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ARRANGEMENTS: VIEWING AND VISITATION, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2024, 11 AM-1 PM WITH FUNERAL TO FOLLOW AT 1 PM AT LEOTA STREET CHURCH OF GOD, 1701 LEOTA STREET, SPRINGFIELD, TENNESSEE 37172.; INTERMENT, RESTLAWN MEMORIAL GARDEN

Deacon Charlie G. Forte-Ellis, the first of five children (The Georgia Five) was born on August 9, 1948 to Georgia Ellis (Melvin) Boyd and Charlie (Beatrice) Forte in Springfield, Tennessee. Influencers in his life were Ford “Papa’ Lewis and Fannie Crocket.

Charlie joined the Leota Street Church of God Sanctified and was baptized under the leadership of Elder Boyd M. Kinzer. Charlie was a faithful and devoted member, he was later ordained as a Deacon of the church serving with grace and integrity, until his health began to fail. If someone or a member needed a ride, he was always available.

Charlie attended Branford High School of Robertson County. Charlie first job was with Bill Woodard Trucking located within the Childress Street and Pepper Street community. He later was employed by Bruce Flooring and Lumber Yard, Mansfield Inc., Holley Carburetors, and finally retiring from Electrolux Home Products.

Charlie was united in Holy Matrimony to the love of his life, Mary Ruth Scott, on April 9, 1972, at St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church, by Reverend Ben Williams. This union gave birth to La Kisha and Charlie Jr. “CJ”. Charlie loved and believed in family, which lead to him and Mary Ruth hosting many families gathering in their home. Decorating the outside of their home for Christmas was a joyful time for him. “Light it up” the more lights the merrier. They loved to travel cross country, to the Mountains, and to many football games. Springfield High School, Austin Peay, Vanderbilt, and the Tennessee Titans.

Deacon Ellis was preceded in death by his wife of 41 years, parents, father and mother-in-law, John Perry and Bertha Lee Scott; sister and brother-in-law, Alberta and Gary Scott.

Deacon Ellis leaves behind to cherish his memories his daughter, LaKisha and devoted son-in-law, Kevlin Dickerson; son, Charlie Jr. (Cori) Forte; sisters, Virginia and Phyllis Boyd; Brothers, Melvin and Thurman Boyd; sisters-in-law, Katherine and Gloria Scott; brothers-in-law, Perry (Joyce), Ricky, and Dan (Davida) Scott; grandchildren, Alonna Holman, Kelvin Dickerson Jr., Tyran, Layden, and Karri Forte; many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, great-nieces and nephews who lovingly called him & “Uncle Slim”; In-laws, Mary and Tim Martin; close friends, Carylon Boyd, Donna Boyd, Linda Mitchell, Ms. Lillian, Betty and Pasty, Wanda Taylor, Robert Smith, Sherrill Woodard, Joe Northington, Joe Fort, and many others.