

Obituary

In Loving Memory

Charles H. Abraham Lyles

Charles H. Abraham Lyles, 93, passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 15, 2021 at his home in Portland.

Charles was born to the late John Lyle and Mary Packnett (Lyle) in Natchez, Miss. on May 19, 1927. He was preceded in death by brothers Sylvester, John Jr., and Richard Lyle, and sisters Mary, Hattie Mae, Rachel (St. Obria) and Henrietta Lyle.

A proud husband, father and grandfather, he leaves a beautiful legacy for his daughter, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Charles graduated from school in Natchez and later joined the military. He was a decorated veteran and served in the US Army, 3rd Infantry Division in the Korean War, 1950-1953. After receiving an Honorable Discharge from the Army, Charles later moved to Sacramento where he earned a real estate business license, and later moved to Seattle where he started his own business, Lyles Roofing & Remodeling. He worked and retired as a successful



contractor in commercial and residential roofing for over 40 years. He also met and married the love of his life, Veester Turner, in 1977 and shortly thereafter to this union they welcomed their daughter, Veester St.Obria.

As an active and dedicated member in the Christian community, Charles attended Lighthouse Missionary Baptist Church, St. James Pentecostal, Emmanuel Temple, Lifeline Christian Church, and Evangelical Christian Family Church, and served as a pastor at Prayer Tabernacle. In addition to pastoral leadership, he served in television ministry and was the author of two books, including "Miracles And More In My Life."

He also was well known as a

community activist, from working alongside members of the Black Panther movement to championing civil rights and providing a strong voice for the voiceless. He held many Tent Church Revival meetings throughout California and Oregon, leading both young and old to Christ. He believed in family, prayer and unshakable faith. He was a spiritual father to many. He lived his life in legacy by Psalm 27: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Charles is survived by his wife, Veester Lyles (Turner); daughter Veester St.Obria Lyles Patterson (Darryl); granddaughters Deriana (Che), Desarae, (Isaiah), Dejanique, Darchelle, Demia, and Demaya; grandson Avreaunte; and six great grandchildren. In addition, he leaves a sister, Lucy Perry; spiritual daughter, Tracee Wells; spiritual son John Henry; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other close extended family members; the family of faith; as well as an endless list of church and community members. He will be greatly missed but we rejoice in knowing that he is reunited with the Lord.

A public viewing was provided by Terry Family Funeral Home on April 28 and a Celebration of Life service was held April 29 at New Song Community Church.

Always in Our Hearts

Mason 'Rock' McGee Stewart

1957-2021

Mason 'Rock' McGee Stewart was born Jan. 17, 1957, in Portland to Mason McGee and Charlene Stewart. He died



due to heart disease on March 15, 2021, in Vancouver.

He lived in the Northwest all of his life. He enjoyed fishing and liked to play his guitar while listening to rock and James Brown, one of his favorite artists. He practiced martial arts in his early adult years and later enjoyed watching Kung Fu movies and boxing on television.

While he never had children of his own, Mason had a special love for them and they adored him in return. He had over 25 nieces and nephews that loved their Uncle Mason dearly. No matter what age they were, he would make them laugh by teasing them and asking, "Hey, do you have that million dollars you

owe me?"

Mason never met a stranger and people of all walks of life were drawn to him. He had a generous spirit and loved to help people. He never married, but Scarlet Keever was his first true love and remained a very important part of his life until his passing.

He was preceded in death by his parents. He leaves to cherish his memory, brothers Robert Lee, Lenord and Edward Duane (Deborah); his sister Malinda Whitlow Flowers (Anthony); a multitude of nieces, nephews, cousins, adopted family, and numerous friends; and Miss Olivia whom he loved like his own daughter.

Choosing to live life on his terms, Mason chose to have two living wakes four years ago when he initially learned of his diagnosis. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in his memory to the American Heart Foundation.

The Stewart/Whitlow-Flowers/Keeper families thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for the love and concern you have shown to Mason throughout his life. We love you.



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