

## **Obituary**

Charles B. McCauley was born to George L. McCauley and Elzora Moore McCauley on May 17, 1944 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Charles attended Douglass High School and later went on to complete a Master's degree in Education and Administration at Central State University (now known as the University of Central Oklahoma).

His first full-time teaching job was in the Oklahoma City Public School District in 1967. Charles joined the Oklahoma Education Association in 1972 as the first black professional staff person and became the first minority to move into management in 1977. Charles remained in education for over 40 years. He proudly served as an advocate of public education, paving the way for many minorities and educators. His tenure at OEA spanned 37 years of dedicated service without ever taking a sick day.

Charles has always been very active in the community, working with the Urban League, NAACP and the Oklahoma City Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. He served as the George M. Richardson Ebony Awareness Bowl Chairman for over 25 years. Under his leadership and guidance, the Ebony Bowl has attained a high level of professionalism and is recognized as one of the major and excellent produced events held in Oklahoma City during Black History Month in February.

Charles accepted Christ at an early age and has been an active and faithful member of the Greater Mount Olive Baptist Church for over 40 years. He served in many capacities and ministries: President of the Ushers, Sunday School Instructor, Chairperson of the Pastor's Appreciation, Men's Chorus, Education Ministry, Laymen and Prison Ministry and also worked in the District, State and National Convention. His faith in the Lord was unwavering and he served the Lord with a smile and without complaint.

Charles is survived by his "girls," his wife, Earlene of the home; two daughters: Amber Williams (Dewayne) and Kesha McCauley of Oklahoma City; three grandchildren: Tyra Owens, Kingston Rivers, and Tyler Williams; three sisters: Wanda Miles, Gwen Murray (Ron) of Oklahoma City, Flossie Wilson (LC) of Los Angeles, California; three brothers: Jesse McCauley (Gloria) of Keller, Texas, Maurice (LaFrance) McCauley and

Donald McCauley of Oklahoma City; sister-in-law, Sherri McCauley; and a special brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Marvin and Delores Collier of Santa Monica, California. He also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

In true Charles' fashion, even during his illness, he remained positive and strong in his faith, commenting that his battle with cancer was a win-win situation... "If it is in God's will to heal my body, I win...and even if He does not...I still win." As Charles lay in his hospital bed, with his physical journey on earth coming to an end, his family was closely gathered around him. A nurse entered the room and said, "Charles, look at all of these people surrounding you that love you..." She jokingly asked him, "Do you know



these people?" He smiled, looked upon us all and said, "Yes, and they have blessed my life beyond measure."

## "Blessed Beyond Measure"

