



## Charles D Small

February 12, 1958 - December 17, 2023

Charles Small made his transition on Sunday December 17th, 2023. Please encourage the Small family with words of Love and Condolence on this Tribute page, created just for Charles Small. To send flowers or to plant a tree in memory of Charles Small, please visit our online Sympathy Store.

# Cemetery Details

## Acacia Park Cemetery

31300 Southfield Road  
Beverly Hills, MI 48025

# Previous Events

## Family and Friends Hour

DEC 29. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Triumph Church-East Campus  
2760 East Grand Boulevard  
Detroit, MI 48211

## Funeral Service

DEC 29. 10:00 AM (ET)

Triumph Church-East Campus  
2760 East Grand Boulevard  
Detroit, MI 48211

# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

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**Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - December 28, 2023 at 04:06 PM

AL

“ *Dearest Belinda and family. I was deeply saddened to hear of Charles passing and I extend my heartfelt condolences as we all mourn his life and reflect upon his life. Charles poured great energy into giving back to the community as well as to the families and the youth who entered the doors of Don Bosco Hall. His contributions to each youth/family enriched the fabric within Wayne County/City of Detroit in lasting ways. While he will be sorely missed, his spirit will live on in those whom he crossed paths with. I am better because of the 23 years I worked for Don Bosco and under his leadership. It is my prayer, the cherished memories of your time together will help to temper your grief. In the days ahead, please know you all will remain in my prayers.*

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**Angela R. Lenear** - December 30, 2023 at 08:23 AM

LL

*You covered it all Ms. Angie ! 🙏*

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**Larry Lunsford** - February 04, 2024 at 12:49 PM

AD

“ *My condolences to Belinda and family. Praying for comfort, peace and strength.*

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**Althea Denard** - December 29, 2023 at 09:08 AM

CA

“ Craig A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles D Small.

Craig A. - December 29, 2023 at 07:47 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles D Small.

December 29, 2023 at 06:54 AM

WG

“ My Sincere Condolences to Belinda, the children, grandchildren, other family, friends, former colleagues and staff. I met Charles at the University of Michigan School of Social Work. We then worked together for several years at Homes for Black Children on Calvert in Detroit. We worked together again for about 15 years at Don Bosco Hall. Mr. Small had sincere concern and dedication to the youth of who attended programs and resided in the Residential Programs of Don Bosco. I will always have fond memories of my time working with and for Charles D. Small. Rest in Paradise Mr. Small.

Wanda F. Gunn - December 28, 2023 at 06:34 PM

LL

Well spoken Ms. Gunn

Larry Lunsford - February 04, 2024 at 12:50 PM

VP

Just heard today almost 2years later than this man died of of my dearest colleagues I the service of children specially boys I work at Todd Phillips home and me and Charles would collaborate on programs for boys through sports what a guy he inspired me to start a program reach with I run today thanks brother test on peace

virgil Phillips - June 23, 2025 at 09:08 PM

MP

“ I am Maria Peoples, I had the pleasure of working with Mr. Small from Don Bosco Hall in the in the Cody Rouge neighborhood. He was such a nice person to work with he made sure the Peeps students and Seniors Connect seniors received resources in the building. We are going to miss him. Mrs. Small we send our condolences to you and your family. Let not your heart be troubled.

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**Maria Peoples** - December 28, 2023 at 06:15 PM

PJ

“ To the family of Charles Small, you have our sincere condolences. I worked with Charles through our Mentorship Program at Weaver Arts Academy 18751 Weaver Detroit MI 48228. We worked with his youth group from the Juvenile Justice Program through Don Boscoe Hall. Weaver Arts Academy has continued since 2009 as a direct result of funding from Charles. We miss him dearly. Our prayers will continue on behave of the family. God Bless! Pastor Lester B Jordan Director/Owner Weaver Arts Academy/ Pastor:New Greater Bethlehem Temple CAC II 27830 Avondale, Inkster MI 48141

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**Pastor Lester B Jordan** - December 28, 2023 at 05:19 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles D Small.

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December 28, 2023 at 03:41 PM

LT

“ *My prayers and condolences to the Small family. To Belinda, and the children, my heart goes out to you. Charles was a dear friend and colleague to my late husband, Ronald Jackson, and Belinda, you and I developed a friendship as well. Charles coached our sons in basketball, and our sons have remained friends throughout the year. May God give you peace and grace during this great loss. We love you,*

*Linda Tripp ( Jackson)*

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**Linda Tripp** - December 28, 2023 at 03:38 PM

JH

*To the Small family. You have my sincere sympathy and condolences in the loss of Charles. He and I go way back to the beginning of our careers in Social Work. I pray that the Lord Almighty continue to Bless and keep you all. Know that he is resting in peace.*

*Jonas L. Hill*

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**Jonas L. Hill** - December 28, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles D Small.*



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December 28, 2023 at 01:30 PM

