



## Donald G. Gaither

January 7, 1928 - February 5, 2024

DONALD G. GAITHER was born on January 7, 1928, to the late Augustus & Rebecca Gaither. He departed this life on February 5, 2024 at his home after a brief illness.

Donald attended Douglass High School and graduated in 1946. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1948 and was honorably discharged in 1952. He was the first black radio operator aboard the USS Cone D.D. 866.

Donald married Alberta L. Scott in 1952 and from that union a daughter, Donna Gaither, was born. His oldest daughter Charlotte Gaither "Kitty" was from a previous relationship.

He was employed with U.S. Government from 1955 until he retired in 1998. He worked at Fort Meade for the U.S. Army and transferred to National Security Agency where he worked for 22 years.

Donald attended Catonsville Community College where he received a degree in Mortuary Science. He became a licensed Mortician in 1998 and began an apprenticeship at Joseph Russ Funeral Home for 7 years and later worked at March Funeral Home East for 20 years, from which he retired.

Donald joined the William F. Taylor Lodge #57 in 1960. He served as Worshipful Master from 1964-1966. He became Past Master once he left the seat.

He served on the Baltimore City School Board from 1995-1999. He also served on the War Memorial Commission from 2000-2004. He traveled to Nairobi, Kenya in 1996 with the Baltimore School Board for inspection of a new school built for wayward boys from Baltimore City.

Donald was a faithful member of Mount Winans United Methodist Church since the age of 18, where there were only three members at the time. He served on the Financial Committee and was also on the Usher Board.

He loved visiting his vacation home in Cape May, New Jersey, and it was his place to rest and relax for over 40 years. He would ride his bike, swim, along with working on repairs for the house, and he loved gardening flowers & vegetables. He was an avid Orioles & Ravens fan and would watch the games with his nephew "Pete".

Donald is preceded in death by his wife of 60 years Alberta L. Gaither (Scott), his daughters Charlotte Doris Gaither "Kitty" and Donna R. Gaither-Jeter, his sister Charlotte Reddick.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his loving devoted granddaughter, Larai Gaither "Puddin"; sister, Laverne Fair; nephew, Sterling "Pete" Bailey; niece, Paula Rooks; a devoted caregiver, Debbie Owens; son-in-law, Larry Jeter; and a host of family members along with his adopted grandkids who affectionately called him "Granddad."

# Cemetery Details

## Saint Rest Cem.

Hanover

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

FEB **15**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - East  
1101 E. North Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21202

## Wake

FEB **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

FEB **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a Webcast for Funeral on Donald G. Gaither in memory of Donald G. Gaither*



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**March Funeral Homes** - February 13, 2024 at 09:16 AM

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“ *Our deepest condolences to the family of Donald Gaither. Donald was so loved by his relatives in Severn. We rejoiced in seeing him at our annual family reunions. He will be remembered for his warm and pleasant spirit. Donald's grandfather, George Gaither and our grandfather, Hiram Gaither were brothers. Sending our love, The Reginald and Thelma Gaither Family*

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**Marva Gaither** - February 17, 2024 at 07:32 PM

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“ *I remember Don from my first days at Ft. Meade in 1982. He was always a kind man and always had a smile on his face and a story to tell. May God bless his family during this time.*

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**Mark** - February 16, 2024 at 05:40 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Donald G. Gaither.*



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February 15, 2024 at 12:12 PM



“ *Your Department of Surgery Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald G. Gaither.*

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**Your Department of Surgery Family** - February 15, 2024 at 12:12 PM



“ *We offer our deepest sympathy in the passing of Donald Gaither who was a friend and colleague. Estep Brothers Funeral Home Lloyd & Cecil, Sr & staff.*



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**Lloyd Estep** - February 13, 2024 at 09:49 AM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

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**March Funeral Homes** - February 09, 2024 at 02:46 PM