



Mrs. Joanne Wilder Charles, also affectionately known as Mommy, Ma, Boonah, Auntie, Aunt Joanne, Sis. Charles, Deaconess Charles, Jo and Sapphire, was born on April 5, 1946 in Summerton, SC to the late Richard and the late Hattie Bell Mack Wilder. She was the oldest daughter of her siblings and was raised in the church. At a young age, Joanne joined Shiloh Baptist Church and was baptized accepting Jesus Christ as her Lord and personal savior. She served on the Junior Choir, BYPU, and other auxiliaries.

Joanne attended Scott's Branch High School where she was a member of the basketball team, glee club and graduated with the Class of 1964. **Joanne** received her degree in Elementary Education from Morris College, Class of 1969. After graduating from college, she established residence in New York City, where she met and later married the late Patrick Charles. From that union Atiya (Larry) Charles was born, followed by Tamiko Fletcher later in life with Lawrence Fletcher. **Joanne** has two grandchildren; Donivan Thomas and Wallace Charles.

Upon relocating to South Carolina, she became an educator with Clarendon School District One for twenty-eight years. **Joanne** joined the Fire Baptized Holiness Church at Open Fountain, where she was a dedicated member, serving as Superintendent, Deaconess, Church Clerk and Secretary. In January 2015, **Joanne** became a member of Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church, where she was accepted with loving arms and served as Vice President for the Missionary Department and Senior Sunday School Teacher.

Joanne was a member of the Order of Eastern Star Lodge #366 before becoming a member of the Heroine of Jericho, Rose of Sharon Court #12.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Burnell Wilder and Richard Lee Ernest Wilder.

Her memories will be cherished by her two daughters; two grandchildren; seven siblings, Leroy Wilder, Annie Lavern (Thomas) Robinson, Betty Ann Robinson, Earl McConico, John Albert Wilder, Ray A. (Sherrie) Wilder and Sandra E. (Isiah) Mack; one uncle Wilson (Willie Mae) Oliver; fourteen nieces and nephews; a host of grand-nieces and nephews, cousins, family and friends.