



## Craig Charest

December 3, 1949 - June 8, 2014

Obituary of Craig Charest  
Craig John Charest lost his battle with cancer on June 8, 2014, but won his entrance into the Kingdom of Heaven . Craig was born on December 3, 1949 in Massapequa, New York to James Charest and Helen Tasheiko. He is the eldest of two sisters and one brother. Craig received a bachelor's degree in psychology and dedicated his life to working with children, youth and adults. In addition to working with people, his entrepreneurial spirit led him down a path of several business ventures. In 1987, Craig moved his family from Kingston, New York to Ocala, Florida where his parents had retired. As a family man, Craig was intent on securing a better quality of life, maintaining a home of love and exemplifying what it truly meant to be a Christian. Craig is survived by his wife, Rebecca Charest; seven children, Nyia Charest, Simmons Charest, Andrew Charest, Jamel Johnson, Camoia McCall, Mehera Lofton, Michelle Strachan; three siblings, Karen Charest, Gail Charest, Tim Charest; and two grandchildren, Samir Smith and Spencer Strachan.

# Tribute Wall

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“ To the Charest family... I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time.... As a family, we were all were so close, celebrating Thanksgiving dinners and Christmas dinners and visiting with one another's family throughout the year and during our summer vacations... May the Good Lord comfort you and bless you during this time and keep in your remembrance all the good times you've shared together...

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**Debbie Abel** - June 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ To Nyia, Symmons and Family: My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May Mr. Charest's life bring you love, joy, and laughter even as you grieve. God's blessings and peace be with each of you.

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**Tamara Johnson** - June 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Nyia, I'm so sorry for your loss...May God continue to comfort and keep you and your family during this time.

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**Mimi Ryans** - June 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“*My father, my kindest friend, my dearest benefactor, whom God had appointed to love and protect me, reposes in this silent grave. I shall never hear again his dear voice; death has stilled his loving heart; his friendship and kindness can no longer comfort, neither can his counsels and example guide me. Alas! I cannot now make a return for his devotion or loving kindness, nor have the happiness of surrounding his old age with marks of respect and solicitude, but I will strive to show my respect for his memory by deeds of righteousness and obedience to his expressed wishes while he was yet on earth, and this endeavor will surely bring me consolation. Assist me in this, O God? With Thy counsel, inspire me with wisdom and intelligence, and enlighten me that I may follow the right path. Cause my works on earth to reflect honor on my father's memory, and do Thou, Lord, accept them as an expiatory sacrifice for any sins he has committed. I beseech Thee! Receive my father's soul among Thy faithful servants, and when my hour shall come, grant that my spirit may likewise be united with these in a life which is unending. Rest in peace, O my father! And may thy spirit enjoy, in eternity, the contemplation of the living God. Amen" Love now and forever, your daughter*

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**Nyia Charest** - June 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM