

REMEMBER ME - I WILL LIVE FOREVER

The day will come when my body will lie upon a white sheet neatly tucked under four corners of a mattress located in a hospital; busily occupied with the living and the dying. At a certain moment a doctor will determine that my brain has ceased to function and that, for all intents and purposes, my life has stopped.

When that happens, do not attempt to instill artificial life into my body by the use of a machine. And don't call this my deathbed. Let it be called the bed of life, and let my body be taken from it to help others lead fuller lives.

Give my sight to the man who has never seen a sunrise, a baby's face or love in the eyes of a woman.

Give my heart to a person whose own heart has caused nothing but endless days of pain.

Give my blood to the teenager who was pulled from the wreckage of his car, so that he might live to see his grandchildren play.

Give my kidneys to the one who depends on a machine to exist from week to week.

Take my bones, every muscle, every fiber and nerve in my body and find a way to make a crippled child walk.

Explore every corner of my brain.

Take my cells, if necessary, and let them grow so that, someday a speechless boy will shout at the crack of a bat and a deaf girl will hear the sound of rain against her window.

Burn what is left of me and scatter the ashes to the winds to help the flowers grow.

If you must bury something, let it be my faults, my weakness and all prejudice against my fellow man.

Give my sins to the devil. Give my soul to God. If, by chance, you wish to remember me, do it with a kind deed or word to someone who needs you. If you do all I have asked, I will live forever.

-Robert Test

Thank you to Officiating Minister Dr Charles R Byrd
Pastor of the Apostolic House of Christ

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



CHARLES RICHARD UNDERWOOD SR

SUNRISE: DEC 19, 1943

SUNSET: JAN 13, 2023

Memorial Service 11:00am
Saturday, January 28, 2023
MARLAN J. GARY FUNERAL HOME
THE CHAPEL OF PEACE NORTH,
2500 Cleveland Avenue, Columbus Ohio, 43211



OBITUARY

Charles R. Underwood Sr was born on December 19, 1943, in Pensacola, FL to Margret D & Herbert L Underwood Sr. The two moved to Columbus, Ohio where Charles went on to attend and graduate from Central High School class of 1961.

After high school he then went on to join the Air Force, where he served until 1967 with an honorable discharge. Just one year later he welcomed his one and only child Charles Richard Underwood Jr, with his wife Paula R. Underwood (Byrd). Shortly after, he began a career working as groundman at Columbus Southern Power later bought out by AEP.

On January 13, 2023 Charles went home to be with the Lord. He is preceded in death by his mother Margaret D. Underwood, Father Herbert L Underwood Sr, Wife Paula Underwood, son Charles R “Ricky” Underwood Jr, daughter in-law Alysia R. Underwood, and sisters Gwendolyn D. Day and Linda Lawrence. He leaves to cherish his memory his grandchildren Marisha Mitchell, Tequila Underwood, Charles (Alicia) Underwood III, Charity Underwood, and a host of great grandchildren.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

The Underwood, Byrd, and Mitchell Families



ORDER OF SERVICE

Musical Prelude

Old Testament	Alicia Underwood
New Testament	Charles R. Underwood III
Prayer of Comfort	Dr Charles R Byrd
Selection	<i>His Eyes on the Sparrow</i>

Acknowledgements, Condolences & Resolutions

Remarks (2 mins)	Friends & Family
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Silent Reading of the Obituary

Selection	Take me to the King
Eulogy	Dr Charles R Byrd

Committal, Military Honors, Benediction

FAMILY DEPARTING PRAYER

May the LORD watch between me and thee when we are absent one from another.