



## Mr. Charles Earl Ester

June 18, 1938 - March 8, 2021

Charles Earl Ester

Charles E. Ester was born June 18, 1938, in Bessemer, Alabama. He departed this life on March 8, 2021, while receiving care at the Capital Caring Health Halquist Center in Arlington, Virginia.

Harold Thomas, a playmate from the neighborhood school, brought Charles into his family. Thus, a dynamic Bessemer family-headed by Mr. William and Mrs. Louise

Thomas-became the proud parents of four sons: William, Harold, Morris, and Charles.

Mr. Thomas was the president of the NAACP and Mrs. Thomas served as the paralegal

for the entire Bessemer community. Because the Thomases believed education was the

key to unlock all doors, Charles was expected to pursue his education beyond his time at

Carver High School in Bessemer. His foster father William, a Stillman High School

alumnus, was instrumental in securing an academic scholarship for Charles to also

attend Stillman, which became a four-year, liberal arts institution in 1948 and was officially renamed Stillman College. Charles earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry from Stillman College in 1960.

After graduating from college, Charles moved to Boston to be closer to his three brothers. He would eventually leave Boston to serve in the United States Army. Charles completed his military service in 1964 and would go on to marry his longtime love and college sweetheart, Delores Tyner, later that year. The newlyweds eventually moved to Washington, DC, so Charles could once again be closer to his brother Harold. In 1966, Charles began working for the Federal City College (currently known as the University of the District of Columbia). Along with his colleagues (and life-long friends) in the Chemistry, Physics, and Biology Departments-chaired by the late Dr. Herschel McDowell, Dr. Isadora Posey, and Dr. Carolyn Cousin. Charles became a member of what he affectionately referred to as his "forever work family." He dedicated more than four decades of his life to working at UDC. Charles, who was recognized for his outstanding work and warm personality, retired in 2012. In 1968, Charles and Delores welcomed their son, Charles Derek, into their lives. He would be followed five years later by his sister, Carla. Throughout his life, Charles

watched as his children became parents, eventually enabling him to become a grandfather-a role that brought him immeasurable pride.

Charles was a humble, warm, and loving man. He had tremendous love for and pride in

his wife, his family, and his home. The Ester family home has served as host to countless

meals and conversations for extended family and beloved friends.

Charles leaves behind to love and cherish his memory: his loving wife of fifty-six years,

Delores Ester; his two children, Charles Derek Ester and Carla Ester-Berry; two

Godchildren, Leslie Tyner and Staci McDuffie (Vincent); one brother, Morris L. Thomas,

Esquire; two sisters, Jacqueline and Diane Tiggs (both of Chicago, Illinois); one sister-in-

law, Ann Thomas; his grandchildren (and loves of his life), Charles Ester, Jr., Camryn

Berry, Kiden Ester, David Minor, Roman Alexander, Samantha Kenny, Satchel Mercer,

and Samir Mercer; one great-grandchild, Arianna Alexander; his special nephew and

neighbor, Harold Thomas (Monica); and a host of friends and relatives, including his

childhood friends James Williams and William Matthews and a special fur baby,

affectionately known as Charlie.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 17. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Pope Funeral Home Forestville Chapel  
5538 MARLBORO PIKE  
FORESTVILLE, MD 20747

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pope Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Mr. Charles Earl Ester*



**Pope Funeral Homes** - March 17, 2021 at 01:08 PM

AB

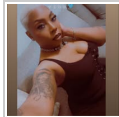
*Ester may God Bless and keep you.. Annette Boxley-Drew (Ballou Senior High School)*

**Annette Boxley-Drew** - March 17, 2021 at 01:13 PM

KJ

*Rest In Heaven Uncle Charles*

**kevin jeffers** - March 17, 2021 at 01:41 PM



*Love you Uncle Charles!  
your niece , Ebony*

**Ebony Russell** - March 17, 2021 at 02:23 PM

JT

*To my brother Charles you are the light of my life you gave me encouraging words when i needed them you always supported me, and gave me a lot of your wisdom i truly love and miss you your sister Jackie*

**Jacqueline Tiggs** - March 18, 2021 at 10:39 AM



“ *Mr. Charles Earl Ester*

January 28, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Mr. Charles Earl Ester*

January 28, 2023 at 10:26 AM



“ *Condolences to the Family. Abraham Garvin*



**Abraham Garvin** - October 06, 2021 at 10:05 PM



“ *Calvin & Gail Walls lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Earl Ester*



