Charles Winfred Townes



On Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018, our hearts were saddened by the passing of our loved one Charles Winfred Townes, affectionately known as "Sugarfoot".

He departed this life at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond. God decided he needed another bricklayer in Heaven. He was born on April 7, 1946, in Clarksville, to the late James and Martha C. Townes. At an early age, Charles accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior and became a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Clarksville. He was educated in the Mecklenburg County School System and graduated from West End High School in 1964. Sugarfoot was an avid all-around athlete and was

known for his skills in basketball, baseball, football and track. He was a self-employed brick mason with his father and two brothers, James "Bunkey" and Carl "Dooley", for over 50 years.

Charles was united in marriage to Doris Elizabeth Clayton in 1965; to this union two sons were born.

Sugarfoot leaves to cherish loving memories, Doris of 52 years; two sons: Danney L. Townes of Clarksville, and Darrell L. Townes of Petersburg, three sisters, Margaret T. Hill of Petersburg, Gwendolyn T. Gerst (Richard) of South Hill, and Doretha T. Townes of Petersburg, four grandchildren: Devin, Dekeda, Donovan and Gilbert "Neal" (Jessica) and several great grandchildren; four sisters-in-law; Barbara Townes, Laura Clayton, Annette Clayton and Audrey Clayton; one brother-in-law' Robert L. Clayton; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends among them Jerome Watson.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, grandparents, Johnnie and Ada Craddock and Emma Townes: uncle, William Latiker, and other family members and dear friends.

Services for Charles Townes will be held Saturday, Jan. 27, at 2 p.m. at The House of Prayer.

Arrangements are entrusted to Carters Funeral Home.