



## Dr. Charles M. Dickens

September 3, 1939 - January 5, 2018

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; Henceforth there is laid up a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

2 Timothy 4:7-8

Charles Mack Dickens was born in Falkland, NC on September 3, 1939 to the late Mack Dickens and Odessa Hunt both of Pitt County. He departed this life to be with his Father in Heaven on Friday, January 5, 2018.

Charles was raised in Greenville by his Aunt Bettie Dickens Mitchell. He was introduced to Christ at an early age and he was brought up in the African Methodist Episcopal doctrines as a youth at his home church of Mt. Calvary A.M.E. Zion of Greenville, NC.

Charles graduated from C.M. Eppes High School in Greenville, NC in 1958. Following graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Army for basic training, and afterward, remained in the Army Reserves until 1964. From his early experiences, he developed a strong belief in the merits of formal education and service and maintained this throughout his life. Also in 1964, Charles married his high school classmate and lifetime love, Gloria Beatrice Nimmo of Greenville, NC. They were married in the original Sycamore Hill Missionary

Baptist Church on First Street.

Charles obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from North Carolina College at Durham, now North Carolina Central University, in Durham, NC in 1963. He also received his Masters of Arts in Education from North Carolina Central University in 1976. In 1988, he received an Educational Specialist degree from East Carolina University in Greenville, NC.

Charles had a long and distinguished career in education in Pitt County. After college, he began working as a mathematics teacher at W.H. Robinson School in Pitt County. In 1970 he moved to the administration at the Central Office for Greenville City Schools, where he was responsible for federally funded programs in the city school system. In 1975, he was named the principal of Agnes Fullilove Middle School. He enjoyed the challenge of managing a school, but in 1978 he decided to join the administration of the newly created Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University in Greenville, NC. While working in this capacity his focus was on diversity issues for medical student admissions.

In 1980, Charles answered a calling to go back into the classroom to help adults complete their education and prepare for the world of work. He became the coordinator of the Human Resources Development program at Pitt Tech, now Pitt Community College and worked in that role until his retirement. Even after retirement, the call to work in education never left him. He continued assisting and substituting in the public schools to maintain his strong connection to service and teaching. He was also among a few retired educators asked by Pitt County Schools to return and assist students with disciplinary services.

On December 12, 1976, Charles was welcomed into the Gospel of Ministry and ordained at Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church. He became part of

the pastoral staff and assisted in many supportive roles in the church until his death. Charles was conferred a Doctorate of Divinity from Virginia Seminary and College now Virginia University of Lynchburg. Charles was active throughout Eastern North Carolina for over 27 years and pastored at Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in Vanceboro, NC, First Missionary Baptist Church in New Bern, NC, and Lily of the Valley Baptist Church in Plymouth, NC.

Over his lifetime, Charles remained committed to community service and brotherhood. He was a proud member of the Nu Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and was a lifetime member of the NAACP. He had the distinct honor of attaining the rank of 33rd degree Mason with Mt. Hermon Lodge #35.

Though he was preceded in death by his wife Gloria in 2007, he leaves a legacy of honesty and kindness to his children. He leaves a son, Charles Derek Dickens, two daughters, Gloria Nicole Dickens and Christy Dickens Mather, a daughter-in-law, Stephanie Anne Dickens, and two grandchildren, Elena Lauryn Dickens and Ryan Alexander Dickens.

Loving cousins MARY Pinkett Young of Early Branch, SC, Athelda and Lia Johns of Alexandria, VA, Joseph and Dorothy Tyson of Patterson, NC. Sister-in-law, Ms. Mabel Inez Nimmo of St. Louis, MO, Mrs. Hazel T. Nimmo of Sickerville, NJ. Nephews James Nimmo, MD of San Francisco, CA, Ronald Nimmo, MD of St. Thomas, USVI.

In lieu of flowers, please support the American Heart and American Stroke Associations in honor of Charles M. Dickens to help influence better health outcomes for people in need.

# Cemetery Details

## Homestead Memorial Gardens

4251 E. 10th Street  
Greenville, NC 27858

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JAN 14. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church  
1001 Hooker Road  
Greenville, NC 27834

## Service

JAN 14. 2:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Charles M. Dickens*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Ann Taft lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles M. Dickens*



**ann taft** - January 20, 2018 at 05:27 PM



“ *Sondra Early lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles M. Dickens*



**Sondra Early** - January 14, 2018 at 10:20 AM



“ *George Stocks lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles M. Dickens*



**George Stocks** - January 13, 2018 at 02:28 PM

JB

“ Jenny And Mark Blaha lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles M. Dickens



Jenny and Mark Blaha - January 13, 2018 at 01:31 PM

MC

“ Minister Dora Cox lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles M. Dickens



minister dora cox - January 13, 2018 at 12:24 AM

TC

“ Theresa Carr lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles M. Dickens



Theresa Carr - January 12, 2018 at 11:30 PM

TW

“ Trishelle Williams lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles M. Dickens



Trishelle Williams - January 12, 2018 at 10:58 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles M. Dickens.*



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January 12, 2018 at 10:47 PM



“ *LaVette Lang Ford lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles M. Dickens*



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**LaVette Lang Ford** - January 12, 2018 at 10:01 PM



“ *With Sympathy  
Your loved one will be with you always  
Your family member is yours still  
To love and cherish  
and hold in your heart.*

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**Jimmye Jones** - January 12, 2018 at 11:35 AM



“ *Chanelle Williams lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles M. Dickens*



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**Chanelle Williams** - January 11, 2018 at 05:42 PM

CW

“ *Chanelle Williams lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles M. Dickens*



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**Chanelle Williams** - January 11, 2018 at 03:51 PM

SB

“ *Sandra Boyd lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles M. Dickens*



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**Sandra Boyd** - January 11, 2018 at 08:37 AM

VS

“ *Veronica Sanders lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles M. Dickens*



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**Veronica Sanders** - January 10, 2018 at 01:31 PM

JY

“ *James[ Boot] Yarrell lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles M. Dickens*



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**James[ Boot] Yarrell** - January 10, 2018 at 10:53 AM

DE

“ Hello family,  
Just to let you know that I share with you this moment in time. Your dad, Rev. Dickens was a fellow colleague with the Pitt County Schools. He was very good friends with Willie Morris and Frank Norris. As educators we all had very good times together. I pray your strength as you and your family go through this transition. May the wonderful memories comfort you at this time and the days ahead.

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**Deborah Ebron** - January 10, 2018 at 08:54 AM

BW

“ Ben Wooten lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles M. Dickens



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**Ben Wooten** - January 10, 2018 at 01:24 AM

JL

“ Jim And Ann Land lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles M. Dickens



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**Jim and Ann Land** - January 09, 2018 at 03:51 PM

CS

“ Congleton Funeral Home And Staff sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Charles M. Dickens



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**Congleton Funeral Home and Staff** - January 09, 2018 at 03:28 PM

JK

“ Joyce King lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles M. Dickens



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**Joyce King** - January 09, 2018 at 03:26 PM

JK

“ To the Dickens Family: I extend to you my sincere condolences at this most difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I pray that God will wrap His loving arms around you and give you the strength you need to endure. God will never leave you and He will give you grace and peace.

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**Joyce King** - January 09, 2018 at 03:25 PM

DA

“ Donnie Andrews sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Charles M. Dickens



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**Donnie Andrews** - January 09, 2018 at 07:19 AM