



## Charles Herman Wallace Sr.

September 7, 1944 - January 5, 2021

Charles H. Wallace Sr., son of the late Alfred Wallace Sr. and Hattie M. (Degraffenreid) Wallace, was born Thursday, September 7, 1944, in Chester, South Carolina. Educated in the Chester County public school system, Charles graduated from Finley High School, Class of 1963.

A hardworking, determined young man from childhood to adulthood, Charles loved to share stories of how he delivered milk and newspapers in the early morning hours before school, played football, and after school worked at the local gasoline station, cut grass and did landscaping. Charles also shared how he watched the older guys in the neighborhood cut hair and decided that would be his profession. As a teenager, he practiced his barbering skills on anyone willing to take a chance.

Upon his high school graduation, Charles moved to Steelton, PA, pursuing business opportunities. His entrepreneurial spirit led him to a barbering apprenticeship at a local Steelton barbershop, and he enrolled at the former Harrisburg School of Barbering. After earning his Pennsylvania License, he was “off-to-the-races.” At that time, Charles opened an all-inclusive barbershop in Harrisburg, PA. He was excellent at his craft and earned a reputation as one of the best. His brother Gene Wallace worked beside him for many years, and together they established a lucrative business where many stopped by just for the camaraderie. A CNN junkie and sports

enthusiast, Charles was well-versed on whatever was happening in the world of sports and politics. He loved a lively debate on any and all subjects.

Several years later, Charles earned his Master Barber/Teaching PA License enabling him to hire additional employees through apprenticeships. He was instrumental in assisting many local barbers and beauticians establish their own businesses, and he helped those incarcerated and those in job-training programs rehabilitate. This determined, ambitious trailblazer forged ahead with the establishment of Wallace's Men and Women's Salon, Sir Charles' Beauty Innovations, Wallace's Hair Replacement and Wallace Rental Property, the renovation of residential and business properties.

HIS PASTIMES WERE WORK, WORK AND MORE WORK.

As the result of being around his cousins who owned funeral homes in South Carolina and North Carolina, Charles always dreamed of being in the funeral business. His ultimate vision was realized with the establishment of Wallace Funeral Directors, Inc. He remained a business pioneer from 1965 through 2020 overcoming many challenges.

A longtime member of The First Baptist Church of Steelton, Charles served with the Usher Ministry and as Chairman of the Trustee Board for many years. He loved his church and was instrumental in the building and renovations of the new church. He also made many contributions to his community and was the recipient of many awards and recognitions for dedicated service which included numerous Community Service Awards, Steelton Family Reunion Honoree, the African American Chamber of Commerce Senior Entrepreneurial Award and Black History recognition. He was a lifetime member of the NAACP and a member of Paxton Lodge #16.

On Tuesday, January 5, 2021, at seventy-six years of age, Charles completed

his journey joining in eternal life his parents, Alfred Wallace Sr. and Hattie M. Wallace; sister, Margaret McCullough; and youngest brother, Tommy Wallace.

Charles is survived by his wife, Shirley A. (Blanding) Wallace; son, Charles H. Wallace Jr. (Tracie); two grandsons, Myles Wallace, Jerrell Blaine; godson, John W. "Jay" Harris Jr., all of Harrisburg, PA; his siblings, Ethel Owens (James) of Chester, SC, Alfred Wallace of Boonton, NJ, Freddie Wallace (Roberta) of Sayreville, NJ, Eugene Wallace (Geraldine) of Harrisburg, PA, Bernice Frederick of Henderson, NV, Bessie Wallace, Joanne Watson (Milton), Anita Washington (Clarence), all of Harrisburg, PA; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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# Cemetery Details

## William Howard Day Cemetery

Lincoln and Carlisle Streets  
Steelton, PA 17113

# Previous Events

## Flower Delivery

JAN 16. 8:00 AM (ET)

Wallace Funeral Directors Inc.  
106 Agnes St  
Harrisburg, PA 17104  
(717) 939-9950  
wallacefuneraldirectors@gmail.com  
<https://www.wallacefuneraldirectorsinc.com>

## Viewing

JAN 16. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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JAN 16. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Wallace Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Charles Herman Wallace Sr.



