



Rev. Dr. Charles A. Black Sr.

June 19, 1930 - June 1, 2018

Rev. Dr. Charles Anderson Black, Sr. was born on June 19, 1930 to William Davis Black, Sr. and Chloe Beatrice Shoffner Black. He departed this life on June 1, 2018. He was one of four children. He is preceded in death by his parents, his step mother, Charlotte Wilson Black, his brother, William Davis Black, Jr; his brother, John Henry Black, and his sister, Olga Shoffner Black Weaver. Dr. Black is survived by his wife, Juanita Vinegar Black, his son, Charles Anderson Black, Jr. (New York, NY), his daughter, Bonita K. Black (Ray Rivera) (Crestwood, KY), his daughter, Cathy A. Black (New York, NY), his grandchildren, Richard Scott Rivera and Leland Anderson Rivera, a sister-in-law, Marynette Taylor (Nicholasville, KY), a brother-in-law Ernest Weaver (Englewood, Ohio), a niece, several nephews, and a host of cousins, and good friends.

Rev. Black was a graduate of Fayetteville State Teachers' College in North Carolina where he had a full football scholarship. Recently, he was inducted into the Fayetteville State Football Hall of Fame—an honor he cherished very much. After college, he played semi-pro football. He received his Masters Degree and Rank One in Education from Eastern Kentucky University. He taught at the elementary- high school levels in science through college level in philosophy, religion and physics. He also earned PhDs in Education and Philosophy at the University of Kentucky. He participated in creating the curriculum for English as a Second Language program when the Vietnamese Refugees came to America and was a supervisor of Adult Basic Education for

many years and a participant in the development and expansion of the curriculum for the GED program. He began his teaching career in Winchester at the Oliver School. Dr. and Mrs. Black were part of a school system for a village in Hooper Bay, Alaska in the 1960s where he taught sixth grade. His Dunbar High School team won the national Science Fair in the late 1950s in Maryland. He served in the Korean War and was a Chaplain's Assistant in the Army. He became a believer in Christ and was baptized at Bracktown Baptist Church. He answered his call from God to preach the Gospel at Historic Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church in 1972. He was a minister of the gospel and pastored: (KY): Howard's Creek Baptist (Winchester), Mt. Calvary Baptist Church (Lexington), Flemingsburg Baptist Church; Somerset Baptist Church, Barbourville Baptist Church, and Oxford Baptist Church, Oxford, Ohio. He was a member of Bethel Baptist Church (Lexington) at the time of his death. He was an evangelist, and loved to preach everywhere he went, to share the Good News in every church. He had a beautiful voice, and enjoyed singing to congregations to which he preached.

In addition, Rev. Black worked for the Lexington Bluegrass Army Depot, Avon, Kentucky and the Kentucky Detention Center in Lexington for many years. He was a devoted father, husband, grandfather and friend. He was very proud of his children's accomplishments and those of his two grandsons. He loved to travel with his extended family. He was an avid sport fan, and loved to watch Scotty and Leland play basketball. He loved his church family and loved opportunities to preach even up until the time he went to the hospital. While he was at Kindred Hospital Louisville, he expressed the desire to preach again.

He was a philanthropist. He raised a lot of money for charities over the years. He and his wife served lunch daily at the Salvation Army in Lexington for many years. He was a founding member and initial President of the Lexington Northside Lions Club. He worked tirelessly to get glasses to people in need. He was a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity where he served the community. He never met a stranger. He believed in giving back to the

community that gave him so much. He was a servant leader with a heart for people. Rev. Black valued education and worked tirelessly to give children in his classrooms opportunities for success.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 8. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Bethel Baptist Church
522 Ash St
Lexington, KY

Service

JUN 8. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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