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News and reviews on new motor vehicles

2009 Dodge Charger SXT AWD

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The 2009 Dodge Charger is a full-size, four-door sedan that makes a bold design statement and backs it up with serious horsepower. A wide range of models is available, but all are comfortable cruisers, offering drivers a friendly haven from traffic and bumpy freeways.

The SXT is a good cruiser, comfortable motoring along at 70-80 mph. The Charger is quiet at that speed, with little wind or road noise. The SXT model felt perfectly in its element on the highways of Oregon. The SXT is powered by a 3.5-liter V6 good for 250 hp and 250 lb-ft of torque. This engine gets a four-speed automatic with rear-wheel drive and a five-speed

auto with all-wheel drive. The Dodge Charger delivers pony car excitement and style. Although the SXT feels a bit heavy it handles extremely well if you are cruising or deciding to put the pedal to the metal. It is just the right amount of power when needed. The standard 5-speed automatic does a fine job of matching the gear you need to the demands your inputting with your right foot. Automatics do their best work behind larger, high-torque engines - and this is no exception.

The SXT upgrades with an eight-way adjustable power driver's seat, leather-wrapped steering wheel and shift knob, 60/40 split folding rear seat with fold-down center armrest, Bos-



Specifications: 3.5 Liter High output 24-valve V6 MP engine; five speed automatic transmission; 17 city mpg, 23 highway mpg; MSRP \$29,490

ton Acoustics stereo with six speakers and 276-watt amplifier, interior air filter, power-adjustable pedals, Sirius satellite radio with one year subscription, fog lamps and cast aluminum

wheels. The SXT comes with all-wheel drive. Options include leather-trimmed seats (\$640), sunroof (\$950), and Dodge's UConnect hands-free cell phone link now with iPod inter-

face. Also available are 18-inch aluminum wheels with P225/60R all-season tires coupled with a rear spoiler. In addition to the Protection Group and Smokers Group, there's a Comfort Seat-

ing Group with heated front seats, leather-trimmed bucket seats, power adjustable pedals and an eight-way power front passenger seat (\$1395).

The Charger is fun to drive and enjoyable for just cruising along. It's perfectly in its element when making time on a freeway. It is a big, heavy, full-size sedan measuring more than 16 feet in length and tipping the scales near two tons, but it's responsive and entertaining.

The 2009 Dodge Charger is a modern muscle car very cleverly disguised as a family sedan. It offers too much power for most people to remain safe with and is one of the most exciting cars on the planet to own and drive. Power, speed, luxury, great looks and loads of comfort are all presented.



Obituaries

Longtime Pastor Remembered

Funeral services were held March 18 at Maranatha Church for Rev. Wendell H. Wallace, a longtime Portland pastor who passed away peacefully, at home on March 9, 2009. In his obituary in last week's issue, a photo caption for an unrelated story was incorrectly placed under Rev. Wallace's picture. The Portland Observer apologizes for any discomfort this error may have caused.

Rev. Wendell H. Wallace

Loving Mother, Grandmother

Lucretia McMillan

Lucretia Mack was born on May 20, 1917 in Dallas, Texas to Lucious and Daisy Mack.

She grew up and attended High School in Dallas. She met and married Elvin McKenzie Sr. and to this union a son was born, Muhammad Abdullah (Elvin Jr.).

After a divorce, Lou, as she was fondly known, moved to Portland around 1941. She later met and married Larce McMillan on Aug. 25, 1954.



They shared a wonderful life until his death.

She worked many years at both Good Samaritan Hospital and OHSU as a dietician aide, until her retirement.

She was a member of the Vancouver Avenue Baptist Church.

Lucretia was preceded in death by her husband; a sister, Verlee Davis; her parents; a brother, Rev. Artlee Josey and

a granddaughter, Cynthia McKenzie.

Left to cherish her memory, are her son; a stepdaughter, Lena Sandford of Seattle; two sisters, Ruby J. Miller of Sealy, Texas and Kathy Lean Josey of San Felipe, Texas; five brothers, Lucious C. Josey II of Killeen, Texas, Robert Josey of Sealy, Lawrence E. Josey of Killeen, Charles R. Josey of San Antonio, Texas, and George McDonald of San Felipe; 5 granddaughters, 10 great grandchildren, 9 great great grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives; and a host of friends.

Services were held on March 5, 2009 at Cox & Cox Funeral Chapel.

Life of Ministry Touched Many

Rev. Clemmie Mayes Sr.

Clemmie Mayes was born in Grady, Ala. on Sept. 13, 1921, the youngest of six children, born to Savannah and Herbert Mayes.

In high school, he saw a beautiful young coed walk by the athletic field, and undaunted by the fact that he did not know her, he proclaimed to his friends, "That girl is going to be my wife." As usual, he accomplished his goal. In 1945, he and Alezine were married in Detroit, Mich.

Rev. Mayes later answered a calling to become a minister and the couple moved to Anderson, Ind., where he attended Anderson College. In 1953, they took up a call to work as missionaries in the picturesque island of Bermuda. While there, they founded the Sound View Church of God and helped plant another church.