Wallace Funeral Directors - January 15, 2021 at 04:20 PM

MH

“ Mary Ellis And Danielle (Nkki) Hollomon lit a candle in memory of Charles Herman Wallace Sr.



Mary Ellis and Danielle (Nkki) Hollomon - January 18, 2021 at 11:41 AM

MH

Our sincerest condolences to Shirley, Charles, Jr. and to the rest of Charles's siblings. Please know that we are continuing to pray for your comfort during this most difficult time. Mary and Nikki

Mary Ellis and Danielle (Nikki) Hollomon - January 18, 2021 at 11:48 AM



“ Charles was so hard work at barber shop and business. many memories of Uncle C.H.W Sr. Prayers all of family. He is rest of peace

Nichelle Tweedy-Niece

Nichelle Tweedy - January 17, 2021 at 07:23 PM



“ *What a Beautiful service for Beautiful Man of God. So Proud of the WFD Staff and Leadership for a job well done. RIP Sir Charles H. Wallace Sr. 🙏❤️U*

**Dwight Harris** - January 16, 2021 at 03:49 PM



“ *Shirley and Charles Jr. my condolences goes out to you on the passing of a good husband and father. Charles not only a family member but great friend. He will be remembered for all his endeavors.*

**Julius Gathers Jr** - January 16, 2021 at 02:08 PM



“ *My condolences, love, and lots of hugs I send to Aunt Shirley and Cousin Chuck. My Uncle Charles meant the world to me and he taught me a lot of my business savvy. He was a great man, husband, father, brother, uncle, and friend. Uncle Charles you will never be forgotten and your memory will live on forever. I pray that our Heavenly Father's comfort, peace, love, and protection will rest, rule, and abide among all of us (Charles's family). Lord we need you and I ask that you place a special covering over Aunt Shirley cousin Chuck. RIP Uncle Charles ❤️❤️🙏🙏*

**Lisa Walker - niece** - January 16, 2021 at 01:18 PM



“ *Anna, Henry, Michelle And Henry Jr. lit a candle in memory of Charles Herman Wallace Sr.*



**Anna, Henry, Michelle and Henry Jr.** - January 16, 2021 at 12:16 PM

AH

*Also, Henry Sr. Our thoughts and prayers from the family of Mary Piper Ellis*

**Anna, Henry, Michelle and Henry Jr.** - January 16, 2021 at 12:18 PM

SS

“ *May all your precious memories help bring you peace and comfort, at this time just wanted to express my deepest sympathy. Mr. Wallace had cut the hair of my grandsons.*

*Mrs Shelia Sullivan*

**Shelia Sullivan** - January 16, 2021 at 11:00 AM

DR

*So sorry for your loss Ms Ms Shirley and Family me and my Family send our Deepest Condolences and love. RIP my long time friend*

**Dawn Rickards** - January 18, 2021 at 04:27 PM



“ *From: Wayne Codner and Anjilla Cooley Codner  
Wayne and I are sending our heart felt sympathy and condolences to the Wallace family. Mr. Charles and the Wallaces has been a wonderful support to the Cooley and Codner family since we have been in the Harrisburg area. You have been kind, thoughtful, supportive and an all around blessing to us, you have also been a blessing to the community and you will be sorely missed.*

**Anjilla Codner** - January 16, 2021 at 10:50 AM

MP

“ My prayers are with Shirley and the immediate family on the loss of Charles. He was one of Harrisburg’s leading Black entrepreneurs and will be missed. God Bless and keep you all during your time of bereavement.



Marté (Marcella) Proctor - January 16, 2021 at 09:35 AM

EW

“ Eugene, Jr., Korrey and Carolyn Wallace purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Charles Herman Wallace Sr..



Eugene, Jr., Korrey and Carolyn Wallace - January 15, 2021 at 03:11 PM

BL

“ Please accept my heartfelt sympathy in your time of great sorrow. Please also know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. -Bobbie (McCullough) Louden

Bobbie Louden - January 15, 2021 at 09:54 AM

GI

“ Great Impressions purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Charles Herman Wallace Sr..



