



Charles Henry Ivory

October 27, 1934 - June 8, 2025

Charles Henry “Ike” Ivory was born on October 27, 1934, to Oscar and Willie Mae Sutton Ivory in Clarkesville, Georgia. He was the oldest of five children. When Charles was just two years old, his family moved to Gainesville, Georgia, where he would grow up surrounded by community, family, and faith.

He attended Northwestern School through middle school and went on to graduate from Fair Street High School in 1953, where he proudly played football. Charles joined Saint John Baptist Church in 1946, under Reverend Fortson, planting the seeds of a faith that would guide him throughout his life.

In 1954, Charles enrolled at Clark College (now Clark Atlanta University), but after a year, he made the decision to serve in the U.S. Air Force. It was during his time in the service that he travelled across the world to Iran, England, Thailand and Germany - to name a few places. It was during his time stationed in Delaware that he met the love of his life, Gloria Higginbotham. They married on October 1, 1960, and he became a loving “bonus dad” to Gloria’s daughter, Wanda A. Morris. Charles served with honor and dedication as a husband, father and serviceman -- retiring after 25 years from the Air Force in 1976 as head of the Military Aircraft Supply Maintenance. In Trenton, New Jersey, he was a devoted member of Shiloh Baptist Church, where he nurtured his deep love for God and the Word.

His love for his family never wavered. Over the decades, he made frequent trips from Trenton back to Gainesville to stay connected with his roots. In 2022, Charles moved back to Gainesville to be closer to his sister Debra I. Storey and niece Kathy Lightfoot, who provided him with loving care and support in his last years.

Charles lived a full life and found joy in the simple things. He loved cheering for the New York Giants, keeping up with current events—especially via MSNBC—and wasn't shy about sharing his colorful opinions (particularly when it came to Donald Trump!). He had a great sense of humor, was quite generous, and always kept those around him laughing.

Charles lived with purpose, spoke with conviction, and loved with his whole heart. He will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.

Charles was preceded in death by his beloved wife Gloria, his daughter Wanda, his parents, his sister Joanne I. Lightfoot, and his brothers Oscar M. Ivory and James L. Ivory. He leaves behind his sister Debra, sister-in-law Cathy Ivory, aunt Jean Ivory, godson Richard Graham Jr. (Kristina), goddaughters Thelma Ferguson and Christine Jones, a cherished cousin Earlene West, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, great-nieces and nephews, and dear friends.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN **16**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Saint John Baptist Church
757 EE Butler Parkway
Gainesville, GA 30501

Tribute Wall

FF

“ Our Heartfelt Prayers and condolences go out to the family of Charles Henry Ivory and God will see you through this time and Charles is resting in the Loving arms of the Lord watching over you from this day forward.Ivory, Cantrell, Kitchen and Descendants of Charles Ivory,Oscar Ivory Sr and Arthur Ivory Sr.Families.



Frederick E Cantrell and Ivory Family - August 24, 2025 at 08:11 PM

VW

“ Vanessa Wilcoxson lit a candle in memory of Charles Henry Ivory



Vanessa Wilcoxson - June 18, 2025 at 10:18 AM

“ Janice Fair lit a candle in memory of Charles Henry Ivory



Janice Fair - June 16, 2025 at 04:19 PM

TH

“ A special, sweet, adorable, strong, and lovable man. Pops you will be missed. I know you, Mom Gloria and Wanda will have a Family reunion and take care of each other. Thanks to all for being a special part of my life. God Bless, Love, your other daughter, Thelma



Thelma - June 16, 2025 at 11:31 AM

MM

“ Mary Moore sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles Henry Ivory



Mary Moore - June 16, 2025 at 10:37 AM

KB

“ Sending prayers of comfort and condolences to family... 🕊️🙏🕊️

Kimberly Bryant - June 14, 2025 at 09:39 PM

CW

“ Catherine Wilmont sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles Henry Ivory



Catherine Wilmont - June 14, 2025 at 11:48 AM

SJ

“ *Star Johnson lit a candle in memory of Charles Henry Ivory*



Star Johnson - June 13, 2025 at 10:58 PM

SJ

“ *Star Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles Henry Ivory*



Star Johnson - June 13, 2025 at 10:57 PM

MM

“ *Mary Moore lit a candle in memory of Charles Henry Ivory*



Mary Moore - June 13, 2025 at 07:27 PM

LG

“ *Lisa Glasper lit a candle in memory of Charles Henry Ivory*



Lisa Glasper - June 13, 2025 at 05:25 PM

JM

“ *Joyce Mitchell sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles Henry Ivory*



Joyce Mitchell - June 13, 2025 at 02:32 PM

CN

“ *Charline & Avery Niles lit a candle in memory of Charles Henry Ivory*



Charline & Avery Niles - June 13, 2025 at 11:04 AM

GM

“ *Gloria Maddox sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles Henry Ivory*



Gloria Maddox - June 13, 2025 at 10:55 AM



“ *Frances Williams lit a candle in memory of Charles Henry Ivory*



Frances Williams - June 13, 2025 at 01:47 AM

ER

“ *Elisa Bonds Ratliff sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles Henry Ivory*



Elisa Bonds Ratliff - June 13, 2025 at 12:01 AM

DC

“ *Deborah Collins sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles Henry Ivory*



Deborah Collins - June 12, 2025 at 08:45 PM

DC

R.I.P. 🕯️ 🌸

Deborah Collins - June 12, 2025 at 08:46 PM

RO

“ *Romona sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles Henry Ivory*



Romona - June 12, 2025 at 05:16 PM

RH

“ Regina Harris lit a candle in memory of Charles Henry Ivory



Regina Harris - June 12, 2025 at 01:39 PM

RH

“ Regina Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles Henry Ivory



Regina Harris - June 12, 2025 at 01:38 PM