DJ

“ There are some that exude a quiet caring spirit. That best describes Charles Small. We have been neighbors to Charles and Belinda for many years. I also had the pleasure of working with him on a number of projects professionally. He’s well respected as proponent for kids and community. Always positive and encouraging. He will truly be missed! May God Bless the Small family 🙏

Dewayne Jones - December 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM

HM

I send my condolences to the family of Charles Small. I knew him as a supervisor at D B HOME FOR BOYS. He was a very professional and understanding Man. God Bless. Harry McClure

Harry McClure - December 28, 2023 at 05:14 PM

JP

Praying for Strength and Comfort for Belinda and Family /Jennifer Poole DPS

Jennifer Poole - December 29, 2023 at 08:51 AM

TA

“ The Cody Rouge Community Action Alliance purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Charles D Small.



The Cody Rouge Community Action Alliance - December 28, 2023 at 10:55 AM

TA

“ The Cody Rouge Community Action Alliance planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles D Small.

The Cody Rouge Community Action Alliance - December 28, 2023 at 10:55 AM

CV

“ I met Charles & Belinda when Lamar & Celeste(my daughter) got married. I got to know the quiet yet strong gentleman always with a smile inviting and accepting me as part of their family along with the rest of the family. My condolences go out to you all and may God extend his loving arms to comfort you at this time. May Charles be at Peace.

- Christine Vandeyar-Wise

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**Christine Vandeyar-Wise** - December 28, 2023 at 09:05 AM

ED

“ A part of the DewBerry family for 29 years with basketball being a strong intro, allowemy son to keep in possession the Pitt Ring that Charles Jr obtained untill he won his own (Wow) who does that (CDS) my friend and a true advocate for children. When I lost my wife to Cancer in '09' again my friend was there, 'I Want You Back's not at the expense of the children, so he created a new position for me to return. Born two days apart, this was truly my brother - I will see in the after. Love you bro as well s Belinda and the children. Much Love from me n the entire Dewberry clan. Pray Daily Your Strength. 💕💕💕🙏💪☀️

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**Elder Reginald DewBerry** - December 28, 2023 at 08:48 AM

KB

“ Charles and I met 30 years ago through our work with the juvenile justice system and youth. We share a passion for serving however although probably close to age Charles was a role model because he exemplified so many positive humanistic qualities it was mind blowing. As the former Director of Flip the Script I called on Charles numerous times to serve as a keynote speaker frankly because he was the BEST and I wanted my youth, young men and conference attendees to have the best Detroit has to offer. That was Charles Small. May GOD bless his journey to paradise.

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**keith L Bennett** - December 27, 2023 at 07:44 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles D Small.



December 27, 2023 at 07:21 PM



“ Love, The Toples and Foster Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Charles D Small.



**Love, The Toples and Foster Family** - December 27, 2023 at 05:42 PM



“ Love, The Toples and Foster Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles D Small.

**Love, The Toples and Foster Family** - December 27, 2023 at 05:42 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles D Small.

December 27, 2023 at 04:10 PM

SF

“ *Stacie Bowens and the Spectrum Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Charles D Small.*



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**Stacie Bowens and the Spectrum Family** - December 27, 2023 at 03:38 PM

CT

“ *Charles will be missed. I will always remember the therapeutic skills he shared with me. I know he will be missed by his patients. The family is in my thoughts and prayers.*  
*Cheryl Triplett*  
*Oakland Psychological Clinic*

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**CHERYL B. TRIPLETT** - December 27, 2023 at 03:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles D Small.*



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December 27, 2023 at 07:02 AM

HF

“ *Helen Lombard and OPC Southfield Family purchased the My Soul Lives On Blanket for the family of Charles D Small.*



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**Helen Lombard and OPC Southfield Family** - December 26, 2023 at 07:15 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Charles D Small.*



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December 26, 2023 at 07:07 PM



“ *Keeping Belinda and the Small family in prayer. Praying for strength through this sad time 🙏*

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**Chantel Walker** - December 26, 2023 at 02:19 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles D Small.*



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December 26, 2023 at 11:47 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Charles D Small.*



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December 26, 2023 at 09:15 AM



“ *Ashley and the Small family have my sincere condolences.*

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**Kimberly Robbins** - December 26, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Charles D Small.*



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December 25, 2023 at 10:29 PM



“ *Mr. Small was a quiet but discerning man. I always respected his piety and genuine concern for boys and children in general. He was pivotal to the Cody Rouge community. His leadership spearheaded our current resource center and action alliance. The center became the launching pad for my career as an entrepreneur and educator. Though I was untrained, he saw my passion in wanting to help youth and gave me a chance. The chance created the foundation that I stand on as I teach youth in DPSCD. Blessings to the Small family. I offer my sincere condolences and pray that the God of all comfort comfort you all and grant you all with the peace that passes all your understanding.*



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**Tangy Washington** - December 22, 2023 at 08:39 PM



“ *I worked with Mr Smalls for 16 years I remember him as always being very kind Ernestine Garland*

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**Ernestine Garland** - December 22, 2023 at 01:48 PM

CR

“ My condolences to the entire Small family. May God give them the peace and comfort that they need during this time.



