



## Mr. Charles Elbert Trammell

March 6, 1936 - February 16, 2025

### In Loving Memory Of

Charles “Chuck” Elbert Trammell was born in Rogersville Tennessee on March 6, 1936. He was one of ten children born to the union of the late Hattie Fitzsimmons and Samuel Trammell Sr. Growing up in Tennessee, he attended public school and graduated from Swift Memorial Jr. High School & College. Entering the workforce, he was employed at Holston Valley Community Hospital before migrating to Detroit where he joined his brother James. Chuck met the love of his life, Ernestine (Stine) Riggins, after arriving in Detroit. Chuck and Stine dated for a short period of time and were joined in holy matrimony on January 14, 1957. Together they had four children. Chuck enjoyed a full life and was involved in various activities over the years. He confessed his love for Christ at an early age and later attended Gregg Memorial AME Church in Detroit. He was an activist in the civil rights movement which included his affiliation with The Black Panther Party. Other activities he enjoyed were coaching little league baseball, being a Boy Scouts' leader, watching sports on TV, especially his beleaguered Detroit Lions and Detroit Pistons. He loved attending sporting events with his brother James (Jim) and many of his friends, like Allen “Speedy” May; John (John-John) Robinson and John (Old timer) Walton; riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle and cruising around the Detroit River on his beloved boat. Chuck was very industrious during his life; he started his own business with his wife “C & E Enterprises”, managing, renovating and renting out homes. He

did this while working as a Maintenance Supervisor for General Motors, retiring after more than twenty-five years. One of his earliest jobs included driving an Ice Cream truck (Mr. Softie) where he was affectionately called the "Ice Cream Man". In fact, he was the family's official ice cream maker at family BBQs and picnics.

Chuck departed his earthly home and joined with our heavenly Father on Sunday, February 16, 2025. He leaves to mourn his passing, his children Karen Denise, Derrick Keith, Pamela Renae, Angela Elaine, and Charles (Dr. Shawna Patterson-Stevens) Stevens, daughter-in-law Marjorie (Lynn) Trammell, his Grandchildren, Shantez, Shardé, Brittney, Mychael, Jalen, and Kingsley; five Great Grandchildren, one of whom (Bronx) delighted him as his health declined, and he affectionately called him little BoBo. From Tennessee; sister Carolyn Trammell Cox, brother Phillip Douglas Trammell (Connie), and sisters-in-law Gertrude Trammell and Joanne Trammell Long. Preceding him in death were his beloved wife, Ernestine; his brothers William Trammell (Betty), Samuel Jr., James Trammell (Johnetta), John (Johnny), Maurice Leon (Tillie); and sisters, Marilyn Richmond (Carl), and Dorothy Imogene Fugate (Robert L.)

Joining the family to treasure his memory and celebrate his life are a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Chuck's motto:

"I did it all and I did it my way"

# Previous Events

## Visitation

Sunday, Mar. **2.** 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
(313) 838-9770  
info@pyefuneralhome.com

## Family Hour / Visitation

Monday, Mar. **3.** 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
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## Celebration of Life

Monday, Mar. **3.** 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall

DL

“ Growing up, my Uncle Chuck was the smoothest brother in the planet. A good man. He will be missed.  
Uncle Charles, until we meet again..... WELL

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**Dawn TRAMMELL Long** - March 03, 2025 at 10:46 AM

LC

“ Love Craig and Jeanine Clemons purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Mr. Charles Elbert Trammell.



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**Love Craig and Jeanine Clemons** - March 02, 2025 at 08:25 AM

GT

“ Gertrude T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Charles Elbert Trammell.

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**Gertrude T.** - February 28, 2025 at 06:11 PM

GT

“ Gertrude T. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Mr. Charles Elbert Trammell.



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**Gertrude T.** - February 28, 2025 at 06:11 PM

MF

“ Michael Fugate planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Charles Elbert Trammell.

Michael Fugate - February 26, 2025 at 09:48 AM

MF

“ Michael Fugate purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mr. Charles Elbert Trammell.



Michael Fugate - February 26, 2025 at 09:48 AM

DP

“ To Soror Pamela Gilliam in loving memory of your father 🏹 National Chaplain Dr. Dolores Davis Paylor-Lambda Chapter , Durham NC.



Dr. Dolores Davis Paylor - February 24, 2025 at 08:17 PM

JD

“ Jeffrey Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles Trammell



Jeffrey Davis - February 22, 2025 at 10:31 AM