**Calvin & Gail Walls** - March 21, 2021 at 12:26 PM

RH

“ *Uncle Charles has always shown me an abundance of Love from my early years until the last time we spoke. I love him and I will miss his humorous nature. He helped forge me into the man that I am today*

*Rest In Power!  
Uncle Charles*

*Robert W. Howard Jr.*

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**Robert W Howard** - March 17, 2021 at 01:40 PM



LH

“ *Nothing but love to one of my favorite cousins RIP*

*Moose*

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**Lance Hayes** - March 17, 2021 at 01:11 PM

AP

“ *Antonio Payne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Earl Ester*



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**Antonio Payne** - March 17, 2021 at 01:10 PM

LH

“ Lance Hayes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Earl Ester



Lance Hayes - March 17, 2021 at 01:09 PM

AP

“ Antonio Payne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Earl Ester



Antonio Payne - March 17, 2021 at 01:03 PM



“ Justin Tiggs sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Earl Ester



Justin Tiggs - March 17, 2021 at 01:03 PM

JB

“ Jonathan Boyce sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Earl Ester



Jonathan boyce - March 17, 2021 at 12:22 PM

LO

“ Lorraine sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Earl Ester



lorraine - March 17, 2021 at 12:21 PM

JT

“ Jacqueline Tiggs sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Earl Ester



jacqueline tiggs - March 17, 2021 at 12:17 PM

KT

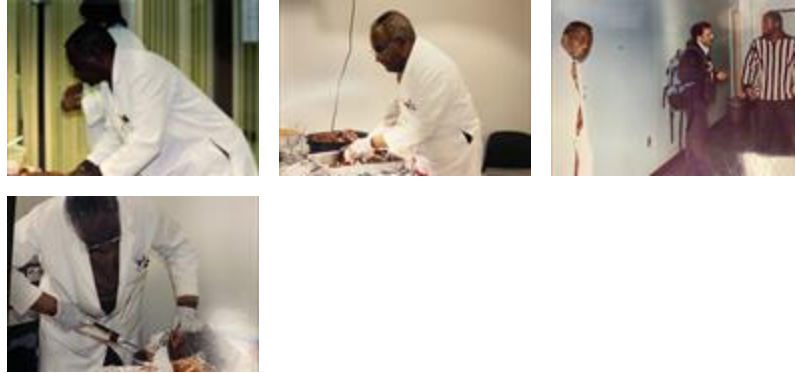
“ Kimberly A Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Earl Ester



Kimberly A Thomas - March 17, 2021 at 12:16 PM

GS

“ 4 files added to the album *In memory of Mr. Charles Ester may he rest in peace.*



George L. Smith - March 17, 2021 at 11:43 AM

CB

“ Thinking of my Pop Pop every single day. You taught me respect, care, smiles, & most importantly love. You will always hold a special place in my heart Pop Pop. Hey & don't eat all the Orange Sherbet neither. 😂☐ I love you Paw Paw & keep on smiling. ❤️




Camryn Berry - March 17, 2021 at 10:09 AM

LH

“ My most recent memory of Charles was at our family reunion in NC. Both he and Harold were there. They loved my dad (Fate) and shared stories of him that I never knew. The kind of stories a son needs to know. All the Thomas brothers were outstanding role models for their young cousins. For some reason Charles and Harold stood out in this area for me. I know God has welcomed them home. I am definitely feeling their loss.

Leonard Hayes - March 17, 2021 at 10:07 AM

 Trisha Lewis

“ Trisha Lewis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Earl Ester



Trisha Lewis - March 17, 2021 at 10:05 AM

LH

“ My condolences to all family and friends of cousin Charles. He touched our hearts in such a special way. He always had kind words and a gentle smile. Although I didn't see him often, our reconnection "never missed a beat". I will miss him but will hold fast to cherished memories.

Linda Hayes - March 17, 2021 at 04:35 AM

DT

“ Diane Tiggs sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles Earl Ester



Diane Tiggs - March 16, 2021 at 06:17 PM

DT

*My dear brother Rest in Heavenly Peace* ❤️💔💋

**Diane Tiggs** - March 16, 2021 at 06:20 PM

DT

“ *Diane Tiggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Earl Ester*



**Diane Tiggs** - March 16, 2021 at 06:15 PM

DT

“ *Diane Tiggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Earl Ester*



**Diane Tiggs** - March 16, 2021 at 06:13 PM

AL

“ *Antoinette Michelle Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles Earl Ester*



**Antoinette Michelle Lewis** - March 13, 2021 at 10:06 AM