Cynthia Reynolds - December 21, 2023 at 11:04 PM

RB

“ The Valparaiso University community is lifting you all in prayer. May the comfort our Lord Jesus surround you all, and may light perpetual shine on Charles.

Rev. Dr. Brian Beckstrom - December 21, 2023 at 03:44 PM

MM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are extended to the Small family during this difficult time and beyond. May God comfort you and grant you his Amazing Grace and peace. 💕💕💕 🙏🙏

Madaline Renen Mitchell - December 20, 2023 at 05:32 PM

WJ

“ Prayers Peace and Condolences to the Small family. He will always be remembered a conscientious and loving brother at Michigan.

William Jackson - December 20, 2023 at 04:03 PM

SP

“ Sadie, Geraldine, Jackie, Madie & Pat planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles D Small.

Sadie, Geraldine, Jackie, Madie & Pat - December 20, 2023 at 02:51 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Charles D Small.*



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December 20, 2023 at 02:51 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles D Small.*



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December 20, 2023 at 12:21 PM



“ *Elaine Shifman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles D Small.*

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**Elaine Shifman** - December 20, 2023 at 09:18 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Charles D Small.*



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December 19, 2023 at 10:15 PM

LW

“ My relationship with Charles goes back to 1975 & the June Class Senior Picnic. We had a good time at the picnic & Charles has always been a 1st Class Act. Condolences to the family & friends.

*Lawrence E Washington*

Lawrence E Washington - December 19, 2023 at 08:17 PM

OC

“ First I will like to send my condolences to the family. Mr Small had a profound impact on my up bringing. While in Don Bosco Hall as a resident he allowed me the space to grow as a young home and gave me a home. His program gave me a foundation of support and taught me structure. He believed in all young men and would go the extra mile for them.

**Omar Chandler** - December 19, 2023 at 07:59 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles D Small.

December 19, 2023 at 05:16 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles D Small.



December 19, 2023 at 04:01 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles D Small.



December 19, 2023 at 12:35 AM



“ Charles Small certainly was a man who dedicated himself to helping others young and old. I met Mr Small as the Executor of Don Bosco Hall Youth Development Alliance. He was the thread that connected four neighborhoods across the city under a unified effort that connected nonprofit organizations. What a giant of compassion for all. Mrs. Small and family his legacy will live on in the lives of those who work in the field of nonprofits. May the work he’s done speak for him. B. Hoston Brightmoor neighborhood



**Bernadine Hoston** - December 18, 2023 at 09:33 PM



To the family of Mr small I hope God always watch over you he was a dedicated man tu his work ru mu daughter inlaw I am praying tu give you the strength I know you have an make it three these times only God can make a difference an you are his angle

**gwendolyn evans** - December 19, 2023 at 05:06 PM



I meant tu say threw this it is a long road u love you mom

**gwendolyn evans** - December 19, 2023 at 05:08 PM

RB

“ *Mr Small was a prolific, visionary leader. His legacy lives on through the many community service organizations including the Cody Rouge Community Action Alliance. We salute Mr. Small, a trailblazer for transformation, community warrior and advocate for youth and families.*

*Rev. Dr. Patricia A Butler  
Founding Board President  
Cody Rouge Community Action Alliance  
Detroit Michigan.*

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**Rev. Dr. Patricia A. Butler** - December 18, 2023 at 07:30 PM

HF

“ *Hon. & Senator Santana & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles D Small.*

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**Hon. & Senator Santana & Family** - December 18, 2023 at 07:15 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles D Small.*



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December 18, 2023 at 07:15 PM

MM

“ An awesome man of God indeed. I’m sure “well done thy good and faithful servant,” is what he heard! Truly my family and Save Kids of Incarcerated Parents, Inc., were truly blessed by Mrs Small. Through his tenure as CEO of Don Bosco Hall, he made a way for S.K.I.P., Inc. I thank God that he will live on through his family and his recent book “Becoming a Positive Change Maker.” To the Small Family I thank God you know Him and I pray for your strength during this time of grief. Love Marian Murphy and Family.

Marian Murphy - December 18, 2023 at 07:09 PM

SB

“ My condolences to the entire Small family. Praying that your family can move on in peace and gratitude as you lovingly remember Charles.

Stella Byrd - December 18, 2023 at 04:47 PM

LH

May God comfort the Small family with His love and peace. Please let the Huffs know if we can be of assistance to the family beyond that of our prayers. RIP Charles Small!

Linda Huff - December 18, 2023 at 06:04 PM

TJ

May God Cast his cares upon the Small Family at this time. Our prayers are with you always

Tracey Hillivi Jones - December 18, 2023 at 06:21 PM