

## ***Pallbearers***

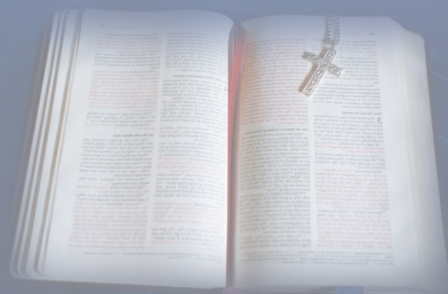
*Ricardo Brooks  
Anthony Gaskins, III  
Derrick Gorham  
Isaac Jackson  
Anthony Johnson  
Harold Robinson*

## ***Flower Bearers***

*Family and Friends*

## ***Acknowledgement***

*The entire family of Merwin G. Charles sincerely thanks all of you for your prayers, comfort, love and support. Your many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy have been a blessing to us. May the Lord Jesus Christ bless and keep you in perfect peace.*



## ***Services Entrusted to:***

*Pridgen Funeral Service  
Lanham, Maryland*

# ***The Homegoing Celebration for Merwin G. Charles***

*Sunrise: June 17, 1963*

*Sunset: October 23 , 2020*



***Friday, November 13, 2020***

*Viewing: 10:00 a.m.*

*Service: 11:00 a.m.*

*From the Heart Church Ministries®*

*Annex at 5055 Allentown Road  
Suitland, Maryland 20746*

*Bishop John A. Cherry, II – Pastor*



# Obituary



Merwin G. Charles was born in Houston, Texas, on June 17, 1963, to the late Alcydee and Carrell Charles. He was the youngest of five children.

Merwin graduated from Forest Brook Senior High School in Texas, after which he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force where he served from 1981 to 1985. Following his time in the Air Force, Merwin joined the U.S. Coast Guard, and served honorably from 1986 to 2003. After retiring from military service, Merwin went to work for the Federal Government in a civilian capacity and served for 17 years. Along the way, he received his bachelor's degree from Thomas Edison State University. At the time of his passing, Merwin was employed as a manager and contracting officer with the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

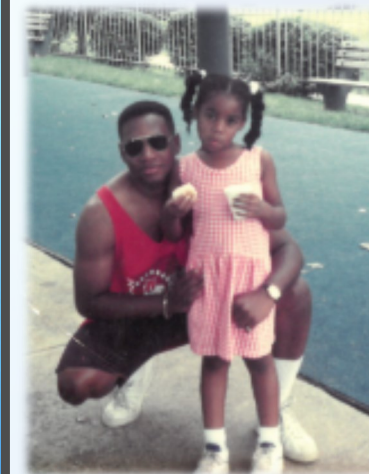
Merwin a man of faith, accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal savior at an early age, and in 1994, joined From the Heart Church Ministries. At From the Heart, he faithfully served in the Sports and Fitness, and Usher Ministries.

Merwin genuinely enjoyed refereeing and coaching basketball; and was a referee with the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials (Board 12) for 20 years. Additionally, he gave back to his community by serving as a youth advisor with the NAACP Youth Council; and sitting on that organization's Board of Directors. When not engaged in these activities, Merwin enjoyed barbecuing and spending time with family and friends.

