

***In Loving Memory  
of  
James C. Olds***

***Sunrise  
November 12, 1954***

***Sunset  
February 14, 2021***



***Thursday, March 4, 2021***

***Family Hour: 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

***James Chester Olds***, named after his maternal grandfather, was affectionately referred to as “Chester” by his family and friends. He was born on November 12, 1954, in Norfolk, Virginia. On February 14, 2021, he transitioned from this earthly life to eternal life with the God and Father who created him.

Chester, the eldest of eight children, attended Diggs Park Elementary School in Norfolk, Virginia, before his family relocated to Washington, D.C., in 1963. He continued his education in the District of Columbia Public Schools, namely Watkins and Buchanan Elementary School, Eliot Junior High School, and Cardozo Senior High School. While at Eliot Junior High, Chester excelled at playing the drums, guitar, and piano. At Cardozo, he was valedictorian of his graduating class.

After graduating high school, Chester joined the United States Army. Upon leaving the military, he found employment with Western Union. He later obtained an electrician license, and he and his brothers, Le Verne and Julius, opened Olds General Contractors, a business that served many apartment complexes in Southern Maryland. The entrepreneurs operated the business for years until Le Verne began to experience health challenges. For nearly 20 years, Chester worked at BioReliance Pharmaceutical Company in Rockville, Maryland, in the Biopharmaceutical Services Branch as a technical engineer.

Chester, a man of faith, accepted the Lord Jesus Christ at an early age. In 2010, he rededicated his life to the Lord, and joined From the Heart Church Ministries during a Family Day service.

Chester loved his family, especially his mother, Melbert. Moreover, he enjoyed attending family gatherings—like the numerous cookouts, and the annual McLean family reunions. He loved to visit with family members, always leaving them with kind words of encouragement and a heartfelt “I love you.” He was always accessible to his family, saying “I’m approachable...after I’ve had my coffee.” As the eldest child, Chester cared for each of his siblings by imparting wisdom and providing guidance during their “special” one-on-one talks. Additionally, he encouraged everyone to trust God in the tough times, and shared his favorite poem, “Footprints in the Sand” to uplift them.

On May 15, 2015, Chester met and subsequently married, Doris, whom he lovingly called his “special lady.” They were like two peas in a pod—made for each other—she called him “baby” no matter where they were.

Chester’s hobbies included playing chess, and bike riding. Later in life, he began sketching, and drawing images of various people in group settings. Chester, with his giving heart, enjoyed distributing clothes and blankets to the homeless; and providing food for the hungry. He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Chester leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Doris Olds; mother, Melbert O. Johnson; sisters: Deborah Shell (Joe), Sharon Watkins (Dewey III), Dawn Reney (Stephen), Wendy Zuber (Michael); brother, Julius Olds; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives; and friends.

Chester was preceded in death by his stepfather, William F. Johnson; brothers, Larry Olds and Le Verne Olds; and grandmother, Varie Lee Pritchard.





