

# **OBITUARY** PAGE



# Mr. Charles "Charlie" Sledge

Mr. Charles "Charlie" Sledge, son of the late Charlie and Jennie Mae Sledge was born on October 22, 1942 in La Grange, Georgia. He departed this life on July 26, 2008 at North Carolina Veterans Nursing Home in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Charlie attended and graduated high school in Bronx, New York. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1960, where he proudly served his country for 22 years. During his tenure in the army, Charlie served as drum major for the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Band and played with the Jazz Ensemble and the 82<sup>nd</sup> Stage Band.

After retiring from the military, he attended Fayetteville State University and became a dedicated teacher at E.E. Smith High School, where he also worked with the Magnificent Marching Machine.

Charlie Sledge was a gifted singer, musician, and entertainer. He performed with national recording artists such as: Ike and Tina Turner, The Impressions, Ronnie Milsap, The Manhattans and Lou Rawls. He also worked with local favorites such as: The Soul Serenaders, The Chocolate Buttermilk Band, The Show Stoppers and The Standard Time Band. Charlie also worked with the Cape Fear Little Theater and the Fort Bragg Playhouse in numerous theatrical productions such as: Razzle Dazzle and 5 Guys Named Moe. Regardless of the venue, Charlie put his heart and soul in each performance and his audiences adored him.

Preceded in death by: his parents, Jennie Mae Broom and Charlie Sledge; father-in-law, Vernon Stephens; three brothers-in-law, Randy Wyatt, David Stephens and Gregory (Omar) Warren.

Those left to cherish his memories: a wife, Patricia Sledge; three children, Victor Sledge (Belinda), Kimberly Oliver and Charles Sledge II; four grandchildren, Victor Jr., Sierra, Quenton and Michaela; one brother, Rico Suggs; his mother-in-law, Willie Mae Stephens; four brothers-inlaw, Carl Stephens, Vernon Stephens, Jr., Michael Stephens and Ricky Stephens; eight sisters-inlaw, Alice Faye Ellis (George), Vialee Bryant, Darnell Stephens, Larnell Blue, Marilyn Stephens, Carolyn Warren, Diane Watts (Stanley) and Chonda Stephens; a host of many nieces, nephews and friends.

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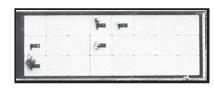
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