

### *Flower Attendants*

Maggie Gibson-Bostic      Florence Darby  
Betty Leagones              Brenda Scott

### *Pall Bearers*

William Bostic              Phillip Chapman  
Myrlon "Rand" Leagones      Russel Rickenbacker  
Edward Scott              Tyrone Scott  
Grant Williams              Marion Williams

### **He Is Gone**

You can shed tears that he is gone  
Or you can smile because he has lived

You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back  
Or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left

Your heart can be empty because you can't see him  
Or you can be full of the love that you shared

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday  
You can remember him and only that he is gone  
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on

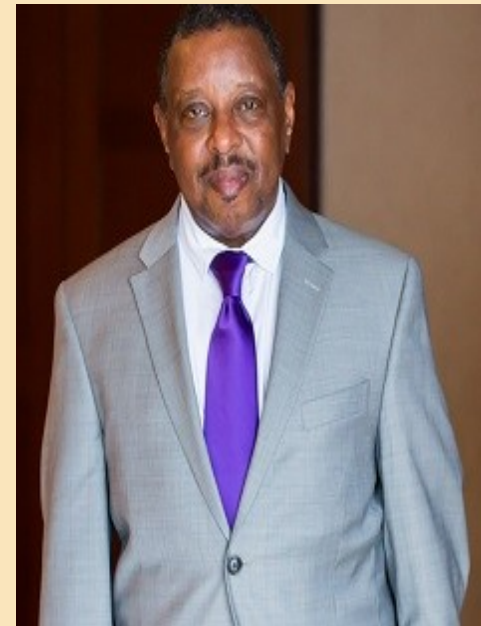
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back  
Or you can do what he would want: smile,  
open your eyes, love and go on.

Please be advised that the Greenville County Sheriff's Department and the City of Greenville Police Department no longer provide escort services for funeral processions. Therefore, all drivers should obey traffic signals. Persons who are not riding in the funeral home limousines should meet the family at the cemetery.

**Services Entrusted to**  
**Watkins, Garrett & Woods Mortuary**  
1011 Augusta Street  
Greenville, SC 29605

# CELEBRATING *the Life of*

## *Mr. Charles Robert Harris*



**Saturday, September 16, 2017 - 11:00am**

**Watkins, Garrett & Woods Mortuary**  
1011 Augusta Street  
Greenville, South Carolina 29605

*Rev. J.M. Flemming, Sr. - Eulogist*  
*Rev. Emanuel R. Flemming, Sr. - Presiding*  
*Pastor, Abel Baptist Church, Clemson, South Carolina*

## Obituary

Mr. Charles Robert “Choker Cheese” Harris entered into eternal rest Monday, Sept. 10, 2017, in Columbia, South Carolina. He was born September 16, 1950, the youngest of three children of Mamie Blue Harris and John Harris Sr.,

Charles attended and graduated from Webber High School in Eastover, South Carolina. Following that, he attended South Carolina State University, where he was a member and man of distinction in SCSU's illustrious Marching “101” Band, in the Drum Corps.

After graduating SCSU with a B.S. degree in engineering, he worked for the Michelin Tire Company where he was afforded the opportunity to live abroad, in and around Paris, France, for a couple of years. In 1979, Charles Robert married Dorothy Yolanda Hill and to this union two children were born, a son, Charles Sheldon Harris and a daughter, Dorothy “Dee” Harris Beauvais.

For 20 years, Charles and Dottie owned and operated DAZZLERS, INC., one of downtown Greenville's premier nightlife establishments. Then later, other companies: Utopia Health and Fitness Spa and Wings on Wheels. A very active member of his community, he was a mentor in Greenville's BIG BROTHERS program and a member in the GSP small business collective.

He was a generous, fun-loving, and humorous man whose energy and spirit seemed to surround all those who had the opportunity to be in his presence. He was an avid fisherman, who loved the outdoors and being on the open water. He was a self-proclaimed five-star chef, grill-master, and master of ceremonies. Tailgating was not only one of his passions, it was a way of life. He was a loving husband, beloved father, caring sibling, fierce friend, and wise mentor who will be truly missed.

Preceding him in death: his wife, Dorothy “Dottie” Yolonda Harris; his mother and father, Mamie B. Harris and John Harris Sr., and his uncle, Robert I. Blue Jr.

Left behind to cherish his memory are his two children, son, Charles Sheldon Harris of Columbia, South Carolina and daughter Dorothy “Dee” Harris Beauvais (Anthony) of Houston, Texas; five nephews, Robert Hill Jr. (Joy) of Richmond, Virginia, Major Chad R. Williams of Okinawa, Japan, Marion O. III (Emma) of Charleston South Carolina, John Harris, III of Columbia, South Carolina and Deon Rayshaud Harris of Hopkins, South Carolina; two nieces, Shana Harris of Charlotte North Carolina and Artis Hill Williamson (Michael) of Atlanta Georgia; a dear friend, Patrice Ajala and her children, India Ajala, and Israel Ajala, all of Greenville, South Carolina, and a host of extended family and close friends.

## Celebrating the Life of Charles R. Harris

Prelude

Processional.....Clergy, Family and Friends

Opening Selection.....*God Has Smiled on Me*.....Congregation

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament.....*Isaiah 25:6-9*....Deacon Willie Graham  
Maple Creek Baptist Church, Greer, South Carolina

New Testament...*Romans 8:35-39*...Mr. Anthony Beauvais  
Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church, Houston, Texas

Prayer.....Rev. Emanuel Flemming

Selection .....Adrienne Brown

Reflections:

Artis Hill-Williamson (Niece)  
Myrlon “Rand” Leagones (Friend)  
Sheldon and Dee Harris (Son and Daughter)

Selection .....Kathy Hawkins

Words of Comfort.....Rev. J.M. Flemming, Sr.

Selection.....Maggie Gibson-Bostic

### Interment

#### Committal/Prayer/Benediction

Woodlawn Memorial Park  
1 Pine Knoll Drive  
Greenville, South Carolina 29609