



## Gerald Leander Knight

October 17, 1954 - April 3, 2023

"For I am now ready to be offered and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, and I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all that that love His appearing."

Gerald Leander Knight was born on October 17, 1954, in Crewe, VA to the late Jean Marie Tee and Floyd Jennings. He made his transition from earth to glory on Monday, April 3, 2023. He was a beloved father, brother, uncle, PaPa, and friend. He was an ordained minister and loved serving and preaching the word of God.

Gerald accepted Christ into his heart and was baptized as a young boy growing up in Crewe, VA with his grandparents Henry Clay Clark and Gladys Knight Clark. He graduated from Maggie Walker High School in 1973 and completed his undergraduate studies at Saint Paul College. While attending college, he was a star athlete playing football, basketball, tennis, and softball. He was in ROTC and became a member of Omega Psi Phi fraternity. Gerald was smart and he had a love for learning, reading, and taking pictures. After graduating college, he went on to join the United States Military and retired from the Army Reserve after serving 25 years. During his many years of work, he was highly invested in his career in Human Resources and as a contractor

for the U.S. government.

Gerald was the life of the party, and he brought his charming; loud, and larger-than-life personality to any gathering knowing that he was going to be late and would arrive on his own time. Anywhere he went, everyone knew "Shark Knight" had arrived. Gerald was debonair and he dressed the part. He believed in letting his light shine and thrived on helping others succeed. Gerald enjoyed laughing, eating good food, shopping to add to his collection of books, shoes, and clothes, playing games, but most of all spending time with his family and friends. If you knew him, you loved him, and could never, ever forget him.

Gerald is preceded in death by his beloved grandparents and mother. His memories will forever be cherished by his two daughters Chaka Titina King (Shawn King) and LeAndra Knight; his four sons, Lorenzo Monroe, Romondo Moss, Dee Moss, and Jamye Knight; grandchildren, Quiyera Bagley, Catherine Monroe, DeQuan Moss, Jaivon Coleman, Shamontae Moss, Daijah Winston, and Jamison Knight; his aunt, Essie Donaldson; his sisters, Vanessa Tee-Coles, Glenda Derricott (Bob Derricott), Debbie Smith, Josephine Ford, and Bebe Jennings; brother, Warren "Butch" Epes (Berthell); nieces, Kiarria Coles and Shanika Collier; great-niece, Meionie Brown; lifelong friends, John McKinney and Archie Collier Jr., and a host of other family and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Virginia Veterans Cemetery at Amelia

10300 Pridesville Road  
Amelia, VA 23002

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

APR **13**. 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel  
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.  
Richmond, VA 23222

## Celebration of Life

APR **14**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Baptist Church  
4247 Creighton Road  
Richmond, VA 23223

# Tribute Wall

SH

“ My friendship with Gerald goes back to our graduation from Saint Paul’s College where he often reminded me that he completed his academic requirements a year earlier, but since there was no Fall commencement he came back the following year because he knew what a special gift it would be for his family. Gerald always thought of others and gladly shared his gifts, time, and talents with so many. I count my blessings for the special friendship we shared over the years and will remember him always. To Gerald’s family, especially Jayme and Leandra, I pray that the special memories you shared with your Dad comfort you each time you think of him and especially when you miss his physical presence.

Sheila - May 01, 2023 at 10:57 AM

LW

“ Sending Love and Condolences to the Knight Family. Shark was loved by many in Richmond and at Saint Paul’s College. May God continue to bless your Family.



Linda Charity Washington - April 14, 2023 at 11:24 AM

LW

The Divine 9 has lost a dedicated Omega.

Linda Charity Washington - April 14, 2023 at 11:26 AM

ET

“ I always remember "Shark" as being a friendly cool guy. Always willing to talk and listen to you.

