



James Charles

July 12, 1945 - February 9, 2023

James Charles was born July 12, 1945 in Detroit, Michigan to Peter Charles Sr. and Sara Briggs. He was the second youngest out of three sisters and one brother.

His early childhood was spent in Florence, South Carolina until the untimely passing of his mother, he was then relocated to New York. He finished elementary school and graduated from Flushing High School in 1963, where he was a star athlete in football and baseball.

In 1969, according to James, he met his future wife, Mae Polite at a local diner, where she and some friends were eating after a party. After they met they were inseparable. The running joke was because Mae was such a great cook, "he went into the house skinny and came out fat." To this union they had their one and only daughter, Keisha J. Charles. In 1970 he found his calling as a police officer. He served 20 years on the New York Police Department mainly serving the Brooklyn area until his retirement in 1990. After retirement he continued to serve as a security officer for local nursing homes in the Queens area.

In 1988 while vacationing in Orlando, Florida James and Mae found themselves house hunting. What began as a vacation home, because of a decline in health for both, the home eventually became their permanent

residence until God called him home.

James was preceded in death by his wife, Mae Polite Charles, his parents, Peter and Sara Charles, and his eldest sister, Ella Mae Goff.

He leaves to cherish his memory:

daughter, Keisha J. Charles (Orlando, Florida); sisters, Sarah Spratley (Willingboro, New Jersey); Lillie Mae Nance (Bronx, New York); brother, Peter Charles Jr. (Queens, New York); and a host of nieces, nephews, and sorrowing friends.

Cemetery Details

Orlando Memorial Gardens

5264 Ingram Road
Apopka, FL 32703

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 24. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Zanders Memorial Chapel
232 W. Michael Gladden Blvd.
Apopka, FL 32703
(407) 886-3388

Service

FEB 25. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James Charles*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Suwannee High School Class of 89 purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Charles.*



Suwannee High School Class of 89 - February 23, 2023 at 10:33 AM