



## Charles Vernon Hackett

June 19, 1944 - October 12, 2019

Charles Vernon Hackett, was born on Monday, June 19, 1944, in Kent County, Maryland, to the late Vernon and Elizabeth Hackett. He departed this life on Saturday, October 12, 2019, at Autumn Lake Rehab Center.

Charles, better known as “Buddy”, graduated from Garnett High School. He accepted Jesus Christ at an early age and was a member of New Christian Chapel of Love. He retired from DuPont Chestnut Run, after over 25 years of employment. After his retirement, he worked at various jobs in Maryland and Delaware.

Buddy was kind and generous with a great sense of humor, a great sense of family and a beautiful smile. You couldn’t find a better husband, father, step-father, son, brother, uncle, cousin or friend. He was an avid sports fan, but the one he loved the most was baseball. He was known as one of the best baseball players in the area.

Buddy loved his family. He took care of his mother and wife until he was no longer able. In February 2007, he suffered a massive stroke, which left him disabled and unable to live at home. Even with all that he went through as a result of the stroke, he still had that beautiful smile and strong determination. To show love or gratitude, he would often kiss our hands.

In November 1985, he married the love of his life, Watina A. Beck. She preceded him in death in 2009. To this union one son, Kareem was born.

Buddy leaves to cherish his memory, two children, Kareem Hackett and Melody Blake; sisters, Fay Clark, and Alma White(James); nephew/brother, Andrew Hackett; stepchildren, Carmen Hicks (Delbert) and Dawn Needam; sisters-in-law, Valentina Hackett, and Christine Hackett (Pat); brothers-in-law, Samuel Tiller and Weldon Beck; step grandchildren, Isha Hicks, DC Hicks, Latosha Capel and Jeffrey Needam; and a host of nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

Buddy fought a good fight, he finished his course, he kept the faith, now therefore is laid up for him a crown of righteousness ...