### In Loving Memory of

Sunrise
April 14, 1938

Sunset February 16, 2015

Garland Robert Crute, Jr.

"Buck"

### <u>Obituary</u>

**Garland Robert Crute, Jr.**, better known as "Buck", departed this life on Monday morning, February 16, 2015. Garland R. Crute, Jr. was born April 14, 1938 to the late Garland R. Crute, Sr. and Zelma W. Crute of South Hill, Virginia.

**Garland** was baptized at an early age and was a member of Mt. Zion Holiness Church in South Hill, Virginia. Garland attended East End High School in South Hill, Virginia, graduating Valedictorian of his class in 1957.

**Garland** was born with disabilities, but he did not allow them to handicap him from normal activities as a child. Throughout his school years, his passions were playing baseball, basketball and football. Garland was also an avid artist, painting and drawing everything that caught his eye. He wrote dramatic poems for himself and for the special people in his life. Garland found much joy in cooking and demonstrated his abilities as a seamstress by creating different articles of clothing.

**Garland** relocated to Newark, New Jersey after graduating high school. There he spent most of his life working as a Master Barber until he retired. Garland was also a member of Cedar Junior Lodge #71, City of Newark, NJ, County of Essex.

**Garland** married Mary Katherine Fox in 1966, and to this union their daughter, Tasha Yvette Crute was born.

Garland Robert Crute, Jr. was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Katherine Fox Crute, his parents, Garland R. Crute, Sr. and Zelma W. Crute, one brother, James D. Crute, Sr., one sister, Joann C. Harris, grandparents, Lewis Crute, Florence Coleman Crute Simmons, Douglas Walker and Martha Jones Walker White; three sisters-in-law, Thelma Oliver, Joanna Robinson and Beatrice Fox; and one brother-in-law, Charles Fox.

Garland Robert Crute, Jr. leaves to cherish his memories: his one and only child, Tasha Y. Crute, and one grandchild, Matthew D. Crute both of Newark, New Jersey; two brothers, Melvin A. Crute (Jennie) of Petersburg, Virginia and Anthony A. Crute (Veronica) of Huntsville, Alabama; two sisters, Frances C. Hendrick of Chester, Virginia and Florence C. Rogers of Baltimore, Maryland; one brother-in-law, John H. Fox, Jr. of Virginia; five sisters-in-law, Evalena Fox, Hester Myers, Bessie Capers and Della E. Crute all of New York, and Ella Fox of New Jersey; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

# I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free I'm following the path God laid for me I took his hand when I heard Him call I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day. To laugh, to love, to work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way, I found that peace at the close of day. If my parting has left a void, Then fill it up with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Oh, yes these things I too will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I savored much. Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

#### Cremation

Fairmount Crematory Newark, New Jersey

## Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

### <u>Acknowledgements</u>

The Family of **Garland R. Crute, Jr.** with deepest gratitude, acknowledge all of the cards, prayers, calls and many acts of kindness extended to them during this time of bereavement. May God continue to bless you.

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