

# Obituary

Charles S. McDonald Sr., 74, of Beaufort, passed away on Monday, November 21, 2022, at Carolina East Medical Center in New Bern.

A funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, November 27, 2022, at Bridgeway Church of Beaufort. Burial will follow at Carteret Memorial Gardens of Beaufort.

Charles graduated from Queen Street High School in 1966 and attended Harris Barber College in Raleigh, NC. Upon graduation he was the first African American to be hired as a security police officer at the Morehead City State Port. During his tenure at the State Port, he became the first African American President of the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA); Dock Workers Union Local 1850. In 1977, he was hired by the Beaufort Police Department, where he worked his way through the ranks and proudly retired as Chief of Police.

In December 2001, he was elected to represent the citizens of Beaufort as Town Commissioner and served consecutive terms through 2021. During his tenure, in 2007 he was selected as Mayor Pro-Tempore. Charles has served the community all his adult life, as a barber, police officer, and owner of Old Town Taxi. He was a member of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, where he served as Chairman of the Trustee Board. He was a member of the Masonic, Hero Lodge No. 248 and a lifetime member of the NAACP.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Glenda Godette McDonald of Beaufort; son, Charles S. McDonald Jr. of Havelock; daughter, Pheon R. Legette and husband, Steven of Fredericksburg, VA; sister, Joyce Avery of Beaufort; one grandson, Christopher Mazique; two granddaughters, Yanni Legette and Charlicia McDonald.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Carrie Anderson and a host of brothers and sisters.

Condolences and life tributes may be sent to the family at [www.noefs.net](http://www.noefs.net)  
Arrangements by Noe Funeral Service, Inc. of Beaufort, NC.



# A Life Remembered



**Charles McDonald Sr.**

**Sunrise**

**Sunset**

**Feb. 14, 1948**

**Nov. 21, 2022**

# Homegoing for Charles McDonald Sr.

2:00 pm, Sunday, November 27, 2022  
Bridgeway Church ~ Beaufort, NC

## Order of Service

Processional.....Clergy & Family.....“*Rough Side of The Mountain*”  
Old Testament.....Minister Margaret Powell  
New Testament.....Minister Mary Reels  
Prayer of Comfort..... Reverend William Ellison  
Chant.....“*Precious Lord*”  
Remarks.....Two Minutes Please  
Selection.....“*Let the Church Say Amen*”  
Eulogy.....Reverend Annie Henry  
Mortician’s Brief.....Noe Funeral Service  
Processional.....“*Well Done*”



## Interment

Carteret Memorial Gardens ~ Beaufort, NC

## Acknowledgement

The family wishes to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, and kind expressions of sympathy shown following Charles’s passing. Your support during this difficult time was very much appreciated and a great comfort to the family.

*May God Bless You All.*

## When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me  
And I’m not here to see  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes  
All filled with tears for me

I wish you wouldn’t cry  
The way you did today  
While thinking of the many things  
We did not get to say

I know how much you love me  
As much as I love you  
Each time that you think of me  
I know you will miss me too

When tomorrow starts without me  
Please try to understand  
That an angel came and called my name  
And took me by the hand

The angel said my place was ready  
In heaven far above  
And that I would have to leave behind  
All those I dearly love

But When I walked through Heaven’s gates  
I felt so much at home  
When GOD looked down and smiled at me  
From his golden throne

He said this Is Eternity  
And all I promised you  
Today for life on earth is done  
But here it starts a new

I promise no tomorrow  
For today will always last  
And since each day’s the exact same way  
There is no longing for the past

So when tomorrow starts without me  
Do not think we’re apart  
For every time you think of me  
Remember I’m right here in your heart

(Author: David M Romano)

*In Loving Memory of  
Charles McDonald Sr.*

For Our Father  
Our lives go on without you,  
But nothing is the same,  
We have to hide our heartaches  
When someone speaks your name.  
Sad are the hearts that love you,  
Silent the tears that fall,  
Living here without you  
Is the hardest part of all.  
You did so many things for us,  
Your heart was kind and true,  
And when we needed someone,  
We could always count on you.  
The special years will not return  
When we all get together,  
But with love within our hearts  
You will walk with us forever.

*We love you Dad  
From Your Children*

