day that  
God was going to call your name.  
In life we loved you dearly,  
In death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you didn't go alone.  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.

You left us peaceful memories.  
Your love is still our guide,  
And though we cannot see you  
You are always by our side.

Our family chain is broken  
and nothing seems the same,  
but as God calls us one by one  
the chain will link again.

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