



Charles Douglas "Chuck" Garrison

June 3, 1962 - March 9, 2021

Charles "Chuck" Garrison was born on June 3, 1962, in Washington, DC. He was the youngest son of Mary Elizabeth Garrison and stepson of Theodore Garrison. At an early age, he was baptized at Mount Sinai Baptist Church and participated in numerous activities including the No. 2 Boy's Club Basketball team. After graduating from Dunbar Senior High in 1980, he accepted a position with the law firm of Winston & Strong where he would work for seven years. Due to his desire to see other parts of the world, Chuck decided to enlist into the United States Air Force in 1987. During that same year, he married his longtime friend, Sherry "Nisey" Kelly. Together, Chuck and Nisey toured in Europe, Korea and New Mexico, before settling at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware. Chuck retired from the Air Force in 2007.

Chuck was a devoted husband, father, brother, nephew, uncle, cousin and friend. Many witnessed his unselfish heart and giving spirit. He had immense love and appreciation for life and his community. He served as a member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware and the United Way of Delaware. Most importantly, he was an active member of Calvary Baptist Church where he served as Chairman of the Media Ministry. Chuck had a passion for doing the work of the Lord through sound and video. He was truly appreciative of his volunteer staff, who kept the ministry running smoothly during his absence. Chuck's second-biggest passion was officiating basketball. He was an active referee for the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials

(IAABO) Board 129 for 25 years. He loved officiating and considered it an honor when he would be selected to officiate the Girls & Boys High School State Championship games at the Bob Carpenter Center at the University of Delaware. He was also a referee for the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA). In 2015, he was inducted into the Delaware Afro-American Sports Hall of Fame for his service as an official.

Chuck leaves to cherish his memory, his wife of 33 years, Sherry; daughters, Ashley of Carteret, NJ, and Brealyn of Dover, DE; brother, Bernard Garrison of Millsboro, DE; aunts, Ruth Wright and Rosa Long; niece, Dr. Tiffani Andorful (Joseph); cousins, Michael Wright and Mark Wright (Kendall); father-in-law, William Kelly, Sr.; in-laws, The Kelly's: Valerie, William Jr., Elaine, Yvette and Gregory; and LaShonne Freeman (Tyrone) all of Prince George's County, MD; extended nieces/nephews, Micah Andorful, Kelly's Tiffany, Patrick, Kiara, Brandon, William "Tre", Brian, Cassidy, Riley and Kayli; chosen brothers, Timothy Pace (Stephanie) and Gregory Smith (Debbie) both of Magnolia, DE; William Tucker (Malania) of Mt. Holly, NJ and Keith McCauley (Paula) of Waldorf, MD; and a host of extended family and friends.

Tribute Wall

SS

“ To Sherry, daughter and family, Chuck was definitely a true man of God with a loving spirit. My sincere condolences and prayers to you all. We were Discover Family for a lot of my almost 30 years, church family at Calvary Baptist Church and of course military and honored to serve in the Air Force with him. Watched plenty of games he refereed for. Rest In Peace sir, see you on the other side. Stephanie & Chester Scott

Stephanie Scott - March 26, 2021 at 08:14 PM

WJ

“ Ashley & The Garrison Family - I am so very sorry for your loss and am sending you my deepest sympathy and love during this time.

With Love - Tiffany Johnson - March 26, 2021 at 05:04 PM

AM

“ You are TRULY missed by the Kellams. WE LOVE YOU UNCLE CHUCK!

Aaron, Takara, Jazmin, AJ, Malkolm - March 26, 2021 at 11:30 AM

DD

“ Such a loving inspiring man. Who always wore a smile, had a joke, or candy for you.

Dedicated Military Support Team from Discover - March 24, 2021 at 10:51 AM

TC

“ *What a great man! Chuck and I were fellow basketball officials and share the same birthday. We didn't speak often, but when we did, it was like we just spoke the day before. Always nice, consistent attitude and personality; just a good dude. Never had the pleasure of meeting his family, but know that you are in my prayers and heaven gained an Angel. GOD Bless, Tony Crisp and family*

Tony Crisp - March 23, 2021 at 10:31 AM

HS

“ *Charles Douglas "Chuck" Garrison*

Heartfelt Sympathies Store - March 20, 2021 at 06:00 PM

TD

“ *Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.*

Tureana Dash - March 20, 2021 at 08:20 AM

EB

“ *Extra prayers sent to Chuck's family. He absolutely loved his family, basketball, and keeping in touch. Always positive, fun to be around, and a jokester, yet he always passed on that wisdom. We all miss you already, and know that you will watch over your family from above. We love you man! Rest peacefully!*

Ebony - March 17, 2021 at 03:31 PM

ND

“ *The loss of Chuck has affected so many lives. May you find strength and peace during these hard times. God bless the Garrison family.*

Natalie Diggs - March 17, 2021 at 03:25 PM

HS

“ Chuck, you will be truly missed! From your Air Force Family, Arnold and Debbie Mosley

Heartfelt Sympathies Store - March 17, 2021 at 02:53 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Chuck can never be replaced, but his legacy will continue to live throughout the DE Bball Community.

IAABO Board #129 - March 16, 2021 at 06:55 PM

SA

“ Chuck ... I am gonna miss you Buddy... when we would talked you always gave words of encouragement Thanks for always asking about Kevin... your passing is so unreal.. it was in January when I asked you to do me a cd.. and you explained why you could not....RIP my friend Sandy Steele and Kevin

Sandylsteele@aol.com - March 13, 2021 at 11:21 PM

TD

“ Charles, thank you so much for your friendship. Making my time at Holloman at best enjoyable. My only regret is that you didn\u2019t get a chance to meet my boys while I was in Dover. I will keep your family and rest of your friends in prayer. Thank you so much for the gift of friendship and laughter. God bless you. Tureana Dash

Tureana Dash - March 13, 2021 at 12:06 PM

TD

“ Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints! I was so sad to learn about Mr. Garrison's passing. My family and I offer prayers and condolences to Sherry and their lovely daughters. In the few times I met Chuck, I witnessed his enduring love for his family and theirs for him. Rest in Power. Mrs. T Darden

T Darden - March 12, 2021 at 07:48 PM

JU

“ Thanks for your friendship and being a great co worker. Glad Laynee Ford got a chance to meet you and thanks for reffing during her games. I miss you Chuck. God bless.

Julia - March 12, 2021 at 02:05 PM

PE

“ Chuck, I have met many people during my career, but there will never be a bond like my Dover AFB Brothers from 1999-2006. Rest Easy Brother!!!

Perk - March 11, 2021 at 10:01 PM

AK

“ Unc, who imma ask for advice now? U were supposed to see jazmin off for the airforce in September. And i miss u callin me names already. Thank you for the love and friendship and treatn my wife and kids like family

Aaron Kellam - March 11, 2021 at 04:00 PM

KG

“ Already miss you partner....

Kevin Gillespie - March 11, 2021 at 02:10 PM

