



## Mr. George William Gaines Sr.

August 17, 1920 - December 6, 2024

A Life Well Lived:

George William Gaines

George William Gaines was born to the late William Douglas and Annie Louvenia Gaines on August 17, 1920. He was the oldest of seven children—Charles, Alfred, Mamie, Martha, Dorothy, and Sterling. Born in Centreville, Maryland, George attended the public schools of Queen Anne's County, Maryland. He attended the Bethel A. M. E. Church until his marriage to Frances P. Edmonds in 1952. Of this marriage was born one son, George, Jr., whose marriage to Delcina gave George his dearly loved grandson, Shawn.

In 1967 George became a member of Union Baptist Church that he served as a member of The Men's League and a bus driver for The Lott Carey Youth Seminar, the Junior Church Hershy Park trips, and the Young Adult Choir trips, as well as The Men's League Retreat. He was an active member of The Sunshine Circle. A constant worshipper in his beloved church and his preferred pew, George was named The 2016 Union Baptist Church Man of the Year. Even until this past late fall, George remained a constant and generous supporter of Union Baptist Church, its programs and its ministries.

His career began as an automobile mechanic in his father's garage and continued until retirement. He owned and operated his own school bus which

he operated for Queen Anne's County Schools for more than 50 years. At his retirement he was recognized for his driving for the school system for more than 1.2 million miles without ever receiving a citation.

Goerge William Gaines served during World War II with the 90th Anti-Aircraft Battalion. He was the first Afro-American to cross the Rhine River. He lived as a model of his motto: "Getting the credit is not important. Getting the job done well is".

George W. Gaines leaves to mourn his wife, Frances; his son, George, Jr, daughter-in-law-Delcina, one grandson Shawn, a and sister, Dorothy Pauls. He leaves, as well, nieces, nephews, a host of relatives, and loving friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road  
Owings Mills, MD

# Previous Events

## Wake

DEC 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

Union Baptist Church  
1219 Druid Hill Avenue  
Baltimore, MD

## Funeral Service

DEC 20. 11:30 AM (ET)

Union Baptist Church  
1219 Druid Hill Avenue  
Baltimore, MD

# Tribute Wall

BP

“ *Bill And Norma Patton lit a candle in memory of Mr. George William Gaines Sr.*

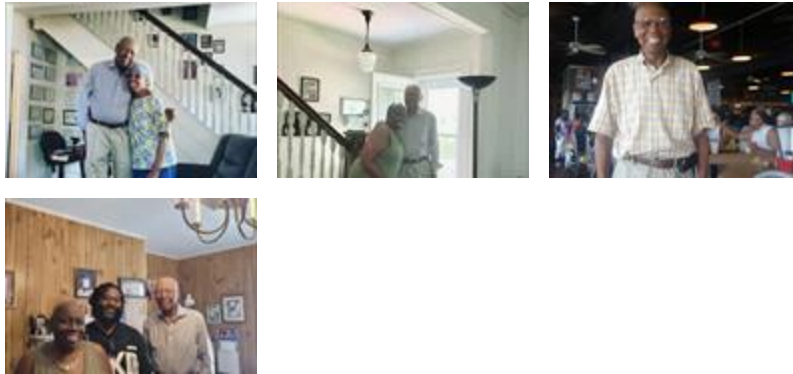


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**Bill and Norma Patton** - March 24, 2025 at 12:27 PM



“ *4 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Brenda Gaines Blake** - December 21, 2024 at 06:01 PM

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“ *Frances, you are in my thoughts and my prayers. George was a true example of a devoted husband, a good father, GREAT grandfather and a faithful servant of God. He will be missed. May he rest in paradise. Love Shirley Richardson and family.*



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**Tia Richardson** - December 20, 2024 at 06:40 AM

SP

“ Soror Lois McCoy, President purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. George William Gaines Sr..



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**Soror Lois McCoy, President** - December 19, 2024 at 12:08 PM

CW

“ I and my children (Gini, Perry, & Sharon) will always remember George's big, welcoming smile and beautiful pictures that he and his trusty camera captured of many family, church, and social events we attended with him and Francis. Carolyn Guntz Wilderson (Janice Sydnor's Sister)



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**Carolyn G Wilderson** - December 18, 2024 at 02:32 PM

KF

“ Kathleen Setzer and Family purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Mr. George William Gaines Sr..



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**Kathleen Setzer and Family** - December 17, 2024 at 07:53 PM



“ *Lena Ampadu sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. George William Gaines Sr.*



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**Lena Ampadu** - December 15, 2024 at 08:49 AM

SJ

“ *SHARON W JONES lit a candle in memory of Mr. George William Gaines Sr.*



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**SHARON W JONES** - December 14, 2024 at 08:10 PM

RO

“ *Robin lit a candle in memory of Mr. George William Gaines Sr.*



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**Robin** - December 14, 2024 at 01:29 AM

TM

“ *Tina Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. George William Gaines Sr.*



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**Tina Martin** - December 13, 2024 at 02:07 PM

B#

“ *Bowser Transport #38 lit a candle in memory of Mr. George William Gaines Sr.*



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**Bowser Transport #38** - December 13, 2024 at 01:35 PM

SC

“ *Shana Corder lit a candle in memory of Mr. George William Gaines Sr.*



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**Shana Corder** - December 13, 2024 at 01:29 PM

JP

“ *Janet Pauls lit a candle in memory of Mr. George William Gaines Sr.*



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**Janet Pauls** - December 12, 2024 at 05:16 AM

DC

“ *Donna Clough lit a candle in memory of Mr. George William Gaines Sr.*



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**Donna Clough** - December 11, 2024 at 07:40 PM



“ 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** - December 10, 2024 at 11:42 AM

SD

*What a wonderful, faithful guardian of the children of QAC.*

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**Susan Dabney** - December 13, 2024 at 02:50 PM