Great Impressions - January 14, 2021 at 06:19 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Charles Herman Wallace Sr..*



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January 14, 2021 at 03:06 PM



“ *Trish Turner-Arringto lit a candle in memory of Charles Herman Wallace Sr.*



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**Trish Turner-Arringto** - January 14, 2021 at 10:14 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Herman Wallace Sr..*



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January 14, 2021 at 07:50 AM



“ *Michael Wallace sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles Herman Wallace Sr.*



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**Michael Wallace** - January 13, 2021 at 05:07 PM

MW

*Philippians 1:21-23*

*For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. But if I am to live on in the flesh, this will mean fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose. But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better;*

*My condolences to aunt Shirley and cousin Charles Jr. on the passing of uncle Herman. May God grant you peace in this difficult time.*

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**Michael Wallace** - January 13, 2021 at 05:12 PM



“ *The Banks family extends our sincere condolences to Sis. Shirley, Bro. Charles, Jr, Sis. Tracey, Myles and the entire the family of Charles Wallace, Sr.*



*As a Trustee, Bro. Charles will be remembered as someone who took an interest in the wellbeing of the youth of the First Baptist Church of Steelton. He could be counted on to give monetary donations for items needed by the youth ministry. We could count on him to check-in on the children and to make sure the outside doors of the church were locked when the youth ministry had sleepovers. Each Sunday he would enter the sanctuary after service started. On one occasion I had to explain to my two daughters who asked why Mr. Charles would come into the sanctuary after service had started that he was carrying out his Trustee duties by checking to make sure the doors throughout the back of the church were locked. One Sunday, my daughters went to the back of the church to check to see for themselves. They came back to me and happily reported they saw Mr. Charles in the back checking the doors. After our daughters went to college, Bro. Charles would not pass by me without asking about them. He made a point that I tell them he asked about them. His inquiry was sincere and my daughters would appreciate his asking about them. They would ask how he was doing throughout the years. He made such a positive and lasting impression upon them.*

*We pray blessings and comfort upon the Wallace family.*

*Deacon Judy Banks, Victor , Simone an Asha Banks*

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**Victor Banks** - January 12, 2021 at 03:28 PM

CJ

“ Shirley and family,  
With deepest sympathy. May the lord give you comfort and peace  
during this time.  
Chrissie Jovic

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Cj - January 12, 2021 at 03:24 PM

MA

“ To the Wallace Family,  
Charles had a name that was well known and highly respected  
throughout the Harrisburg area. It was an honor to call him my  
buddy. My husband and son were his clients for many years, and  
wouldn't go anywhere else.  
I pray God's comfort and blessings over you during this time, and in  
the future.

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Mary Allen - January 12, 2021 at 02:41 PM

EJ

“ Really going to miss Mr. Wallace he gave my two boy's their first  
hair cut rest in peace

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Elick Yeadon Jr - January 11, 2021 at 07:31 PM

SW

“ I have so many great memories of Mr.  
Wallace as I have known him my entire life;  
from as far back as I can remember. My  
condolences and prayers to the family. Rest  
with God, Mr. Wallace.



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Stephanie Williams-Tulloch - January 11, 2021 at 03:48 PM

RB

“ To: Shirley, Charles Jr. Bessie, Joanne and the entire Wallace family, I am sincerely praying for you that God will wrap his arms around each one of you in these most difficult times. Shirley, Joanne, Bessie and I worked together at Highmark (aka PA Blue Shield) for many years. Charles was my sons first Barber at the age of 2 and a friendship was immediately developed. Charles was a laid back, unassuming young man who had a beautiful personality and had a way with children. He will truly be missed by all who knew and loved him. Rest in peace, Charles, we will see all our friends in the morning. What a day of rejoicing that will be.  
Rebecca (Becky) Brooks-White



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**Rebecca (Becky) Brooks-White** - January 11, 2021 at 03:12 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles Herman Wallace Sr..



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January 11, 2021 at 09:36 AM

MS

“ Mike Hardy Sr. lit a candle in memory of Charles Herman Wallace Sr.



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**Mike Hardy Sr.** - January 10, 2021 at 11:42 PM

AL

“ My late father, started taking my brother, and I to get haircuts from Wallace s Barber Shop, when I was age 15, on Market Street.He was a good barber, and inspired good positive attributes, I send my Sincerest Condolences to his family Andrei L. Lewis

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**Andrei L Lewis** - January 10, 2021 at 07:43 PM

SB

“ To Shirley and Charles Jr. I'm sending you prayers of comfort and condolences to you and your family for the loss of Charles Sr.

