



Charles James 'BUSH' Butler

October 24, 1940 - March 11, 2025

Charles James Butler was born October 24, 1940, to Stan and Clara Butler in Jarrell Texas. Charles was married to the love of his life, Gloria Jean Bailey Butler who preceded him in death. They were married for 55 years and reared four beautiful children together.

Charles attended school in Jarrell, Texas. He was a devout Christian and a member of David Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. He taught his four children the Bible and led them to Christ. Psalm 23 was his favorite scripture:

“1 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.” (KJV)

Charles was a music enthusiast and played the lead guitar. He was well

known as one of the foundational Blues musicians in Austin. His brilliance allowed him to play with B.B. King, Freddie King, and Muddy Waters while sharing his craft with Stevie Ray Vaughan and the likes. His love for fishing garnered him the title “Fishermen of the Year” by his beloved seven grandchildren. In his professional career, Charles was a Certified Master Mechanic who enjoyed collecting classic cars.

Nicknamed, “Bush,” he delighted the family with his shenanigans of jokes and jam sessions. He loved traveling with his family. Charles imparted inspiring words of wisdom to his family which included these expressions:

- “If it’s God’s will,”
- “Turn the other cheek,” and
- “Don’t worry about me”.

This is our celebration of Dad’s legacy.

He leaves to cherish his memory, four children: Rose Cavil, Sherry Bailey, Lisa Butler-Williams, and only son, Jerry Butler (Nela); seven grandchildren (Wilbert, Danielle, Shenequa, James, Shantel, Cedric IV, Jerry Jr.), seven great grandchildren (Camden, Cierra, Christian, Reigha, Londyn, Connor Grayson & Corbyn), a host of nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Cemetery Details

Private Burial

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 5. 1:00 PM (CT)

David Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
2211 E Martin Luther King, Jr Blvd
Austin, TX 78702