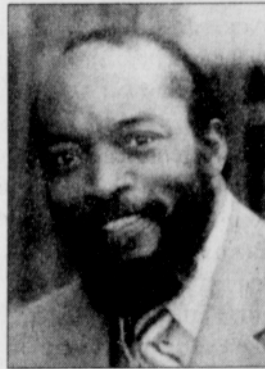
In 1957, they moved - with their two young sons in tow - to Southern California where he pastored the 47th Street Church of God, in San Diego. After years of successful ministry there, the family moved to the charming, beachfront city of Santa Barbara.

They soon founded a ministry devoted their lives to serving people who were homeless or drug-dependent. Over nearly three decades, that ministry, called "Wings of Love," touched hundreds and hundreds of lives by sharing a hot meal, a warm embrace, and a message of hope.

In 2006, Rev. Mayes moved from Santa Barbara to Portland to be closer to his family. On Feb. 26, 2009, at the age of 87, he moved on to his final resting place.

He is survived by a 95-year-old sister, Ruby May; seven sons, Ahlem, Jonathan, Micah, John, Andrew, Dewayne and Ted; 18 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services were held on March 4 at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church. Arrangements by Cox & Cox.



In Loving Memory

Services for Francis Mary Mays, who died at the age of 100, were held March 21, 2009 at Maranatha Church.

She was born on the Pennsylvania Turnpike, the daughter of Viola and Bob Mays. She had one sister named Lilly and one brother (name unknown).

She was married to the late Charles Flournoy and to this union was born, Charles, Paul, Elizabeth, Maxine and Margaret, all who preceded her in death.

She graduated from Newark City Hospital and was a Registered Nurse at Queen of Angels and Temple Hospital. She became a nurse because she liked helping people and making them happy.

Later in life she was a caregiver. She loved playing Bridge. She met several friends at the Lake Oswego Senior Center where she occa-

Francis Flournoy

sionally volunteered.

When she was in her 90s she traveled to Spain and other destinations with some of her Senior Center friends. Wherever she went, she loved people and made them laugh. She also loved the Lord, and met several friends of all ages at Maranatha Church.

She is survived by her grandchildren, Tracey Killroy and Sandra Horner-Brooks; great grandchildren, Paszion Homer, Aaron Homer, Jalaicia Brooks, Chris Brooks, and Keith Brooks; and nieces, Mattie Morris, Lilly Alexander and Adalina Grant; nephews, James Galightly, William Galightly and John Galightly; and by her caretakers, Paul and Colleen Schublin and a host of friends.

Arrangements entrusted by Cox & Cox.



Life was rededicated to the Lord

Jerl Dale Harris, the eldest child of Mildred L. Williams and Will Mitchell, was born Oct. 9, 1955 in Portland.

He confessed to Christ at an early age and was baptized at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church at the age of 12, under the lead-

ership of the late Rev. L.L. Ranson.

He attended Boise and Fabion Elementary schools and continued his education at the Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center. He worked as a janitor to help

support his family. His last employment before taking ill was at City Central Concern.

He also was a recovery addict who had been clean for several years. He loved to laugh, was caring, loving and open minded. He loved his

Jerl Dale Harris

family and was always there to help. He rededicated his life to the Lord and joined Emmanuel Temple Church under the leadership of Bishop C.T. Wells.

Jerl will be missed, but not forgotten.

He was preceded in death by his father; a brother, Manuel Williams; and his grandmother Moma Harris.

He leaves to cherish his memories his two children, Sean Lacy and Yolonda R. Harris; five grandchildren, Sean Lacy Jr., Teaseanna, Deaseanna, Anthony and Andre Lacy; a grandson Tasean Lacy; his mother Mildred; sisters, Swana Wilson (Charlie) and Cheryl Fletcher; a brother, John Mitchell of Pasco, Wash.; two nieces, Sharletta Hurst and Yvonne Norman; a nephew, Javares Harris; and a host of relatives and friends.

Services were held on March 16, 2009 at Emmanuel Temple. Arrangements entrusted by Cox & Cox.

Love Conquers All

Isabel Cazares

Isabel Cazares was born in San Carlos, Texas on Dec. 26, 1949 to Jesus Flores and Mary Guadalupe Aceves.

When she was 6 months old, the family moved to Guadalupe Nuevo Leon, Mexico. In 1956 the family moved to Hamilton, Calif. where she attended elementary school and went on to Hamilton High School where she graduated.

Isabel moved to Oregon in 1970.

She was brought up Catholic and later converted to Protestant. She was a beautiful person, innocent in heart, and with a gentle breeze spirit. As a young woman she cared for her brothers and sisters. She loved her family dearly.

She brought three children into the world and her role as a mother was unconditional. Even though there might have been complicated challenges at times, she was a very strong woman who overcame challenges when it came to her family. Love conquers all.

Remember her smile, laughter and joy. For all of these things made Isabel.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her children Anna Flores, Jaquin Briseno and Adam Cazares; a grandchild, Braydon Cazares; her mother and father; six sisters, Theresa Henry, Christina Pacheco, Lupe Santos, Amelia Lewis, Maggie Flores and Rosa Hardy; three brothers, Elias Flores, Jesus Flores Jr. and John Flores; a host of nieces and nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Services were held on March 9, 2009 at New Freedom Assembly Church. Arrangements entrusted by Cox & Cox.



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