



## Mr. Charles Edward Staples

May 30, 1939 - March 19, 2021

### In Loving Memory Of:

Charles Edward Staples was born in Cairo, Illinois on May 30, 1939 to Jimmie and Mildred Staples. In 1942, the family relocated to Detroit, Michigan. Both parents preceded him in death. He was the second oldest of five children. His younger sisters Doris Redd and Pamela Shahid also preceded him in death. Charles accepted Christ at an early age and was a long time, devoted member of Greater St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church. His parents were a part of the founding members of the church which was originally pastored by Grant A. Friley. It is currently pastored by Kenneth G. Giles. Charles, his brother Jimmy, and the two Friley sons were the first to be baptized at Greater St. Mark.

Charles was educated in the Detroit Public School System and graduated from Chadsey High School in 1957. While in high school, he was a member of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC), and he was on the swim team. He also played baseball for the City of Detroit Parks and Recreation Baseball League. Charles received a Computer Programming Diploma from Hallmark Business Machines Institute in April 1969. Later in life, he decided to further his education and earned an Associate Degree in Industrial Technology. He graduated Cum Laude from Baker College in March 1995.

After high school, Charles was employed at Willow Run Airport. In 1963, he was drafted into the Army. He was chosen to serve as a Military Police Officer due to his excellent ROTC shooting record. He was a pistol and rifle

Marksman. In November 1965, he began working for General Motors as an Assembly Line Worker. He worked in several capacities before he was promoted as an Electrician in 1972. Charles held that position until he retired on January 1, 2004.

Charles met the love of his life, Pamala in 1959. They were joined in holy matrimony on November 30, 1963. Their wedding plans were almost postponed due to a scheduled deployment to Taiwan while he was serving in the Army. However, President Kennedy was assassinated, the deployment was cancelled, and he was allowed to return home to marry his bride-to-be. They were married for 57 years. Two children were born from this union: Linda and Charles II.

In his teens, Charles was a member of The Sultans singing group which included his brother and cousins. He had a smooth, soulful singing voice. He said singing was his testimony to God. He sang in four out of five choirs at Greater St. Mark and was selected to sing lead on many songs. He was often called upon to sing at weddings and funerals. Charles also enjoyed fishing with his father and cousins. He was skillful at solving crossword puzzles, and he loved playing cards, chess, and checkers with his family on Friday nights. Additionally, he liked to draw and play horseshoes.

Charles was not a man of many words; however, when he did speak, everyone listened. He was an exceptional husband, father, and grandfather. He took pride in protecting and providing for his family, and he loved spoiling his grandchildren.

# Cemetery Details

## **Detroit Memorial Park West**

25200 Plymouth Road  
Redford Twp., MI 48239

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Charles Edward Staples*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Pam my sincere sympathy to you and your family. I will never forget the love story between you and Charles.*

**Marvel Sims** - April 08, 2021 at 04:56 AM



“ *4 files added to the album Obituary*



**O.H. Pye III Funeral Home** - April 03, 2021 at 04:56 PM



*My name is Melvin a. Davis. I was in the U. S. Army in 1963 to 1965. Charles was stationed with me at Ft. Lenard Wood mo. In the 208th military police detachment. He was a quiet smooth guy. We talked and I knew he was from Detroit and married.*

**Melvin a. Davis** - December 26, 2022 at 03:00 AM

PB

“ *Aunty Pam, Chucky and Linda we are sending you all our love and prayers at this time and forever*  
*-Paris, Percy JR and Percy III*



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**Paris Boyd** - April 03, 2021 at 12:34 PM

KP

“ *Aunt Pam, Chucky and Linda - Spending my childhood summers at your house is a memory I will cherish forever! I will always remember that angelic voice Uncle Charles had! Whether he was singing or just saying "hi Kimmie". I specifically remember thinking... "nobody is cooler than my Uncle Charles!" I am glad you have each other...may peace be with you during this time and always.*

*Kim Pollock*

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**Kim Pollock** - April 02, 2021 at 12:26 PM

PB

“ *Phillip & JoAnn Bouldes purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Mr. Charles Edward Staples.*



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**Phillip & JoAnn Bouldes** - April 01, 2021 at 05:35 PM

BP

“ Beverly & Kim Pollock purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Charles Edward Staples.



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**Beverly & Kim Pollock** - March 30, 2021 at 04:45 PM

EF

“ We would like to extend our condolences to the family. Continue to rely on God and know that he hears your prayers, because he cares for you. Truly sorry for your loss.

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**Evans family** - March 27, 2021 at 10:48 AM

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*Sending my heartfelt condolences and sympathy to my beloved cousin Charles Staples family. He will truly be missed. His calm, humble spirit will always be in my memories, as he sits in heaven. Sending love and praying to all the Staples family. 🙏❤️*

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**Elizabeth thomas** - March 28, 2021 at 11:43 AM

JB

*Pam, may the love and peace of God continue to carry you through this difficult time. Charles always greeted us with a smile and a kind word, and he will be missed. We would like to add our condolences and sympathy to the entire family.  
Phillip & JoAnn Bouldes. (Cousin)*

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**JoAnn Bouldes** - April 01, 2021 at 05:23 PM



*My thoughts and prayers goes out to your family. Herman often said he learned how to be a good husband from Mr. Staples. He admired how Mr. Staples loved and looked at his wife like they had just met. He said Mr. Staples told him to make his wife his best friend. Thank you Mr. Staples for helping Herman become the man/ best friend he was to me. Rest in Paradise sir.*  
*Kelly Williams*

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**Kelly Williams** - April 03, 2021 at 07:00 AM



*Staples family, please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you as well. We pray your strength in the Lord. Keith Williams Family.*

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**Nathaniel Williams** - April 03, 2021 at 12:05 PM