Edward Taylor - April 12, 2023 at 05:42 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gerald Leander Knight.*



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April 12, 2023 at 01:50 PM



“ *To the family and friends of Gerald, please accept my condolences on the passing of your loved one. Gerald and I were classmates. Ann L. Sharpe*



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**Ann L. Sharpe** - April 11, 2023 at 06:09 PM



“ *Cuz, absolutely gone to miss seeing you around the VA. Missing our talks and laughter every time. You fought the good fight. Rest now. Love you cuz. Nu-Nu*

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**A. Coleman** - April 10, 2023 at 04:56 PM



*My sincere Condolences to family and friends of Gerald, "Shark." He was a classmate at Saint Paul's College and he had a presence about him in college that got respect. RIP!*

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**Rosalyn Davis** - April 13, 2023 at 09:24 PM

JF

“ Rev. Knight led our Barbershop Ministry every Thursday night. In the small group I heard testimony more inspiring that I ever heard before. He and Rev. McLaughlin made the meetings encouraging and inviting for all. I miss him and his amazing testimony greatly.

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**James Fleming** - April 10, 2023 at 03:39 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Gerald Leander Knight.



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April 10, 2023 at 12:54 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Gerald Leander Knight.



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April 09, 2023 at 09:32 AM

DV

“ *Sending sincere condolences to the family. Glenda, Vanessa hold on to all of his memories. I hope the memories of Sunny Side Road, Crewe VA bring smiles of the way we were...peace will find you.*

*Love from my family to yours,*

*Ms. Vivian "Mae" Birdsong Watson  
1442 Sunny Side Rd.  
Crewe, VA*

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**Deborah Birdsong Vaughan** - April 08, 2023 at 06:02 PM

CJ

“ *Cousin Gwen and Joey purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Gerald Leander Knight.*



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**Cousin Gwen and Joey** - April 07, 2023 at 10:39 PM

 Mildred Mason

“ *My heart is broken 💔 in so many pieces right now as I found out you are not longer with us.. our friendship was deep even after our high school days. You will never be forgotten you fought to good fight. Now our father want you to rest with him.. until we meet again..my deepest condolences to your family...*

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**Mildred Mason** - April 07, 2023 at 11:13 AM

GT

*Gerald you showed yourself to be kind and considerate in all situations and I know that you are now at peace. My condolences to your entire family.*

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**Glen Jean tee** - April 07, 2023 at 06:42 PM

RD

*Attended St Paul's College with Gerald and was on the Football Team together. Was a great person, friend, football player and colleague. Will never be forgotten rest in peace my friend.*

**Robert Dixon** - April 07, 2023 at 07:14 PM

NB

*One of my closest spiritual brother and friend who never stop praising God no matter what were his circumstances and He always prayed for spiritual growth  
May he Rip*

**Norman Burton** - April 08, 2023 at 10:23 AM

KC

“ Love You Uncle Gerald 🙏❤️!!

**kiarria coles** - April 07, 2023 at 08:40 AM

DS

“ Gerald, you always had my back at ABC. I'll always remember fondly all our oh so deep and the very lighthearted conversations. RIP my friend.

*Debbi Seitz.*

**Deborah Seitz** - April 06, 2023 at 06:37 PM

ED

“ You were just like a big brother to all of us in the old neighborhood. Will really miss texting and laughing with you. Rest in paradise, Dear Gerald.

**Elayne Dyson** - April 06, 2023 at 05:03 PM

CW

“ Words can't express how much I am going to miss speaking to you when we would have our "Catch Up" calls. You have been like a big brother to me for a long time and I love you my Brother. Until we meet again, and I know when we do you are going to have some wild story that we are going to laugh long and hard about :)



Charles Wilkerson - April 06, 2023 at 04:28 PM

DF

“ Bro. Gerald “Shark” Knight will be sorely missed by all my fellow Chapter Bruhz of the Mighty Epsilon Gamma Chapter. Shark help guide you me during my journey to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. I'm so proud to say that he Made Me In The Omega Hut. Rest In Peace Bro. Knight 🙏.

Derrick “Baby D” Woodson-Miami, Florida - April 06, 2023 at 02:37 PM

GH

“ Thank you for sharing a part of your soul with me. The knowledge and experience of life you shared with me during our many conversations immensely impacted my goals and aspirations. Always remember  
Gregory Hunt  
Fall 83 # 2

Gregory Hun - April 06, 2023 at 02:23 PM

LW

“ Prayers to the family of Gerald Knight and may you find comfort and peace through your faith in the Lord. Gerald is resting and is not suffering anymore. He was a good friend



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**Linda Whitehead** - April 06, 2023 at 02:02 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** - April 06, 2023 at 11:53 AM