



Charles Bridges

April 3, 1948 - June 26, 2023

Charles Bridges (75) of Lanham, Maryland entered into eternal rest on Monday, June 26, 2023, at Veterans Hospital in Washington, DC with his beloved family by his side.

The Honorable Charles Bridges was born in Kannapolis, North Carolina on April 4, 1948 to the late Lois and Clyde Bridges. At the age of 9, his mother moved him and his two older brothers, to Turners Station in Baltimore County to be with the majority of her family after the death of her husband. Charles excelled at an early age having been a junior high athlete, an “A” student, and a Baltimore County Spelling Champion. He attended Baltimore City College where he excelled and lettered in all their areas of ACADEMICS, SERVICE, and ATHLETICS.

Judge Bridges later attended Morgan State University where he was a member of the famed track teams of the mid to late sixties, and the Pershing Rifles, and graduated with a degree in chemistry. He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant and served in Vietnam having participated in 4 campaigns as a forward observer. He was later recalled to active duty as a Colonel in the Gulf War. Judge Bridges received 13 citations for service and valor for his military service.

In 1979, he graduated from the Cleveland State University with a Juris Doctorate in Law. Attorney Bridges having practiced in the DC Area for several years, was appointed a Federal Administrative Judge in Mississippi. In

2002, Judge Bridges was appointed the Chief Judge of the Harrisburg, Pennsylvania Office. In 2006, Judge Bridges served as co-chair of the ABA Commission on Judicial Tenure and Compensation dealing with administrative law judges; and was selected as fellow of the American Bar Foundation from the State of Pennsylvania.

In 2002 Judge Bridges was ordained a Baptist minister and served in the capacity of an associate minister at the Mt Olive Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, MS; the First Baptist Church in Steelton, PA; and currently at the Brightside Baptist Church in Lancaster, PA. The Rev. Dr. Bridges received his Masters and Doctorate Degrees in Theology from Andersonville Theological Institute (summa cum laude) in Camilla, GA. The Rev. Dr. Judge Bridges served as a Federal Administrative Law Judge in Harrisburg, PA having stepped down from his management role in 2011.

Judge Bridges accomplished a plethora of significant achievements during his career, to include recognition from USA Today as the #1 office in the United States for claims processing efficiency, Five Star Office Ranking, Top 10 Office Ranking and the Most Productive Judge in Region 4.

Judge Bridges is preceded in death by his parents Lois & Clyde Bridges, brothers, William (Billy) Ray and Harry Douglas Bridges.

On January 1, 2023, he married Carla Bridges, and now leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife Carla Bridges, son Charles R. Bridges (Alicia); sisters-in-law Carlotta Balinton (Mario), Vikie Igie, brothers-in-law, Michael and Anthony Bass; grandchildren Kayla & Ethan Bridges, two daughters in love, Antoinette Bass and Adria Williams, grandchildren in love, Asia Beverly, William Daniel Johnson, Morgan Williams, Jayden Williams, Adrian Williams, great granddaughter, Alani Harvey, aunt Patricia Crawford, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The Chapel
4002 Ridgewood Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

Celebration of Life

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Interment

OCT 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Arlington National Cemetery
Arlington, VA

Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Bridges*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *I just learned of Judge Bridges passing today. As a representative of injured and ill claimants in the SSD/SSI appeal process, I was always truly delighted when learning that a case had been assigned to Judge Bridges. In hearings before him in the last 20 years, he always demonstrated kindness, fairness and respect to those appearing before him. May he rest in peace in the knowledge that he truly made a difference in helping folks improve their lives. He is deeply missed.*

Nancy Mizerak - August 18, 2023 at 10:48 AM

TM

“ My sincerest condolences to Mr. Bridges wife, son and family.

I had the pleasure of working with and alongside the highly decorated Judge Bridges in the Harrisburg Hearing Office. I truly value the time we shared together and always looked forward to assisting him everyday!

He was a phenomenal person. Very passionate about his profession and cared about every case that he oversaw. I trained underneath him and had the honor of working as his assistant.

He was a kind soul and also cared about my personal and professional development. Always telling me to never settle and to go as far as I can! We shared so many laughs together whether we were discussing childhood memories, family, friends, life, history and politics which always made him grunt.

He was so dynamic, humble and had a beautiful heart! Very receptive to learning new things, systems or processes even if that meant being taught by a 20 something year old Lol. He was open to adapting to changes and always stood firm on what he believed to be fair, true and right. I always respected him and stood by him during a very difficult season.

We shared many lunch outings together with a few colleagues. Our circle develop into a family (Michelle, Felica, Greg - I miss you guys so much). I will always cherish the memories we all shared.

I pray that he has ever lasting peace and that his family finds comfort in knowing that he was cared for, respected, cherished and loved by so many. 🙏❤️

My favorite Judge!! My OG! My adopted grandfather, You will forever be in my heart. I cant thank You enough for your impact on my life. Truly God sent. God puts people in places for a reason! So honored and humbled by the time we shared. 🙏❤️❤️ God Bless

Tericka Mobley - July 14, 2023 at 07:40 AM

CB

Thanks for your kind words, Charles touched many lives and will be missed.

Carla (wife)

Carla Bridges - May 31, 2025 at 07:15 PM

JW

“ I was honored to work with Judge Bridges at the Harrisburg Hearing Office. He was such a kind and caring person and showed concern and compassion for his colleagues and those who came before him in hearings. I am blessed to have known and worked with him. I will miss him.

Jen Wentzel - July 13, 2023 at 01:51 PM

FG

“ Judge Bridges I will always remember his kindness and fairness. I worked with him at SSA he hired me many many years ago. He was a good Judge and a great human being. Sorry for your loss.

Felicia Givens, Harrisburg, PA

Felicia Givens - July 12, 2023 at 11:16 AM

MA

“ Rev. Bridges was a dedicated minister and federal judge. He was a philanthropist and community servant. He will be greatly missed by the churches, courts, and communities he served. May his family rest in the knowledge that he was beloved.

Mary Allen - July 08, 2023 at 08:14 AM

FA

“ *Family lit a candle in memory of Charles Bridges*



Family - July 06, 2023 at 10:34 PM

JB

“ *To the family of Rev Charles Bridges. The Banks family sends our deepest condolences. Rev Bridges was an Associate Minister at The First Baptist Church of Steelton. He was a loving, godly man and a devoted servant. He delivered the Word with excitement and power and was a talented teacher of the Gospel, who made a commitment to Sunday school and Wednesday night Bible study. May God bless you with His comfort and may His Word of truth keep you strong and with eternal hope. We who came in contact with Rev Bridges were truly blessed. Lovingly submitted, Dea Judy Banks, The First Baptist Church*

Judy Banks - July 03, 2023 at 11:30 AM

TD

“ *Thaddeus Daniels lit a candle in memory of Charles Bridges*



Thaddeus Daniels - July 02, 2023 at 08:27 AM