

In Loving Memory of

Ira Andrew Chandler
'Buster'

Sunrise: October 15, 1940 • Sunset: March 22, 2025

The Man, The Myth, The Legend



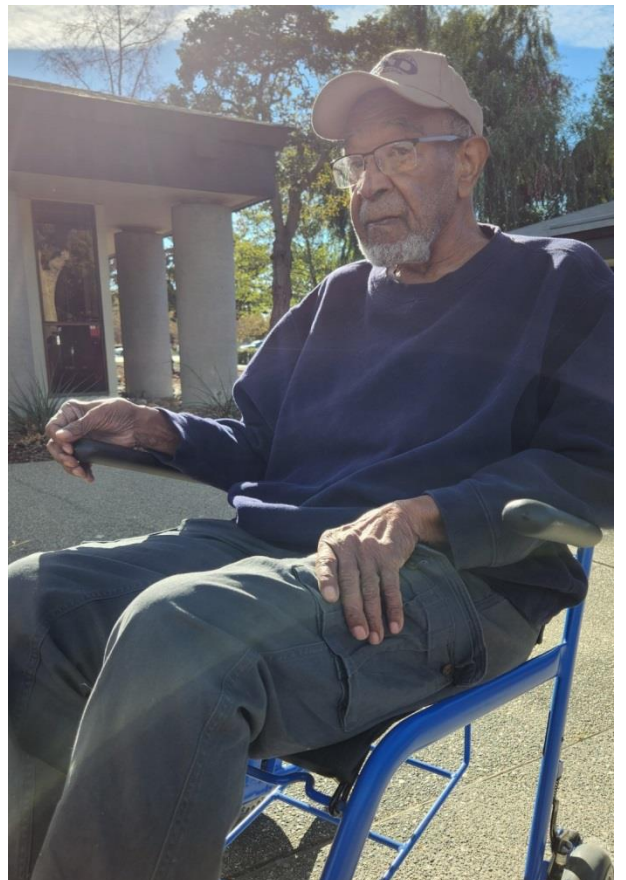
Ira Andrew Chandler was born on October 15, 1940, in Clermont, Florida, to Chancy and Thelma Chandler. He was a devoted son, sibling, husband, father, grandfather, and friend who touched countless lives with his laughter, kindness, wisdom, and unwavering faith.

Ira graduated from Carver Heights High School in 1958. He continued his education at Merritt College in Oakland, CA, and Chabot College in Hayward, CA, taking various technical courses throughout the years to expand his knowledge and skills for employment.

A man of deep integrity and love, Ira dedicated his life to his family and faith. He found Christ at an early age and was a member of Harmony Missionary Baptist Church in Groveland, FL. After joining the U.S. Air Force and completing tours of duty in Germany and Vietnam, Ira was stationed in California, where he met and married the love of his life, Ernestine Oliver, who preceded him in death. Together, they joined The Progressive Missionary Baptist Church of Berkeley, CA. From that union, two daughters joined an older brother to complete a loving family. The family later relocated and became members of Palma Ceia Baptist Church in Hayward, CA, where they were all active members in various church auxiliaries. Ira was a proud member of the Mass and Men's Choirs.

He worked tirelessly as an Instrument Technician for FMC, CAL-SPAN/Sverdrup Technology, Inc., ROMIC Environmental Technologies Corp., and Impax Laboratories—collectively for over 50 years—always striving to uplift those around him. His passion for helping others was evident in all he did.

Over the years, Ira developed a deep passion for golf and bowling. He thoroughly enjoyed horse races and



playing the lottery. He also found great pleasure in feeding birds in various locations. Most of all, he appreciated a good laugh and loved sharing jokes with those around him.



Ira's greatest joy came from the love of his family. He leaves behind a legacy of strength, compassion, and dedication. He is survived by his sister: Donna Richardson (Mike); His children: Cornelius Singleton Sr. (Verna), Dawn Chandler-Lewis (Michael), and Iris Johnson (Jay); his grandchildren: Cornelius Singleton Jr. (Jessica), Christopher Singleton (Angelique), Dawnyelle Chandler-Lewis, and Michele Chandler-Lewis; one great-granddaughter, Anayah Singleton; two goddaughters, Jean Rivers (Kay) and Angela Michelle Richardson; and five bonus grandchildren: Ashley Prince, Deavan Johnson (Trista), Anea Johnson, Jacob Terry (Nichele), and Donnavan Johnson. Eight bonus great-grandchildren and a host of loving nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Though he has departed this earthly life, Ira's spirit will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

"Well done, thy good and faithful servant." — Matthew 25:23

