



## Rev. Charles Andrew Embry Jr.

February 3, 1941 - May 17, 2015

Rev. Charles Andrew Embry, Jr. was born February 3rd, 1941 to the late Charles A. Embry, Sr and Geneva Fishback.

During his educational years, while attending Douglas and Dunbar High Schools, he was noted for being the premier drum major in the formative years.

At the age of eighteen, he joined the US Army and was stationed in Korea during the Korean Conflict. He started a job at GTE and quickly turned it into a career as one of the first African American telephone technicians. He retired after many years from GTE.

He professed a hope in Christ at an early age and joined the First Baptist Church in Lexington, KY, under the pastorate of the late Rev. H. E. Nutter. In later years, he became a member of the Historic Pleasant Green Baptist Church, where he was faithful in the culinary committee. In 1985, he heard the call of the Lord and was licensed to preach the gospel. At the close of EVERY sermon, Rev. Embry would get happy and with tears in his eyes to tell everybody, "Can't Nobody Do Me Like Jesus!"

In 1990, during the celebration of the Historic Pleasant Green's Bicentennial, he was ordained in the first mass ordination ceremony. He developed a unique bond with Rev. John C. Taylor, Rev. Robert A. Morton, Rev. Jonathan Morehead, and Rev. Tony Laine. Being under the pastorate of Rev. Dr. T. H. Peoples, Jr. all the ordained preachers were assigned to an array of ministries. Rev. Embry's passion became ministering to those who were

incarcerated. Ministering to those imprisoned is an often unpublicized, clandestine calling, but he accepted his work with fervor and dedication. Rev. Embry was a member of the Forty Year Christians and a minister in the Missionary Department. He was also a devoted representative to the Black Church Coalition. He was faithful in the number present in Prayer Meeting and Bible Study and rarely missed a Sunday. He considered it a great honor to sit with Pastor Peoples during the Lord's Supper.

To know Charles Embry, was to love and respect him. He moved slow, but spoke with great wisdom. He enjoyed automotives, tennis, cycling, and swimming. He reveled in his life. You could often see him cruising the city's streets in one of his favorite cars, interacting with friends, family, and the community.

He is preceded in death by his sister, Diane Lee Embry, A brother, Terry Andrew Fishback and a special niece, Jennifer Carol Fishback.

Charles leaves to cherish his memory two sons, Leslie L. Johnson and Carlton L. Embry; special children in his life, Asurne' Johnson, Jerrod Johnson, and Maryssa Cummins; two stepsons, Danielle Smith and Herman Smith; seven grandchildren, Tarrington L. Johnson, Asurne G. Johnson, Myles H. Johnson, Ariesve's B. Hampton, Brice T. Johnson, Aniya Embry, and Emani Embry; two sisters, Jessica "Becky" Embry, Livia C. Fishback; two brothers, Levi Fishback, Jr., Douglas K. Fishback; an aunt, Betty Douglas, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **26.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

HISTORIC PLEASANT GREEN BAPTIST CHURCH  
540 W. MAXWELL ST  
LEXINGTON, KY

## Service

MAY **26.** 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM (ET)

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