



## Charles James Carter Sr.

March 12, 1956 - October 19, 2020

Charles James Carter, Sr better known as “Chuckie” was born on March 12, 1956 in Philadelphia, PA. He was the son of the late Charles J. Hardy Sr. and Ernestine L. Carter. On Monday October 19, 2020 Charles was surrounded by the love of his wife and family when his earthly residence was relinquished to the loving arms of our heavenly father.

Charles received his early education in the Philadelphia public school system and continued his education throughout the years while in the United States Army and employment by the United States Department of Defense.

As a young man Charles served several years in the United States Army, as a Communication Specialist. Most of those years were spent in Georgia and Germany. He also maintained a period of time in the United States Army Reserve.

While employed for thirty-six years with the United States Department of Defense, he held several positions as a Certified Electrician, Building and Management Inspector and Planner Estimator. Charles was located at numerous installations throughout the country. At times more closer to home at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard, Bethesda Naval Hospital, Pentagon Annex, and ended his career in 2011 at the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces in Washington, D.C. Through out his career he received numerous citations and awards.

Growing up on cement Charles loved playing and working in the dirt. He gardened and planted numerous trees, bushes and flowers. After retirement

he became a Master Gardener with the University of Maryland Extension. Charles enjoyed football and was a big fan of his hometown team The Philadelphia Eagles. When it came to music he was a lover of Smooth Jazz. Among other events he attended to listen and talk with the artist, he always made sure we had tickets to attend the annual Berks Jazz Festival.

Charles talked and laughed loud enough to fill up an entire room. He said what he thought (to anyone) and meant it! His smile and humor would leave an everlasting impression. He was a great debater and history buff. He often watched the History station and was able to tell you the source to find the answer to a question before there was google.

Back in the eighties Charles was on the CBS game show The Price Is Right with Bob Barker. He won a sailboat that he admired for a brief time before he sold it.

Charles' retirement gift was Bud (his dog). Bud and him had a bond like no other owner and pet. To this day when Bud wants to go outside he'll ring a bell near the front door.

Anyone who really knew Charles knew he loved scratch off lottery tickets. He would say, 'bring me a scratch off when you come by' and "When I hit big I'll give my ten percent to the church".

Charles' early Christian journey began in Philadelphia, PA with the spiritual guidance of Rev. Celess Martin. When he located to Maryland he became a member of Bethel A.M.E. Church, Church Hill, MD and later joined Bethel A.M.E. Church, Chestertown, MD. His reading of the Our Daily Bread, and The Upper Room were a part of his nightly reading.

It was forty years ago in October 1980 Charles met Iris Rochester and instant love connection occurred. They married on August 11, 1984. Prior to this union he was married to Valerie Richburg. They both allowed Iris to have a loving relationship with two wonderful sons "Reggie and Charlie".

In addition to his parents Charles was preceded in death by his brothers Curtis Carter, Leroy Carter, and Richard Hardy.

Charles' children will cherish, honor and share his legacy: Sons, Reginald

Carter and Charles Carter Jr. Daughter, Celeste Carter.

Grandchildren that could melt his heart: Karina Carter, Caleb Carter, Caitlin Carter, and Joshua Carter.

His loving Great-Granddaughter: Karin Savage.

Siblings: Andrew Hardy, Caroline Baker(Jim), Charles Hardy Jr., Charlotte Eubanks(James), Elizabeth Moffitt(Michael), Ernestine Carter, Evelyn Carter, John Carter, Karen Carter, Michael Carter, Sonja Carter-Robinson, William Carter.

Godchildren: Guishia Jones, Shana Rochester, Jamale Rochester, Christopher Sudler and Kyila Wright.

Unconditional love for Charles: Mother- in- law Rev. Janet Rochester, "Unc" George Hynson, Sister- in-laws, Brother- in-laws, a host of Aunts, Uncles, Nieces, Nephews, Cousins and Countless friends.

Services will be held on Friday, October 30, at the Centreville United Methodist Church at 12 pm. Family and friends may visit two hours prior.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **30**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Methodist Church  
608 Church Hill Road  
Centreville, MD

## Service

OCT **30**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Methodist Church  
608 Church Hill Road  
Centreville, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Charles James Carter Sr.* ”



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 28, 2020 at 02:58 PM



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles James Carter Sr.* ”



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 27, 2020 at 11:26 AM



“ *Charles James Carter Sr.* ”

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Charles James Carter Sr.* ”

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Charles James Carter Sr.

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ Love you, Karen Carter and Siblings purchased the Large Heart - 'Death leaves a heartache' for the family of Charles James Carter Sr..



Love you, Karen Carter and Siblings - November 09, 2020 at 12:09 PM



“ Love cousin Karen and Matthews family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Charles James Carter Sr..



Love cousin Karen and Matthews family - October 30, 2020 at 02:57 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles James Carter Sr..



