

Life & Legacy of
Dr. Charles Luther Sifford

Sunrise: June 2, 1922 ~ Sunset: February 3, 2015

Tuesday ~ February 10, 2015

Church of The Saviour
United Methodist
2537 Lee Road
Cleveland Hts., Ohio 44118

Friday ~ February 13, 2015

Moore's Sanctuary
AME Zion Church
4101 Morris Field Dr.
Charlotte, North Carolina 28208



Order of Service

February 10, 2015

Prelude.....Alan Higbee, Organist
"How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place" ~ J. Brahms

Opening Sentences..... Dr. Charles D. Yoost
Senior Pastor, Church of the Saviour

***Hymn Of Praise E. Hoffman**
Hymn #133 ~ "Leaning on His Everlasting Arms"

Prayer Dr. Charles D. Yoost

Psalter Reading ~ Psalm 23 Limmie Hart

TRIBUTES FROM FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Presentation and Remarks..... (NNGA) Clarence Rogers

Remarks..... (NOPGA) Dominic Antenucci

Acknowledgements/Proclamations James Chandler

Family Reflections Annie Sifford

Obituary 'soft music' Read Silently

Ministry of Music (Soprano) Dr. ShaRon Johnson
"His Eye Is On The Sparrow" ~ C. Gabriel

Gospel Lesson..... John 14:1-7 Sylvia Fields

***Hymn #77 "How Great Thou Art" S. Hine**

Memorial Meditation Dr. A. Charles Bowie
Senior Pastor, East Mount Zion Baptist Church

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer (Soprano) Dr. ShaRon Johnson
"The Lord's Prayer" ~ A. Malotte

***Hymn of Dedication..... J. Scriven**
Hymn #526 ~ "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

Benediction.....

Organ Postlude

**Congregation will please stand*

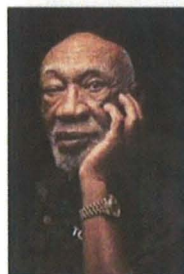
Obituary

Charles Luther Sifford was born on June 2, 1922 in Charlotte, North Carolina to the union of Pasco Sifford and Eliza (Darkins) Sifford. He was the third oldest child of six children. He was baptized at an early age, and developed his Christian walk within the Baptist faith. In 2005, he became a member of East Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio under the leadership of Dr. A. Charles Bowie. Faithfully, he attended church services until his health declined.

Honoring his call to our country, he was a World War II veteran. He enlisted in the army in 1944 and was stationed in Okinawa. Rooted from humble beginnings, at the age of 13 he became a caddy, and developed a passion for the game of golf. His years as a caddy ignited his determination to pursue a career as a professional golfer. After being successful on the African American tour winning five straight tournaments in the 1950s; and one in 1960, his journey as a professional golfer continued. He went on to break the color barrier in the Professional Golfers Association (PGA). In 1961, he was the first African American to earn a PGA card. He won his first tournament in *The Greater Hartford Open--1967; The Los Angeles Open – 1969; the 1975 PGA Seniors championship*, and in 1981 *Suntree Classic open*. He was the first African American to win a major tournament.

Racial inequalities created numerous daily struggles that were eased through his developed friendships with Joe Louis; Jackie Robinson; Billie Eckstine and fellow golfers and close friend Pete Brown; James Black; Jim Dent; Lee Elder; Calvin Peete; William Powell; Walter Morgan; Ted Rhodes and Jim and Chuck Thorpe, while on the PGA tour with Gary Player; Arnold Palmer; Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods, and others. In 2004, he was inducted in the World Golf Hall of Fame and in 2006 he received an Honorary Doctorate of Law degree from University of St. Andrews, Scotland. In 2011, **Dr. Charles L. Sifford** Golf Course at Revolution Park, in Charlotte, North Carolina was named in his honor and other well deserved honors continued. In 2014, the Presidential Medal of Freedom Award was presented to him by the President of the United States, Barack Obama.

Charlie was preceded in death by his wife, Rose (death 1998); she was revered by him as a driving resource that continually renewed his outlook as he pursued his professional goals. She ignited his self-confidence and determination to strive for excellence for fifty-one years. He loved his grandchildren and great-grandchildren dearly. Leaving to cherish his memory are: his two sons, *Charles* (Annie) and *Craig* (Sandra); three grandchildren, *Julia Sifford-Poindexter*, *Christian* and *Camerin Sifford*; great-grandson, *Gregory Poindexter Jr.*; companion, *Anna McCray*; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, close family and friends.





