



## Melford Joseph Charles

December 21, 1942 - March 29, 2026

Melford J. Charles passed away on March 29th, 2026, in Tanner, Alabama.

He was born on December 21, 1942, to the late Wilford Charles and Syltise Bully on the island of Dominica. Raised in St. Joseph by his grandmother, Cristalina Charles (Ma Joe), he had a deep appreciation for the outdoors and nature, cherishing moments spent with family and friends.

He was married to his beloved wife, Orphana Charles, for 56 years; their children include Greg Charles, Kenny Charles, Karen Charles, Lisaanne Charles, Anice Abraham, Dean Darroux, Scanly Armantrading, and Ashworth Williams. A dedicated provider, Melford worked diligently to ensure his children achieved more than he did—he was a true hero to his family. As a committed Christian, he instilled in his children the values of love and helping those in need. He was a passionate sports fan, a love he passed on to his children.

He is survived by his grandchildren: Khaleed Dowdy, Kei-lah Dowdy, Breanne Charles, Ava Charles, Jayden Hendrickson, Jayda Hendrickson, Simiah Charles, Melana Charles, Dorrان Charles, Deshawn Williams, Ashworth Williams Jr., Shane Williams, Ashley Smith, Alexandra Armantrading, Adam Armantrading, Deidrea Darroux, Dimitri Darroux, Diandra Darroux, Anike Freeman, and Kelliean Nesbeth.

He is preceded in death by his sister, Clemie Pierre, and brother, Imbert Charles. He is survived by his sisters, Rosenette Charles, Cluma Pierre, Clefin Webb, and his brothers, Elmo Charles, Sylus Toussaint, Deroy Pierre, Roy Pierre, Vanly Pierre, and Dexter Trocard.

Memorial Service:

A memorial service will take place on April 10 at 11am at Limestone Chapel Funeral Home.

332 Hwy. 31N, Athens, AL 35611

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR **10**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Limestone Chapel Funeral Home  
322 Hwy. 31 N.  
Athens, AL 35611  
(256) 232-1051  
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<https://www.limestonechapel.com/>

# Tribute Wall

TC

“ *The Trocard Children purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Melford Joseph Charles.*



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**The Trocard Children** - April 09 at 09:42 AM

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“ *The Trocard Children planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melford Joseph Charles.*

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**The Trocard Children** - April 09 at 09:42 AM

VB

“ *Sincere condolences to cousin Melford family. He was probably the only cousin whom all our siblings knew well, since we all lived on St. Croix. We will surely miss him.  
May God bring strength, comfort and peace to you. God bless you.  
Love from Uncle McComley family.*

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**Verne Bully** - April 08 at 07:50 PM

FF

“ *From the McComley Bully family. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Melford Joseph Charles.*



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**From the McComley Bully family.** - April 08 at 02:33 PM

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AC

“ Aunty Eulie’s family and Kearl Charles purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Melford Joseph Charles.



Aunty Eulie’s family and Kearl Charles - April 06 at 11:41 PM

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“ Aunty Eulie’s family and Kearl Charles planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melford Joseph Charles.

Aunty Eulie’s family and Kearl Charles - April 06 at 11:41 PM

LC

“ Sincere condolences on the passing of our beloved cousin Melford. May the family find comfort in knowing that we will see him again on the great resurrection day. Love Laurell and Kearl

Laurell and Kearl Charles - April 06 at 09:46 PM

FA

Sincere condolences to Melford Joseph Charles family . Be comforted family to know that he is resting in the loving arms of Jesus From.

Fann and Family 🌸🌸🌸🌸

Fann - April 09 at 07:38 AM

SH

“ *Sending condolences to my cousins and aunty Phana at this time. Hold on to God's promise that we will see him again in that great getting morning. Love you guys*

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**Shanda** - April 04 at 07:13 PM