



Geoffrey Weldon Pinder

November 14, 1945 - March 11, 2022

Geoffrey Weldon Pinder, retired horse trainer, died March 11 of heart failure while undergoing a routine health procedure. He lived in Temple, Arizona. He was 76.

Born in Baltimore on November 14, 1945, Geoffrey Weldon Pinder was the first born of George and Bertha Pinder's five children. He was a precocious child who attended Baltimore City Public Schools. He was a graduate of Baltimore City College where he excelled in his studies. An initiate of the first pledge line of 1962, he was a cherished member of the Omicron Beta Epsilon high school fraternity. Geoffrey earned the nickname of Crazy Horse because of his love of horses. Also in his youth, he dedicated himself to the civil Rights movement as a member of the Jackie Robinson Youth Council working with Juanita Jackson Mitchell.

At 18, Geoffrey joined the armed services as a paratrooper in the Army's 82nd Airborne that specialized in parachute assault operations. He served in the Dominican Republic in the early 1960s during the rise of communism in Cuba and Central America. He narrowly escaped death in a grain silo attack. Of six soldiers in this fire fight, Geoffrey was the only survivor. This event haunted Geoffrey for decades.

After his time in the Army, Geoffrey returned to Baltimore where he attended

Maryland Institute College of Art and worked as a draftsman for an architectural firm. He soon married Joanne Reid and the couple welcomed daughter Stacey Donette. The couple later divorced.

Bitten by the entrepreneurial spirit, Geoffrey became the proprietor of a dry-cleaning business where he employed his sisters Joy and Amelia and partner Gunda Miller. Around the same time, he became father to Geoffrey Weldon Pinder Miller and stepfather to Aaron Miller.

Geoffrey's free spirit led him to pursue a passion for horses. He attended Meredith Manor Equine College in West Virginia then moved to Gilroy, CA where he worked as a horse trainer on a ranch. Geoffrey followed his passion to a number of farms, ranches and racetracks, working for some of the horse world's top breeders and owners. While Geoffrey traded in the physically demanding role of horse trainer for subsequent work as a truck driver and then a chef, he continued to feed his interest in the horse scene by viewing daily races on cable TV.

Geoffrey retired to California and then to Arizona where he enjoyed the warm weather and the lore of the west. He is survived by daughter, Stacey; son, Geoffrey; stepson, Aaron Miller; his mother Bertha Taylor-Pinder, sisters, Joy Pinder-Savage, Amelia Pinder-Campbell, and Gay Pinder; long-time companion Marilyn Mitchell; four grandchildren; one great-grand child, aunts Ruby Golding and Mary Wilson, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

viewing

APR 1. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

March Funeral Home - West
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

Wake

APR 1. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Geoffrey Weldon Pinder, Please Click the Link below.*



March Funeral Homes - March 24, 2022 at 10:25 AM



“ *Geoffrey Weldon Pinder*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *To all who mourn for
Geoffey W. Pinder
the Officers and Board of the
Baltimore City College Alumni Association
extend their condolences.*

Baltimore City College Alumni Associatio - April 02, 2022 at 06:05 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the
family of Geoffrey Weldon Pinder.*



March 30, 2022 at 12:16 AM



“ *Gay and family, The Class of 1979 Mount DeSales Academy send our deepest condolences to you and your family on the loss of your brother.*

Margaret Neville - March 29, 2022 at 07:42 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.*

March Funeral Homes - March 21, 2022 at 12:01 PM