*Sandra Bowers*

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**Sandra Bowers** - January 10, 2021 at 10:41 AM

MC

“ My sincere condolences to the family. May peace and hope be your light at this difficult time



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**Marcia Chisholm** - January 10, 2021 at 10:09 AM

RF

“ I first met Charles Wallace when he was cutting at Mr. Terrys shop on 13th St. He was an icon in Hbg. providing employment and knowledge to all who listened. I'll never forget when Charles would say to me "if you're in a hurry Greeny, we got some new heads in the basement. Pick one out and your head will be done in an hour. I remember as MBE Director of Hbg School District construction projects I asked Charles to come speak. He spoke eloquently, knowledgeably and I'll never forget he closed with "never forget to do a good job, then you'll always get another opportunity." My friend Charles was a great man and a true community leader. Richard Green

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**Richard Green and family** - January 10, 2021 at 10:08 AM

LJ

“ He will be missed, he was a great person. He was a class act. Love and prayers to the family.

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**Lance L Burgess Jr** - January 10, 2021 at 08:31 AM

CJ

“ Sending my sincerest condolences to the Wallace Family. Prayers for a beautiful celebration of Life.



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**Corey Johnson** - January 10, 2021 at 06:44 AM

BP

“ *Brenda Price lit a candle in memory of Charles Herman Wallace Sr.*



**Brenda Price** - January 10, 2021 at 06:22 AM

BP

*I knew Charles as "Herman" during our High School years at Finley High School in Chester, SC. Herman was always a very determined individual. I send my most sincere condolences to the family. It is my prayer that God will comfort you as you mourn. In Loving Memory of "Herman." Sincerely, Brenda Price*

**Brenda Price** - January 10, 2021 at 06:29 AM

BT

*Rest in Paradise "Sir Charles" 🙏*

**Beverly Bowman Thomas** - January 10, 2021 at 09:38 AM

RH

“ *To the Charles Wallace family, our deepest sympathy with the loss of Charlie who was such an inspiration to a lot of folks with his, wisdom, knowledge and kindness. We will miss you, The Roberts family*

**REV. R. MIM ROBERTS HARVEY** - January 10, 2021 at 01:26 AM

RH

“ *To the Wallace family, We the church family of St. Paul AME Oberlin share in your sorrow. We are sending love and saying prayer for God to see you through in this difficult time. Rest in peace friend. Lovingly Submitted by Rev. R. Mim Roberts Harvey, Pastor*

**REV. R. MIM ROBERTS HARVEY** - January 10, 2021 at 01:20 AM

GC

“ Georgia Chisolm lit a candle in memory of Charles Herman Wallace Sr.



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Georgia chisolm - January 09, 2021 at 09:02 PM

DP

“ Charles was my husband, Oscar Porter's barber for many years. He would say, "no one cuts my hair right except Charles." To the entire Wallace Family, Praying the Lord will comfort, strengthen, and give you peace. Blessings, Donna Porter Lake Lynn, PA

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Donna P Porter - January 09, 2021 at 07:37 PM

JD

“ To the WALLACE family,

Prayers of comfort and condolences are with you. Celebrate the HOME GOING of Charles who blessed many with his wisdom and service. May the memories that we share bring comfort to each other.

Jerry Dudley & family



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Jerry Dudley - January 09, 2021 at 05:22 PM

SF

“ *Sherwin & Ann Bostick, Port St Lucie, Florida purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Charles Herman Wallace Sr..*



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**Sherwin & Ann Bostick, Port St Lucie, Florida** - January 09, 2021 at 04:04 PM

IH

“ *To the family of Charles Wallace so sorry for your loss. May God comfort you in this time of sorrow.*  
*James and Ingrid Hymon*

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**ingrid Hymon** - January 09, 2021 at 03:03 PM

KC

“ *Ms. Shirley, and Charles Jr. and family. My deepest condolences to you guys. Heaven has gain an Angel. Thanks for Sharing him with the community. He will be missed.*



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**Kay Carelock** - January 09, 2021 at 01:53 PM