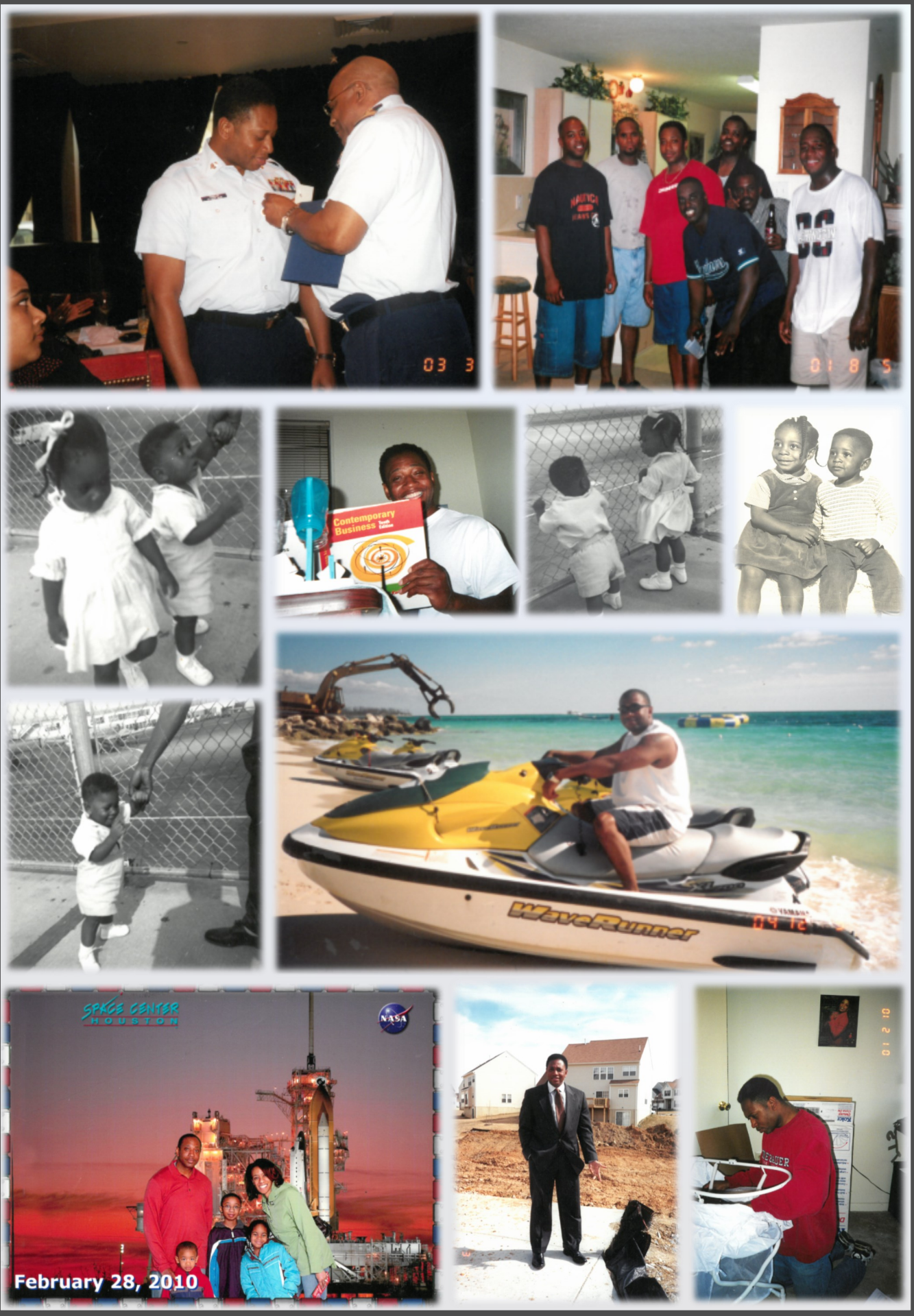
Merwin, a grateful man, was particularly thankful for his workout/weightlifting family; his current and former OPM supervisors, staff, and colleagues; Jacques, his lifelong sibling-of-the-heart; his children, of whom he was so very proud; and his wife, Joy, the person he referred to as "the rock of the family."

Left in God's care and to cherish Merwin's memory are his beloved family, dear loved ones, and a host of friends.

In addition to his parents, Merwin was preceded in death by his brother, Clyde A. McDuell; and his sister, Lorraine M. McDuell.







# Order of Service

*Invocation*

*Scripture Reading*

*Old Testament: Psalm 139:1-14  
New Testament: I Corinthians 15:50-58*

*Prayer of Comfort*

*Selection ..... FTH Psalmist*

*Obituary (Read Silently)*

*Song of Preparation ..... FTH Psalmist*

*Message of Hope ..... Minister Robert Dickerson*

*Call to Christ*

*Recessional*

*Interment  
Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery  
Cheltenham, Maryland  
(Tuesday, November 17, 2020)*



## **Remember Me**

*By: Tonjha Monaco*

*Remember me when you hear the wind blow.*

*I am with God, I need you to know.*

*He called my name, and I went to see*

*If the voice I heard was speaking to me.*

*He took my hand, we walked along*

*The road to heaven, where I belong.*

*The angels sang so sweet and clear.*

*They sang of love and that Jesus is near.*

*I felt his touch, I saw his face,*

*I knew in an instant I was in his grace.*

*He spoke to me, I heard him say,*

*You are home now child, you have found your way.*

*So remember me when you hear the wind blow.*

*I am home now with God, I need you to know.*



## **To The First Man I've Ever Loved, The First Man Who Showed Me How Much He Loved Me**

*You Showed Me How To Wash Dishes*

*You Showed Me How To Take Out The Trash*

*You Showed Me How To Cut The Grass*

*You Showed Me How To Wash A Car*

*The Little Things That MEN Are Supposed To Do That Molded Me Into The WOMAN I Am. The Bond We Have Is Unbreakable. For A While It Was Just ME & YOU, So The Connection We Have Is Different, Even In Death That Connection Will NEVER BREAK!! I LOVE YOU Daddy. FOREVER & ALWAYS*

*Love, Mia Ganae'*