Twenty-Third Psalm

Psalms 23:1-6

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He maketh me lie down in green pastures;
 he leadeth me beside still waters;
 he restoreth my soul.

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
 for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley
 of the shadow of death;

I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff--they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil;
 my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
 all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
 FOREVER.



Dr. Charles L. Sifford Golf Course at Revolution Park
Charlotte, North Carolina

Reflections from Grand Children:

We love you grandpa. We miss you!!

Forever In Our Hearts

Christian and Camerin

Grand Dad, I love you and will miss you dearly. You have shared so many attributes, such as confidence; perseverance; forgiveness; being humble and respectful; having faith in yourself and above all trusting God! You possessed all these qualities and many more. You simply lead by example!!! Love you for that. Thanks for being a terrific granddad. I love you to the moon and back. Your legacy shall FOREVER live on. ~ ~*Julia*~ ~

Love you great granddad and I will miss steering
your walker.

Baby Gregory

PallBearers

Michael Bailey
Doug Fulton
Eugene Grabiec

James Chandler
Brant Giere
Christian Sifford

Flower Attendants

Family & Friends

Interment

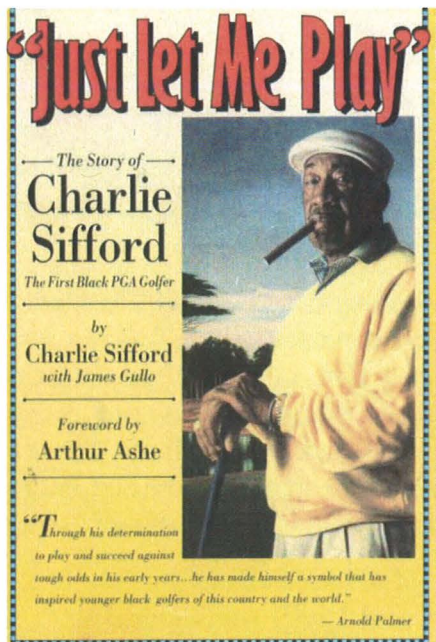
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Moore's Sanctuary AME Zion Church Cemetery

4101 Morris Field Dr. ~ Charlotte, North Carolina

Repast

Immediately following the Service,
the family of Dr. Charles Sifford
will receive guest at
Calvary Hall @ Church of the Saviour



*Another Moment
We Share*

Acknowledgement & Appreciation

The family of **Dr. Charles Sifford** expresses our grateful appreciation for all acts of kindness and love extended during the time of bereavement. May God continue to bless each of you!!

Golf Digest Quote from Dr. Charles Sifford

"...and in the end I won; I got a lot of black people playing golf. That's good enough. If I had to do it over again, exactly the same way, I would."

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Friday, February 13, 2015
Moore's Sanctuary AME Zion Church
Charlotte, North Carolina
Rev. Dr. Raymon E. Hunt, Presiding

THE PRELUDE	Mr. Byron Sanders, Minister of Music
THE PROCESSIONAL	
THE INVOCATION	Pastor Hunt
THE HYMN	<i>"What A Fellowship"</i> #662
THE SCRIPTURE READING	
<i>Old Testament: Psalm 23</i>	Rev. Lou Truesdale
<i>New Testament: John 14:1-6</i>	Rev. Joseph Shaw
THE MUSICAL SELECTION	Ms. Nancy Grier
THE PRAYER OF COMFORT	Rev. Herbert Shackelford, Pastor Mount Olive Presbyterian Church
THE MUSICAL SELECTION	<i>"How Great Thou Art"</i> #47
THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS	Mr. Michael Grgat
THE TRIBUTES/REFLECTIONS (Please limit remarks to 2 minutes)	
	Former Caddy Mr. Caesar Wallace
	PGA Officials
	The Family Dr. Zorana Sifford Dandy
THE MUSICAL SELECTION	<i>"The Lord's Prayer"</i>
	Ms. Allison Howzie
THE EULOGY	Reverend Dr. Raymon E. Hunt, Pastor
THE RECESSIONAL	
THE HYMN	<i>"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"</i> #282
THE INTERMENT	Moore's Sanctuary Memorial Gardens

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Pallbearers

Adrian Sifford
Frazier Sifford
Roger Sifford
Wayne Sifford

Charles E. Sifford
Justin Sifford
Robert Sifford
Sandy A. Sifford

Honorary Pall Bearers

James Black
Jim Dent
Walter Morgan
Gerald Roisman

Pete Brown
Ed Taylor
Jerry Osborne
Par Busters Golf Group



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