October 29, 2020 at 08:12 PM

BF

“ *Braxton Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Charles James Carter Sr..*



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**Braxton Family** - October 29, 2020 at 11:10 AM

VW

“ *Iris and Family, I'm sorry for your loss. Looking at all your photographs/memories makes me smile and know that you both lived a life full of love and family. You are in my prayers.*  
*Victoria Wilmer-Lanman*

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**Victoria Wilmer-Lanman** - October 27, 2020 at 02:08 PM

MY

“ *Iris and family I am so sorry for your loss. I did not know Charles well but it's clear he was a great man and loved by many. I wish I had known him. Sending you lots of love at this time.* *Mary Yancey*

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**Mary M Yancey** - October 27, 2020 at 01:34 PM

NH

“ *Nancy D Hortie lit a candle in memory of Charles James Carter Sr.*



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**Nancy D Hortie** - October 27, 2020 at 12:42 PM



“ 316 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - October 27, 2020 at 11:08 AM

AJ

*Iris and family*

*I'm so sorry for the loss of a great man he always had a smile and love teasing you iris he was always kind and very funny and a sweet heart and I know he love you dearly not sure what I can say to take the pain you feeling without him just remember he was one of a kind and he will truly be missed*

*I'm sorry I didn't get to make him the strawberry cake*

*Love Dan, Aidy and family*

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**Aidy Jeffers** - October 28, 2020 at 11:28 AM

GA

*Arnold Family*

*Charles was very insightful, always smiling yet kept everything in perspective. Glad I got the chance to know him, he was purpose driven. And now, that he has done his job on earth God gets him back. What an awesome God we serve.*

*We send our deepest condolences and, to the family and a word of encouragement -- you were given a life that only you were worthy of and that life grew into an awesome man and he gave you joy and blessed you all with a love only a father, son and husband could give. Knowing this that all he gave in his body to love you and care for you may be physically gone but the spirit in which he performed those compassionate acts will always be with you and a part of you. May the peace of God continue to rule and reign in your lives.*

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**Gary Arnold** - October 28, 2020 at 03:06 PM

MF

“ *Marilyn Ford lit a candle in memory of Charles James Carter Sr.*



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**Marilyn Ford** - October 26, 2020 at 08:01 PM

EM

“ *Eddie & Tina Moaney lit a candle in memory of Charles James Carter Sr.*



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**Eddie & Tina Moaney** - October 26, 2020 at 05:38 PM

MK

“ Dear Iris and family, your are in our thoughts and prayers during this most sad and difficult time. I am thankful and grateful to have known Charles and will miss that big bright smile and jolly larger then life personality.

Fondly, Butch and Margaret Kaufman

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**Margaret Kaufman** - October 26, 2020 at 05:29 PM

IJ

“ Kevin and I will truly miss Chuckie’s funny sense of humor and how much he enjoyed making you laugh.He genuinely had the heart of a giver and didn’t mind taking time out to help those in need. I personally got to eat Veggies from his garden and looked forward every year to his bounty. We loved him like a brother and he will sincerely be missed. Love Kevin and Ida Jeffers



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**Ida Jeffers** - October 26, 2020 at 05:12 PM

BN

“ Chuck was one of those good ole Church Hill boys . His smile and his fun loving personality was contagious. Iris,we lost a good man, RIP Chuck



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**Barbara Nelson** - October 26, 2020 at 03:00 PM

DH

“ We will truly miss Chuckie, I will always know him for his upbeat spirit and humor. We send our condolences and prayers, He will be missed but not forgotten ❤️



Debra Holmes - October 26, 2020 at 02:34 PM

TM

“ We send our love to the Carter Family from Philadelphia..The Mosby's ( Greg Tanya Chyna Greg jr)

the mosbys - October 26, 2020 at 12:04 PM

DJ

Oh my God, I'm so sorry for your loss. That wonderful, beautiful smile, joyful jolly conversation we had. Sending our love to you and family. From Doris and Cynthia from North Carolina

Doris Jones - October 26, 2020 at 04:26 PM

RB

“ So sorry for your loss, prayers for strength to cover you and your family.



Regina Bailey - October 26, 2020 at 06:13 AM

PW

“ Pam Whitby lit a candle in memory of Charles James Carter Sr.



Pam Whitby - October 26, 2020 at 05:28 AM

GI

“ So sorry for your loss, sending our condolences and prayers to his family and friends.  
Carmen & Virginia Patrizio



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**Gin** - October 25, 2020 at 09:43 PM

TD

“ What a beautiful obit for a great guy that I didn't know, but he made a very strong impression on me and I will always cherish that. My heart and prayers go out to his wife and daughter for they were the only two I met. Remember the good times and know that he is now in the arms of GOD. Doesnt make it easy for his Loved ones on earth, but you will see him again and he will be smiling.

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**Teresa Dreher** - October 25, 2020 at 09:38 PM

LS

“ Lawrence Schelts lit a candle in memory of Charles James Carter Sr.



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**lawrence schelts** - October 25, 2020 at 09:16 PM

GP

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles James Carter Sr.



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**Gene and Lynda Palmatary** - October 25, 2020 at 07:06 PM

MR

“ Iris and Celeste, so sorry for your loss.  
Thoughts and prayers to the family.



Missy Rhodes - October 25, 2020 at 06:08 PM

LJ

“ Lorraine Jenkins sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Charles James Carter Sr.



Lorraine Jenkins - October 25, 2020 at 12:28 PM

RK

“ Ruth King lit a candle in memory of Charles  
James Carter Sr.



Ruth King - October 25, 2020 at 12:27 PM

MC

“ Marion & Lisa Chance purchased the Beautiful in  
Blue for the family of Charles James Carter Sr..



Marion & Lisa Chance - October 25, 2020 at 11:03 AM

MC

“ Charles Had Love For Life And A Personality Larger Than Himself! I Enjoyed The Never Boring Chats We Had Anywhere We Met! The Empty Feeling We All Now Have Will Ease With The Remembrance Of Charles. Rest In Peace Friend!

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**Marion Chance** - October 25, 2020 at 10:51 AM

JY

“ Jane Young lit a candle in memory of Charles James Carter Sr.



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**Jane Young** - October 24, 2020 at 11:44 PM