



Charles N. Black IV

July 15, 1945 - October 18, 2019

Charles N. Black IV, 74, of Eden, passed away at home on October 18th, 2019.

Charlie was born in Washington, DC to Charles N Black III and Mary Jane Black on July 15, 1945. He grew up and went to school in Prince George's County, Maryland. At an early age he gained a passion for the fire service from his father serving as a volunteer with Riverdale Heights Volunteer Fire Department and later serving as one of the youngest career fire fighters in both Prince George's and Montgomery Counties.

He later left his career fire fighter position and founded Potomac Fire Equipment Company and for over 35 years sold custom fire apparatus, ambulances and equipment to departments across Maryland, Delaware and Virginia. He was an early member and later served as the Fire Chief for the Huntingtown VFD in Huntingtown, MD. His passion for fire history led him to create and curate the Chesapeake Fire Museum for over twenty years.

Throughout his life he was very involved in the International Association of Fire Chiefs, Maryland Fire Chiefs, SPAAMFAA and other fire service organizations. He was also a very proud member of both Sons of the American Revolution and The Welcome Society of Pennsylvania.

Charlie is preceded in death by his parents Charles N. Black III and Mary Jane Black.

Charlie is survived by Carole Ann his loving wife of 39 years and his three sons; Jon David Black, wife Mary, children Abby and Shawn of Salisbury,

Maryland; Charles N Black, wife Sonya, son Jordan and daughter Charleigh of Wesley Chapel, FL; William Colder Black, wife Kelleigh, sons Owen, Bennett, Eli and Fritzner of Hebron, Maryland. He is also survived by his sister Judi Andrews of Salisbury and numerous family members to include cousins, nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Friday, Oct. 25, 2019 and from 10:00 to 11:00 AM on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019 at Short Funeral Home in Delmar, where a memorial service will begin at 11:00 AM on Saturday. Burial will follow at Hebron Memorial Cemetery. Huntingtown Volunteer Fire Department will transport Chief 6 to the grave site and provide pallbearers in remembrance of his faithful service.

Donations may be given to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation by visiting <https://www.firehero.org/donate/> .

The family of Charlie wishes to extend sincere thanks to the innumerable friends, caregivers, churches, Doctors, nurses and hospice members for their passionate support over the past years.

Services are in the care of Short Funeral Home in Delmar. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com.

For fire companies wishing to bring apparatus to the services, please contact the Salisbury Fire Department Chief's office at 410-548-3120 for coordination.

Cemetery Details

Hebron Cemetery

Hebron, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **25**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Short Funeral Home
13 East Grove Street
Delmar, DE 19940
(302) 846-2525
info@shortfh.com

Visitation

OCT **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Short Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles N. Black IV*



Short Funeral Home - October 25, 2019 at 05:43 PM



“ *Charles N. Black IV*

January 29, 2023 at 01:28 PM



“ *The Riverdale Heights Volunteer Fire Department purchased the Reflections of Glory Wreath for the family of Charles N. Black IV.*



The Riverdale Heights Volunteer Fire Department - October 25, 2019 at 01:52 PM



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Short Funeral Home - October 25, 2019 at 11:15 AM



“ 57 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



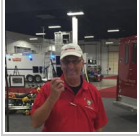
Short Funeral Home - October 24, 2019 at 04:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Charles N. Black IV.



October 23, 2019 at 11:09 AM



“ *Carole, my prayers and thoughts are with you and the family. Charlie was a good man. Enjoyed being around him. Lots of memories from Potomac Fire Equipment. He will be missed by all of us.*

Bob Romig

Bob Romig - October 22, 2019 at 07:18 PM

MA

“ *Rest in Eternal Peace Charlie! May God Bless your family, friends and fire department friends! You were created at the gates by all the firemen that went before you.*

Maggie - October 22, 2019 at 04:33 PM

TS

“ *Tracy Schulz sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles N. Black IV*



Tracy Schulz - October 22, 2019 at 01:49 PM

 Stacy
Shank

“ *So sorry for your loss Pat Andrews and family. I will always remember the fire museum and the open house (event) the one year I was visiting.*

Stacy Shank - October 22, 2019 at 12:58 PM

JF

“ Sorry to hear this may he Rest in Peace. Knew Charlie both thru PGFD and working for him part time doing pump repair when he first started Potomac Fire equipment.

James Fox - October 21, 2019 at 11:03 PM

DM

“ I value the many years that I knew Charlie. A great friend and great man who did much for the Maryland fire service and preservation of it's heritage. My sincere sympathy to his family.

Donald Moltrup - October 21, 2019 at 10:12 PM

KS

“ So sorry for your loss... Charlie was a wonderful person, and a good friend... he will be missed by all who knew him... sending thoughts and prayers to the entire family...

Calvin Stack,
Past President Rescue Fire Company

Karen Stack - October 21, 2019 at 07:49 PM



BW

“ So very sorry for your loss, Charlie was a great man and will be missed, sending prayers and condolences to his family

Bill Watkins - October 21, 2019 at 03:52 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles N. Black IV.*



October 21, 2019 at 10:41 AM



“ *Very proud to have known Charlie and work under him.*

Mike Lowe - October 21, 2019 at 09:52 AM