



## Mr. Charles Edward "Bubba" DeFrance

August 25, 1951 - December 27, 2022

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Charles Edward "Bubba" DeFrance was born in Forrest City, AR on August 30, 1951, in Forrest City, AR to the late Henry and Gertrude Brazile DeFrance. He was the baby of ten children. Charles married Eva Banks DeFrance on December 15, 1973, and to this union two children were born.

Charles accepted Christ as his personal Lord and Savior at an early age and became a member of Taylor Chapel CME Church and as he got older, he joined Nineveh Temple COGIC under the leadership of the late Overseer Dr. Howard Smith, Sr. As the years progressed Nineveh Temple COGIC appointed Elder Oliver Smith as their leader, and the church was at a later time renamed Victory Temple COGIC. During his tenure at Nineveh and Victory Temple he served as a faithful member until his health begin to fail him. He served as an active member of the local and district Choir where his lead songs were "It's Almost Midnight" and "Feed My Sheep". He served as a member of the Trustee Board, President, District Youth Department, and YPWW Teacher. He was a part of the Maintenance Department where he also did Landscaping and Construction as needed for the church.

Charles graduated from Lincoln High School in 1969 and attended Crowley's Ridge Technical College.

Charles was employed at Sanyo Manufacturing Corporation for many years. After working at Sanyo he was the owner and operator of DeFrance Landscaping and Construction where he employed many family and friends and for most of them it was their first place of employment. He was a gifted landscaper and carpenter that built many things (picnic tables, cabinets, swing sets, and even pulpit stands) all built with his hands.

Charles was a distinguished gentleman in his own right. He knew the word from front to back. He was fun, loving, caring, and would give you his last. He loved to talk and one of his famous sayings was "If I'm talking and you talking who listening."

Charles departed this life on December 27, 2022 at St Bernard's Hospital in Jonesboro, AR to live eternally with his heavenly Father. He was preceded in death by His Father and His Mother Henry and Gertrude DeFrance, His Father and Mother-In-Law Amos and Dorothy Banks, His Brothers Jerry, Leon, Henry, Nathan and Arthur Lee DeFrance, and His Sisters Bertha Lee Boles, Irene Buchanan and Roberta Jackson.

Charles leaves not to mourn, but to cherish his fond memories a Loving Wife Eva DeFrance, One Daughter Felicia DeFrance of Forrest City, AR, One Son Marculus (Tammie) DeFrance of San Antonio, TX, and One God Daughter LaSondra Smith of Forrest City, AR. One Brother Roosevelt (Zenobia) DeFrance of St Louis, MO. Twelve Grandchildren Miya and Sean Jones, Nakiya (Howard) Aldridge, Raven, Amari, Markayla, and Marculus DeFrance, Yanna (Matthew) Brown, DayQon Gibbs, ShaMya Futtrell, Secoyia Lynch, and Aiden Boyd. Six Great Grandchildren, and a Host of Nieces, Nephews, and Friends.



# Cemetery Details

## **Casteel Cemetery**

Highway 70 West & CR 221  
Forrest City, AR 72335

# Previous Events

## **Visitation with a requirement of a face covering**

**JAN 6.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Victory Temple Church of God in Christ #1 Annex  
1009 Whitaker Street  
Forrest City , AR 72335

## **Service with a requirement of a face covering**

**JAN 7.** 1:00 PM (CT)

Larry S. Bryant Multi-Purpose & Wellness Center  
2510 South Washington Street  
Forrest City , AR 72335

# Tribute Wall

ES

“ On behalf of the Bradley family, we extend our deepest condolences to the family of "uncle bubba" as we affectionately called him. He was always a part of our family and he will be sorely missed by us all.

Erica Scott - January 07, 2023 at 12:57 PM

IM

“ Irene Hardrick Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Edward "Bubba" DeFrance



Irene Hardrick Moore - January 05, 2023 at 08:56 PM

MN

“ Condolences to the family

Mae Nabors - January 05, 2023 at 09:27 AM

DM

“ Sincere condolences and prayers for the family.



Donna McShan - January 05, 2023 at 08:39 AM

JM

“Joyce Ann Mays-Harden lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Edward "Bubba" DeFrance



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**Joyce Ann Mays-Harden** - January 04, 2023 at 05:51 PM

JM

*To the family of Charles "Bubba" DeFrance, Bubba was a good person, he would help anyone, I knew Bubba for many years and I've never heard him speak negatively about anyone, he would always try to help someone pick themselves up and I believe Our Heavenly Father welcome him home.*

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**Joyce Ann Mays-Harden** - January 04, 2023 at 06:03 PM

ST

“Shirley Thorn sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Edward "Bubba" DeFrance



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**shirley thorn** - January 04, 2023 at 10:42 AM

MG

“A word of comfort and of hope, that in your deepest sorrow, you will find new strength and peace of mind and courage for tomorrow.” Please know that you are in our prayers.



*Sending condolences to the family of Charles DeFrance on behalf of The Lincoln High School - Maroon & Gold National Alumni Association, Inc. (MGNAAI), Forrest City, Arkansas. Charles was a member of the Lincoln High School Class of 1969.”*

*Delores Farr Morelon  
MGNAAI President*

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**MGNAAI** - January 03, 2023 at 06:46 PM

RW

“Condolences and Prayers to the family of Charles "Bubba" DeFrance. Bubba was a dear friend and classmate of mine, and I will truly miss him.



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**Rene' Ward** - January 03, 2023 at 01:19 PM

LL

“Lillie Lane lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Edward "Bubba" DeFrance



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**Lillie Lane** - January 02, 2023 at 08:47 PM



“ *Rest in Heaven brother Charles*



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**Ricky Green** - January 02, 2023 at 04:41 PM



“ *Kita lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Edward "Bubba" DeFrance*



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**Kita** - January 02, 2023 at 04:21 PM



“ *Candice Tousant lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Edward "Bubba" DeFrance*



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**Candice Tousant** - January 02, 2023 at 02:04 PM



“ *Katherine Lyons lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Edward "Bubba" DeFrance*



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**Katherine Lyons** - January 02, 2023 at 01:49 PM