



## Clarence W. Blanks

June 6, 1943 - November 21, 2020

Clarence Wiley Blanks peacefully departed this life at his home on Saturday, November 21, 2020. He was born on Sunday, June 6, 1943, to the late Wades L. Blanks and Susan Elizabeth Odom in Brunswick County, North Carolina. He graduated from East Arcadia High School in 1962, and shortly after, enlisted in the United States Air Force (USAF). His first tour was in Vietnam where he worked in roads and grounds. He also cross-trained in the entomologist field, which is the study of bugs, and traveled the world. That is how he developed the nickname "Bug Man". He retired from Dover Air Force Base, Dover, Delaware, after serving 20 years as a Technical Sergeant. After retiring, he worked for the State of Delaware as a Courthouse Security Guard until his second retirement in 2011. He was also a member of the American Legion, Post 2.

Clarence was a very dear, affectionate, protective, punctual and dependable person. He was someone who helped, advised and encouraged people of all ages to be the best you could be. He was always the life of the party and was great at telling family stories. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and an incredibly special person, who will truly be missed by all.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories, his wife of 44 years, Patricia Blanks of Dover, DE; his son, Christopher Blanks (Natalie) of Durham, NC; four grandchildren, Marajah Blanks of Dover, DE and Namilia Blanks, Nasaad

Blanks and Yanic Blanks of Durham, NC; two brothers, Melvin Wadies Blanks (Emma) and William Perry Blanks (Carolyn) of Riegelwood, NC; a very dear friend, Dorsey; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.