



Mr. Charles McGraw

February 12, 1970 - August 21, 2025

Charles Olen McGraw, lovingly known as “Chuck Wic” and “Chuckie,” passed away on August 21, 2025, at the age of 55, after a long and courageous battle with Multiple Sclerosis.

He was born on February 12, 1970, in Lexington, Kentucky, to Charles L. “Chuck” McGraw and Bessie Irene Waite’ McGraw, who raised him with the values of love, strength, and perseverance that he carried throughout his life.

Charles lived with quiet strength and unwavering determination. Even as he faced the challenges of MS, he continued to show love, kindness, and humor to those around him. His resilience was an inspiration to all who knew him, and he never allowed his illness to define the man he was.

He found joy in his children, his family, and his love of sports—but most of all, his greatest joy came from being with those he loved. He was a devoted father to his daughters, Nykila Clark, Mariah Chakey Stewart, and Lakiya Irene McGraw, who stood by him with love and dedication through every step of his journey. His family will always remember him as a man of strength, faith, and deep love.

Charles is survived by his brothers, Terrance McGraw and Keith McGraw; his sisters, Mary Cobb and Carletta Parker; his aunts and uncles, Ethel McGraw-

Simpson and Harry Simpson, and Lillian McGraw-Bunton and James Bunton; his grandchildren, Ariana Hayes, Elania Preston, Oaklynn Preston, Noelani Jackson, and Joy; his stepmother, Nina McGraw; and his special caregivers, Karen "Jean" Grevious and Dashawn Sparks.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles L. "Chuck" McGraw and Bessie Irene Waite' McGraw.

Though his battle with MS was difficult, Charles fought with dignity and grace until the very end. His courage, love, and spirit will remain alive in the hearts of all who were blessed to know him. His legacy will live on not only in the memories shared, but also in the lessons of strength, love, and faith that he leaves behind.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG **26**. 5:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Charles MGrav was a member of my Office Skills class at CTE years ago. He was a pleasure to have as a student!! He was always positive and had a very kind and joyful spirit. He enjoyed making people laugh and he continued to wear a smile even as his illness was just beginning to hinder his health. He fought the good fight with strong determination! Hearing of his passing is very sad news. Prayers and condolences to his family. 🙏

Alesia E. Miller - September 30, 2025 at 10:24 PM