GH

“ *To Shirley Charles Jr and Family  
I extend my deepest condolences to you on the passing of Charles. Charles used to cut my hair back in the day not only did I get a cut but I also received a positive message. I will miss the conversations that we had at church he didn't say much but it was always something to think about in what he said. May he Rest In Heavenly Peace and may God Bless you and the family Shirley in this time of need and may GOD wrap his Loving Arms around you and the family..*



*Gail Hardy and Family*

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**Gail Hardy** - January 09, 2021 at 01:04 PM

JA

“ *To Shirley and Junior  
I'm so sorry for your loss. I worked in the barbershop for many years with Charles and Gene. And boy do I have a lot of stories to tell. I'm smiling right now as I think of some of them.. Im sorry I can not be there, but know that you guys are in my prayers. Your husband, father and my friend will be greatly missed. Love you guys. God bless and be safe and stay strong.  
Joanna Ardrey and family*

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**Joanna Ardrey** - January 09, 2021 at 12:02 PM

JA

*Jan. 16th  
What a beautiful home going service. I know that Wallace was looking down saying job well done. God Bless and peace be with you family.  
Joanna*

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**Joanna Ardrey** - January 16, 2021 at 02:01 PM

AF

“ *Deepest sympathy to the Wallace family!*

*Audrey Fielder*

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**Audrey Fielder** - January 09, 2021 at 09:45 AM

DP

“ *Shirley, Jay & Family:  
Praying God's presence will surround you.  
Look to the hills from whence cometh our help: Our help cometh  
from the Lord. Ps. 121:1*

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**Dec. Kermit & Rev. Ruby Thames & PEOPLES** - January 09, 2021 at 09:06 AM

AC

“ *Sincerest condolences to family , and friends. My dad never missed  
a weekly cut and conversation. Beautiful obituary.*

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**Annetta Chase** - January 09, 2021 at 08:52 AM

HB

“ *To the family of Charles Wallace Sr.: My deepest condolences to  
you all. From his shop at the bottom of Market Street to his shops  
on the hill, I will always have fond memories of the knowledge,  
wisdom, understanding, and laughter that was all part of the haircut  
experience. School gave me an education, but Charles Wallace  
Barber Shop taught me about life. He will truly be missed. May the  
peace and comfort of God be with his family. - Hyle Edward Beasley*

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**Hyle Edward Beasley** - January 09, 2021 at 08:45 AM

PL

“ To Mrs Shirley, Charles Jr & Family. Please know that you are lifted in my prayers. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. Be blessed

Pastor Stephen McNeil Linen - January 09, 2021 at 07:30 AM

PL

*Pastor Stephen McNeil Linen*

Pastor Stephen McNeil Linen - January 09, 2021 at 07:32 AM

GL

*My Prayers and Heart of the Wallace Family is with you at this time of your sadness.*

Gloria L.Hamm - January 09, 2021 at 08:50 AM

AD

*Great man to work for. My deepest condolences go out to the Wallace family may God keep comforting y'all before, during, and after this time of bereavement.*

Anthony Dodd - January 09, 2021 at 11:25 AM

 Jesse Bowman

*My sincere and heartfelt condolences to Charles' Family and ALL of his close and dear loyal Friends. Charles and I go way back, from his days of the back room and one barber chair in the home on Adams Street. A full haircut was fifty cents, and if you did not have it at the time, Charles would give you a full cut "on credit". I will miss my Friend and the informative "chair conversations" on many a busy Saturday morning. God Bless.*

Jesse Bowman - January 09, 2021 at 02:00 PM

AW

*Another legend has gone on home, to meet the Father sitting on the throne, Sir Charles will be missed, now that his face the angels have kissed, sleep on Charles, sleep in peace, all earthly problems have ceased, sleep on Charles, sleep to awaken to the new birth, as you will be missed on this earth, all old things have passed and will be no more as you walk through heavens door. rest in peace on heavens sod, awaken in peace in the presence of God*

*Condolences to the Wallace family from Chaplain Amery Louise Weaver and the Corbitt family*

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**amery weaver** - January 09, 2021 at 02:31 PM

AG

*Sending our condolences to Gene and family. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all. Tony and Annette Greene*

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**Annette Greene** - January 10, 2021 at 04:38 PM