

Flower Bearers
Winston-Salem District Ushers

Pall Bearers
Winston-Salem District Ushers

There Is An Open Gate
*There's an open gate at the end of the road,
Through which must go alone,
And there is a light we cannot see
Our Father claims his own.
Beyond the gate your loved one,
Finds happiness and rest,
And there is happiness in the thought
That a loving God knows best.*

Author Unknown

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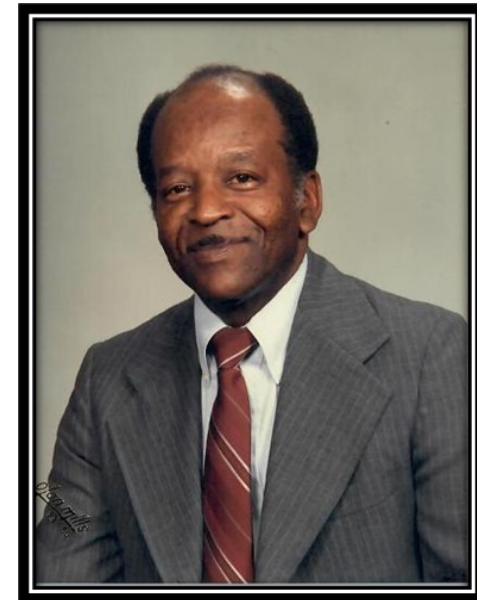
Our thanks to everyone for your many acts of kindness. Your thoughtfulness and your prayers are a source of comfort to us now and will be in the days ahead. Special thanks to Center Grove AME Zion Church and the Winston-Salem District Ushers.

The Family

**Clark S. Brown
& Sons** SINCE 1928
FUNERAL HOME

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Celebration of Christian Victory
for
Mr. Charlie Lee Payne



Sunrise
June 12, 1929

Sunset
March 29, 2021

Saturday, April 3, 2021

1:30 PM

**Center Grove AME Zion Church
7001 Zion Church Road**

**Tobaccoville, North Carolina
Pastor Michael A. Frencher, Jr., Officiating**

The Obituary

Mr. Charlie Lee Payne was born on June 12, 1929 in Forsyth County, NC to the late Ellis and Della Spease Payne. He was the youngest of five children who all preceded him in death. He passed away on Monday, March 29, 2021 at Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home.

He attended the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County schools and was a 1948 graduate of Carver High School. He started his baseball career in early childhood with the Tobaccoville Titans, and later became a distinguished baseball coach and official umpire.

A dedicated employee of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, he retired after 41 years of service.

He was a faithful member of Center Grove AME Zion Church, serving on the Men's Booster Ministry, Finance Committee and as chairman of the Trustee Board. He was District President of the Winston-Salem District Usher Board of the AME Zion Church for over 20 years. He loved his church. He had a passion for "ushering" persons into God's house.

Mr. Payne was also preceded in death by his wife, Martha Hart Payne and their daughter, Karla Payne.

He is survived by his daughter, Janice Payne (Sherman Beatty, who was also a devoted friend); granddaughters: Nihya Payne (Clark) Russell and Taylor Payne (David Jennings); great grandson, Cameron Payne; sister-in-law, Mary Frances Payne of Tobaccoville, NC; loving niece, Rev. Belinda Harris; special niece and nephew, Cheryl Perry-Jones and Bobby Perry, Jr.; a host of other nieces and nephews; special friend, Gwendolyn Dianne Harding.

The Order of Service

Processional	Clergy and Family
	Family Visitation
	1:00 PM ~ 1:30 PM
Opening Song	"Blessed Assurance"
The Holy Scripture	
<i>Old Testament</i>	Psalm 84: 10-12 Rev. George Erwin
<i>New Testament</i>	1 Corinthians 15: 51-58 Rev. Dairl Scott, Sr.
Prayer	Rev. Jimmie Griffin
Song	Mr. Kendrick Sprinkle
Church Resolution	Mrs. Karatha Scott
Remarks	Rev. Dr. Calvin L. Miller, Presiding Elder Winston-Salem District of the AME Zion Church
	Mr. Owen Newell Winston-Salem District Ushers
Song	Mr. Kendrick Sprinkle
Family Remarks	Rev. Belinda Harris
Recessional	
Interment	Center Grove AME Zion Church Cemetery Tobaccoville, North Carolina