



Charles Hightower

September 23, 1936 - December 22, 2008

Services for Mr. Charles A. Hightower, 72, of Tyler will be held on Saturday, January 3, 2008 at 1:00 PM in the chapel of Stewart Family Funeral Home with Bro. Benjamin Peales officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mr. Hightower departed from his family, Monday, December 22, 2008 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He was born September 23, 1936 in LaRue, Texas to Chauncy Hightower and Ardelia Davis Freaney. He joined in holy matrimony to Ms. Lillie Ruth Bristol on March 31, 1971. Mr. Hightower was an Owner/Operator with Atlas Van Lines for over 44 years. In 1980 he opened a night club called "Lillie's Place" in Los Angeles, California while still driving for Atlas. In 1983 he closed the club and continued to do what he truly loved, driving for Atlas Van Lines. His family was very important to him. He worked hard to provide for them. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends and loved them all dearly. He enjoyed music and fishing as well. He was preceded in death by both his parents and two brothers, Gene Harmon and Willis Chambers. Mr. Hightower leaves to mourn a loving wife, Lillie Ruth Hightower; loving sons, Sherwood Wilson Hightower and wife Wendy of Dallas, Charles Hightower, Jr. and wife Donna of Fort Worth, Stephen Hightower of Dallas; his devoted daughters, Jacqueline Hightower of Dallas, Joanne Elam and husband Lester of Frankston, Shelia Gibson and husband Rodney of Dallas, and Demetria Hightower of Fort Worth; two brothers, Rubin Hightower of Los Angeles, CA and Chauncy Hightower, Jr. and wife Joenell of

Dallas; three sisters, Winnie Brown of Dallas, Anita Collins of Dallas, and Rebecca Webster of LaRue; sister-in-law, Bobbie Chambers of Dallas; aunt, Eva Mea Burks and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Visitation is scheduled for Friday, January 2, 2008 from 5:00-7:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler. Viewing will also be held one hour prior to the service on Saturday, January 3, 2008 beginning at 12:00 Noon.

Tribute Wall

TC

“ Granddaddy,

I know we didn't get the opportunity to talk often but everytime we did, you always made me laugh. I remember the times we would come to Tyler and celebrate your birthday in your "special room". Time has taught me that you don't have to see a person everyday to love them. I love you and I am going to miss you very much.

Tonya Hightower Chandler - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ GOD BLESS EACH AND EVERYONE. WE WILL MISS OUR UNCLE VERY MUCH.

NORVIS& WILLIS HARMON - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ May God Bless & keep you all!

JIMMY STREET & FAMILY - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *I was lucky to have worked with Charlie for approx 20 years. He was a wonderful person and always made you smile. I only met him in person a couple of times but talked to him on the phone a lot. He will be sorely missed.*

Sherry Bland - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *This is really hard to deal wit but you always taught me to be strong no matter what and thats what i am doing. I love you papa and you was always the man of the hour as you are now. you will be dearly missed.*

Cheneka Bristol - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *papa i love you always i will miss u. i wish you were here but i wont be selfish i kno that you have to rest. i was sad but i feel better knowing all the times we spent together i will always remember u. all the memories that now make me smile and then taunt me. you go to sleep now. good-bye papa*

jasmine hackett - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Daddy you were my best friend. The love we shared, people spend a life time searching for. I love you. You will live forever in my heart.*

Dee

Demetria Hightower - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ I will miss you and love you but I will always keep the memories of you in my heart. I always thought of you as the Cool Uncle. I cannot remember how Grandmother said the nickname ?Sugar Pie? came about but I am sure it was because as a kid, everyone saw the coolness in you and it fit a sweet, kind, & nice person that you were. I remember when I was a kid and you would pick me up to take Demetrius and I to Grandmother for the summer. On the way to Grandmother, we would stop @ our favorite Kidd Jones and get those Slim Jim's and Beef Jerky(they were good) it was nothing that you bought Demetrius that I could not have.

You may be out of sight but not out of my mind.

Love you,

Your Niece

Coletta Chambers Johnson

Coletta Johnson - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM