

## **Calvin Charles Oconee Alumni - Class of 1968**

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Calvin Charles passed February 27, 2009.

Calvin Charles was born in Laurens County, Georgia on May 29, 1950 to the late Mrs. Eudine Thomas Charles. He was preceded in death by one brother, Mr. Shelton Charles and one sister, Mrs. Jeraldine Holliman.

Calvin Charles joined Montford Grove Baptist Church at an early age where he later taught Sunday School and presided over the Youth Department. He was later ordained as a deacon and then went into the ministry. He was ordained as a minister by the late Rev. R. L. Pooler. Rev. Charles served as Youth Pastor at Shady Grove Baptist Church for many years. At the time of his death, he served as the Assistant Pastor at Nu Hope Baptist Church.

Rev. Charles was a 1968 graduate of Oconee High School. After high school, he enlisted in the U. S. Army and served in Vietnam where he received the Purple Heart Award.

After returning to Laurens County, he worked many years for Mohawk Industries. He then began work at Carl Vinson VA Medical Center in the Food Service Department.

Rev. Calvin Charles leaves to cherish his memories:

- his wife of eighteen years  
Mary Ann Charles
- children  
Deshun Surry, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida  
Tequila Surry, Macon, Georgia  
Portia White, Dublin, Georgia
- Godson  
Joshua McRae, Dublin, Georgia
- father  
-Deacon Ernest Charles, Dublin, Georgia
- brothers and sisters  
Ernestine Hooker, Augusta, Georgia  
Marie Charles, Dublin, Georgia  
Ronell (Donald) Stanley, East Dublin, Georgia  
Felicia Charles, Dublin, Georgia  
Kenneth Charles, Dublin, Georgia
- sisters-in-law  
Betty Lee White and Gloria Burney of Gordon, Georgia

Rev. Charles shared his love with many family and friends including Jerry Chapman, Karen Gaynoir, Quincy Smith and brother-in-law, Robert Holliman; devoted aunts and uncles, Carolyn Brown, Robbie Lee Thomas, Hugo (Vera) Charles Sr. and Hattie Mae Thomas; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.