



Charlie A. "Preacher" Durham, Sr.

March 21, 1944 - July 29, 2013

Charlie A. Durham Sr. ("Preacher") was born in Shreveport, Louisiana the third of eight children to Ellarine and Aaron Durham. The entire family moved to the Kansas City, Kansas area in the mid 1940s and settled in the Argentine area. Preacher attended school in the Kansas City Kansas School District, where he excelled at sports, including boxing and football. Preacher was a heavyweight Golden Gloves boxing champion and played semi-pro football for the K.C. Flyers.

A self-made man, Preacher was an entrepreneur and business owner of several ventures, including construction. His bar and Tavern, Preacher's Ten was a popular establishment for nearly two decades. In the early 2000s he launched Preacher's 10 Bonding, a well-respected bonding company in the Kansas City area that thrives today under the watchful eye of his son, Charlie Jr. He accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior, and credits all of his success to God, believing that "all things work together for good for them who love God, and are called according to his purpose." A family man, his favorite role in life was that of father to 5 children. He became the patriarch not only for his kids for but his nieces and nephews, and encouraged them all to excel. He even sponsored scholarships for several KCK youth who excelled academically.

Preacher was also active in community, serving as a little league football coach and sponsor. He was also active in his Masonic Lodge; Pride of the West #53. Charlie loved to travel and did so as often as he could to New

Jersey, California, Washington State, New York, Mexico, the Bahamas and Japan. He lived life to the fullest until the onset of intermittent illness in recent years. He answered the call from Jesus and went to Glory on July 29, 2013. Charlie was preceded in death by his parents and 3 siblings: Herman "Bilbo" Durham, Clarice Angelo and Imogene Fields. Left to celebrate his life include his children Charlie Jr. of Kansas City, Kansas; Alyce (Frank) of Seattle, Washington; Tylisha (Joseph) of Kansas City, Kansas; Junis of Wichita, Kansas; and Felecia (Sean) of Overland Park, Kansas; siblings Herrice Smith and Earline Jenkins, both of Kansas City, Kansas; Dorothy Fain of North Chicago, Illinois; and Mattie Jenkins of Houston, Texas; 5 grandchildren, a host of nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and dearest friends.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

2301 S 34th St
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 262-6610
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 3. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Oak Ridge Missionary Baptist Church
9301 Parallel Parkway
Kansas City, KS 66112

Funeral Service

AUG 3. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Charlie A. "Preacher" Durham, Sr.*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - July 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Charlie A. "Preacher" Durham, Sr.*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Charlie A. "Preacher" Durham, Sr.*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *The recent passing of my father, Charley "Bud" Myers II, brought back memories of he and Cousin Aaron.
~Melony Myers*



Melony Myers - October 20, 2020 at 10:46 AM

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“ I met Preacher while he was playing football with my brother. He adopted me as his sister after I complained that I didn't have enough brothers. He was the kindest and most loyal brother to me all these years and I can't imagine being without him..

Linda Wait Quaas

Linda Quaas - August 05, 2013 at 04:01 PM

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“ I remember what a kind and gentle man Preacher was. The irony of meeting Mr. Durham was that everyday he would come to the bank where I worked to drop off his deposits. One day we got into a lengthy discussion and found out we were cousins. Cousin, I am glad we meet my life is better having known you as a person as well as a family member. Heaven awaits, Love you Robin Lynell Mahan

Robin Lynell Mahn - August 02, 2013 at 10:39 AM

YV

“ August 02, 2013
Preacher, part of our family for a long time since back in the day when he had the club on 10th St.

*Such a giving & helping person....
Father figure I never had, He will be greatly missed*

*Will keep the family uplifted in Prayer
Matthew 5:4
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted*

Yvette - August 02, 2013 at 10:00 AM

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“ I will never forget the kindness he showed to Richard throughout his sickness. He came by daily to pray with him and ensure his heart was filled with Jesus making his final days peaceful.
He was a loyal and loving friend. I will cherish the memories shared amongst our families. You will be missed.
Love you, Ruby McWilliams-Morlan

Ruby McWilliams-Morlan - July 31, 2013 at 10:03 PM