# *Order of Service*

*Invocation*

*Scripture Reading*

*Old Testament: Psalm 34:1-8*  
*New Testament: John 14:1-6*

*Prayer of Comfort*

*Selection* ..... *FTH Psalmist*

*Acknowledgements*

*Mrs. Wendy Zuber, Sister*  
*Mrs. Deborah Olds-Shell, Sister*

*Obituary (Read Silently)*

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

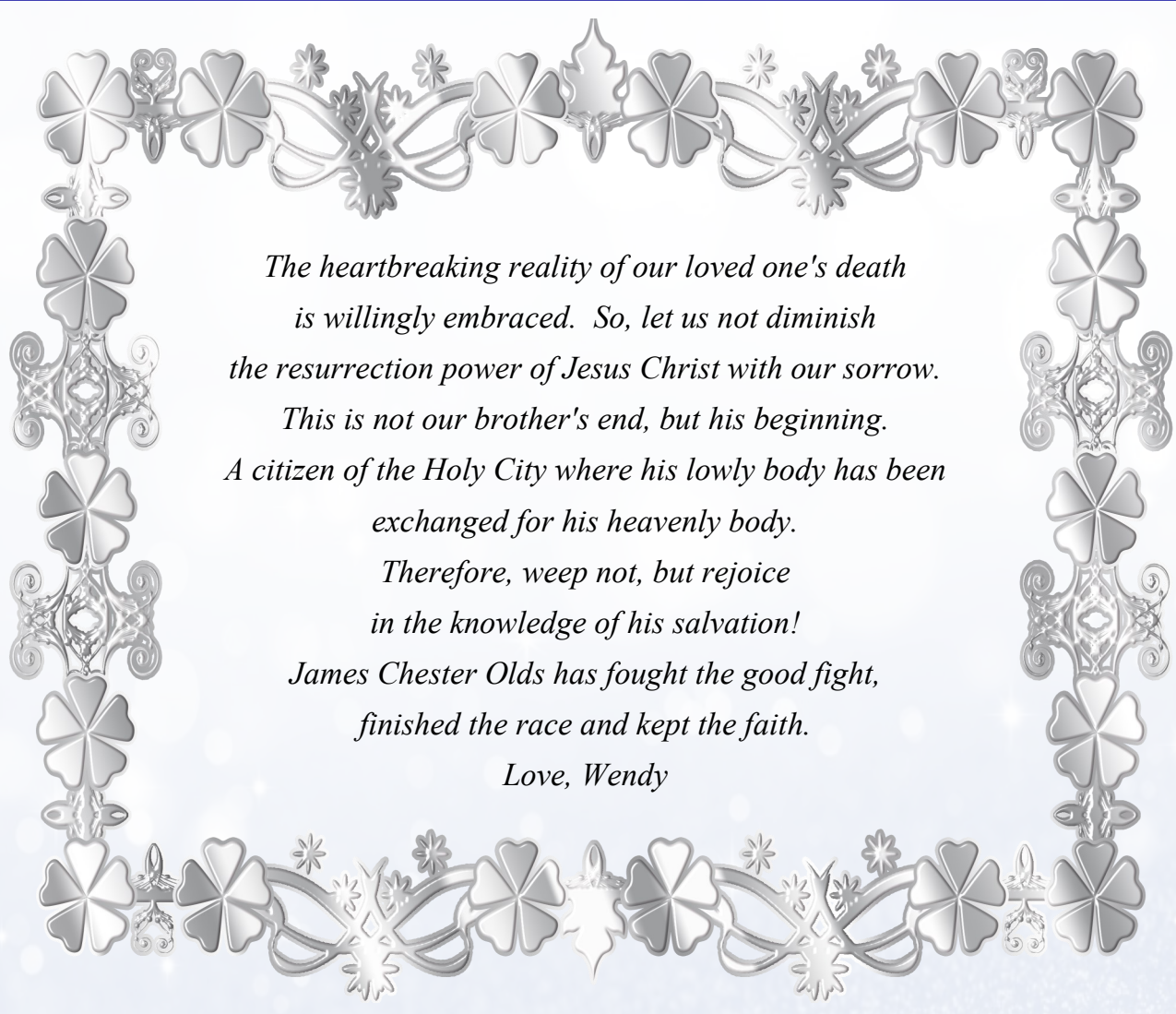
*Message of Hope* ..... *Minister James Johnson*

*Call to Christ*

*Benediction*

*Recessional*





*The heartbreaking reality of our loved one's death  
is willingly embraced. So, let us not diminish  
the resurrection power of Jesus Christ with our sorrow.  
This is not our brother's end, but his beginning.  
A citizen of the Holy City where his lowly body has been  
exchanged for his heavenly body.  
Therefore, weep not, but rejoice  
in the knowledge of his salvation!  
James Chester Olds has fought the good fight,  
finished the race and kept the faith.  
Love, Wendy*

*My Oldest Brother:*



*Chester was a true older brother in every way, and I will cherish the memories of him. I will always remember the visits and special conversations we had about life and discussing how we must depend on God for strength. Now that you are gone, I am reminded of those conversations. You will be greatly missed, but I draw comfort in the fact that you knew Jesus and are now in heaven with our Heavenly Father. Thank you for the example of putting others first and helping those in need even if it meant sacrificing yourself. You meant a great deal to many people in many ways that you may not have realized, but you are remembered with much love by many people today and every day.*

*Love Always, Your Sister Sharon*



## *Somewhere*

*Somewhere in my dreams tonight  
I'll see you standing there  
You look at me with a smile  
"Life isn't always fair"*

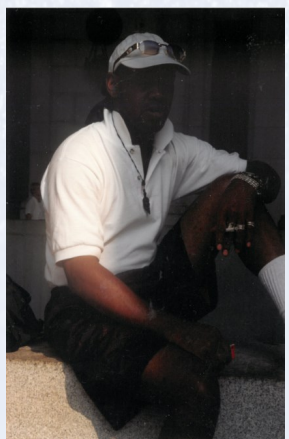
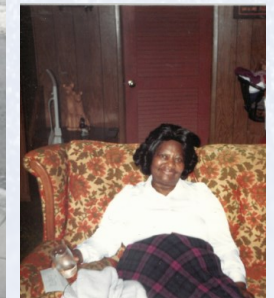
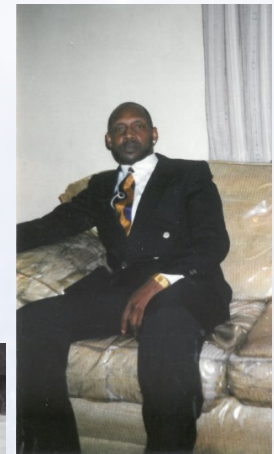
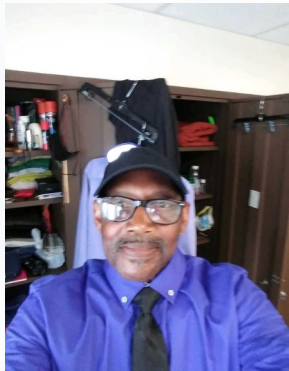
*You say you were chosen for his garden  
His precious hand picked bouquet  
"God really needed me,  
That's why I couldn't stay"*

