



*Hanover County Sheriff's Office*  
*Colonel V. Stuart Cook, Sheriff*



**News Release**

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Two weeks ago, the Sheriff's Office lost one of its brightest stars. Deputy Charlie Pruett died last Tuesday night after a long battle with Leukemia. Deputy Pruett was 62 years old.

Deputy Pruett started his law enforcement career in 1963 with the Richmond Bureau of Police. Charlie had an illustrious career in the City and retired after 31 years of dedicated service. Upon his retirement, he continued his law enforcement service with the Hanover County Sheriff's Office as a Court Services Officer. In that capacity he provided a welcome face to those entering the courts buildings as well as ensuring the highest level of security.

Colonel V. Stuart Cook, the Sheriff of Hanover County, spoke at his memorial service. "Charlie was the personification of a gentleman, he was in fact, a gentle knight." Colonel Cook shared recollections of Charlie's career, his love of fishing, and more importantly, the love Charlie had for his wife and child. "Charlie was a model officer, one that any sheriff or police chief would be lucky to have represent their agency."

The memorial service was held at Bennett's Funeral Home on Lee Davis Road and Rev. Michael Daily, one of the Sheriff's Chaplains, led the service. Rev. Daily described Charlie with one word, faithful. "He was a faithful husband for 42 years, a faithful father, a faithful friend, and a faithful officer."

The funeral was well attended by community members, Sheriff's officers and members from the Richmond Police Department. Color Guards from both agencies stood watch during the service.

The Sheriff's Office would like to extend our sincere appreciation to Charlie Morehead and Bubba Worsham of Bennett's Funeral Home and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thompson of the Italian Kitchen for their generosity and hospitality shown to Charlie's family, his friends, and his co-workers during this sorrowful time.

**Prior to his passing, the Sheriff's Office had arranged a blood drive with Virginia Blood Services in honor of Charlie. That blood drive was held last Thursday at the Hanover County Sheriff's Office from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Deputies from the Hanover County Sheriff's Office donated over 35 pints of blood in a 3 - hour time frame.** It is our hope that the generous donation by our officers will go to help another family in need.

Our prayers continue to be with Charlie's friends and family.