*It's said to be that angels  
Are sent from above  
I've always had my angel  
My brother – whose heart was filled with love*

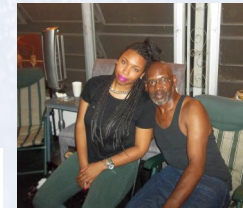
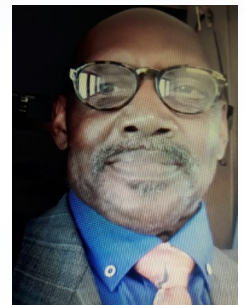
*Wherever the ocean meets the sky  
There will be memories of you and I  
When I look up at the sky so blue  
All I see are visions of you  
"While there's a heart in me, you'll be  
a part of me."*

*Love, Dawn*

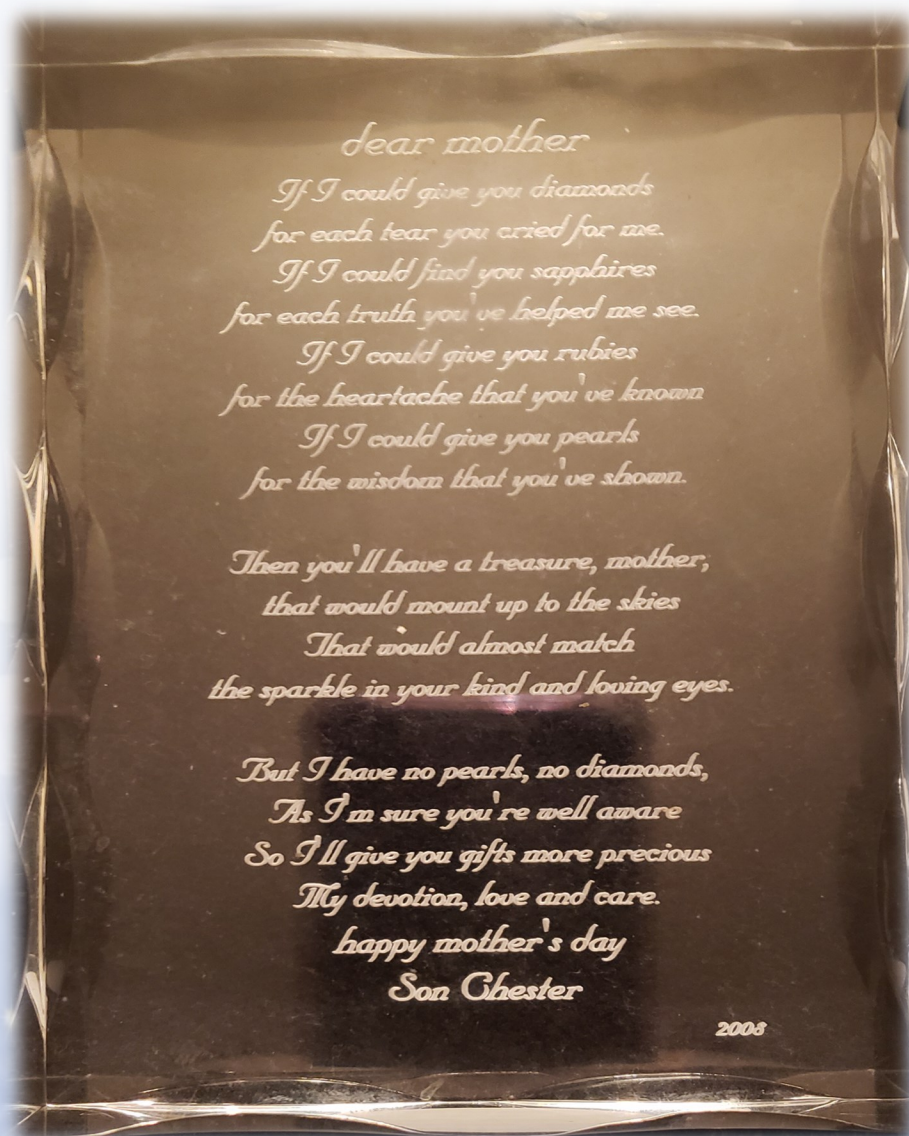












*dear mother*  
*If I could give you diamonds*  
*for each tear you cried for me.*  
*If I could find you sapphires*  
*for each truth you've helped me see.*  
*If I could give you rubies*  
*for the heartache that you've known*  
*If I could give you pearls*  
*for the wisdom that you've shown.*  
  
*Then you'll have a treasure, mother,*  
*that would mount up to the skies*  
*That would almost match*  
*the sparkle in your kind and loving eyes.*  
  
*But I have no pearls, no diamonds,*  
*As I'm sure you're well aware*  
*So I'll give you gifts more precious*  
*My devotion, love and care.*  
*happy mother's day*  
*Son Chester*

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## ***Flower Bearers***

*Family and Friends*

## ***Acknowledgement***

*We the family of James C. Olds acknowledge with deep appreciation every act of kindness and expression of love shown to us during our time of bereavement. May God richly bless you. We love you all!*

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