



Gerald Noval Snell

May 4, 1936 - July 8, 2006

Peacefully on July 8, 2006, GERALD NORVAL SNELL departed this life after long illness at the age of 70. On May 4, 1936, Wilbert and Frances Snell of Howard County Maryland became parents of their seventh of eleven children. His name was Gerald. This child would grow and develop as one of God's faithful servants, Gerald Norval Snell. His abundant life has produced overwhelming love and inspiration. He was educated in the Howard County Public School System and graduated from the Harriet Tubman High School-Agricultural Sciences Curriculum. He continued his studies in various academic disciplines which included Business Management and Theological Studies at the college level. Gerald accepted Christ as his personal Savior at the St. Stephens A.M.E. Church in Howard County Maryland, then under the pastorate of Rev. Frank Gray. There, you could find the young Gerald experiencing his early Christian development. As a young adult, he and his wife Lucille joined Bethany Baptist Church then under the leadership of Rev. Clinton Johnson. Gerald later joined First Apostolic Church under the pastorate of Bishop Winfield Showell, and was part of the church's Youth Ministry. Some years later, he returned to St. Stephen A.M.E. Church. Gerald continued to faithfully serve in the body of Christ which included a Street Ministry that impacted many of Baltimore's black youths in the Park Heights Community. Early in his adult life, he and the former Lucille Copeman were married, and became the proud parents of three sons, Shaun, Ray and Neil. His family was a source of pride and love to him all the days of his life. He

constantly encouraged his sons to reach the highest pinnacles of education and achievement possible. Many of Gerald's own personal traits and ambitions could readily be seen in each of them as they grew and matured. When you saw them, you saw "Gerald". He brought his family to the Lord, and saw to it that they were grounded in deep Christian rooting. Gerald was a very fine athlete, and avid hunter, which he enjoyed with his brothers and nephews. He enjoyed many sports, and was highly competitive. This was not only with his sons...but also with his son's friends! He cultured warm friendships and admiration for many of them. This was true also of those whom he encouraged and taught. He often considered them his –"extended sons". Gerald's love of sports was a true fulfillment in his life, and featured a long career in the old Sandlot Leagues for the Lelite Giants, whose home field was in Cedar Hill, MD. Yearly battles with the likes of the Johnson All-Stars, and Queenstown Wildcats, and the Parole All-Stars constantly fed his voracious competitive appetite. Gerald consistently won "Most-Stolen Bases" titles year-after-year with his blazing speed, and base –running savvy. He was also a consistent leader in "on-base percentage". He later became Manager/player, then Manager for the Giants. He even later managed two of his sons in baseball. Gerald was a unique individual whose knowledge spanned a wide variety of disciplines. He was a communications "specialist", often impacting even the common stranger he met in everyday life. His early occupations included gourmet seafood cooking, air-brake mechanical maintenance, and carpentry. His professional career developed initially as an Electrician's Assistant, culminating into a promotion to Plant Electrician 1st Class. Gerald was so well respected that he was also elected Shop Stewart, then President of Local 12328 of the United Mine Workers of America. Serving in this capacity for a then-unprecedented 11 ½ years. He was cited numerous times for "Outstanding Service" nationally at United Mine Conventions in St. Louis, Louisville, Chicago, and Philadelphia, sharing the stage with many of the country's top union leadership. His adept skills in communications and negotiations soon prompted Mineral Pigments to recruit him to upper

management as General Plant Manager. The strategy being “if we cant’ beat him...let’s get him on our side.” Gerald had risen to manage millions of dollars in assets and productions in a major national chemical industry concern. After achieving record production levels repeatedly, Gerald was even cross-recruited by two rival pigment production companies. But, he remained loyal to Mineral Pigments. Gerald later retired from Mineral Pigments, and briefly entered the world of book publishing...and although having moderate success, he gravitated back to an early childhood passion-Carpentry, and Home Improvement Contracting. For many years, Gerald would blend his business acumen with his natural God-given talents of artistic creation. Throughout the Greater-Baltimore area, projects of his design were filled with uniqueness and beauty. Truly, this was a “gifted” man! Gerald’s health soon became an issue, however, and curtailed his working career, placing him on a long road of battles with kidney disease, and heart disease. As the recipient of a kidney transplant, his quality of life improved, and encouraged him to utilize all of those magnificent communication skills to continue to “help others”. He was a major contributor in the Park Heights Community Multi-Purpose Center for several years, and taught Carpentry and Home Improvement skills there. Gerald also utilized his formidable negotiations skills to champion patient services issues at the Bon Secours Hospital as a volunteer, as well as resident-related issues at his place of residence-Park Heights Place. His incite, counsel, and multi-faceted wisdom were substantial contributions to friend and community alike. And indeed, this “soldier for God” will be sorely “missed”.Gerald’s memory will forever be embedded in the hearts of the many whose lives he has touched, and he leaves to carry the Faith-his former wife-Lucille Snell-Alexander; his three son, Shaun, Ray and Neil; eight grandchildren, Bradley, Lauren, Matthew, Monae, Ray, Jr., Shannon, Shaunnell, and Hosley; five great grandchildren, Simone, Alexa Rae, Jalil, Kaleb, Madison; two brothers, Wilbert, Jr., Calvin; three sisters, Leanna Martin, Lillian Branford, Annie Snell; one brother-in-law, John Thomas

Fields, Sr., one sister-in-law, Louise Snell, and one daughter-in-law, Kara Snell. He is preceded in death by four brothers, Francis, Arthur, Charles, Sherman, and one sister, Reverend Agnes Fields and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and very dear friends.

Tribute Wall



“ Gerald Noval Snell

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“ Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. It appears that Mr. Snell was a remarkable man who lead a wonderfully fulfilling life. It was truly a blessing for Mr. Snell to have been so loved and cared for down to the end. Death was not something that God intended for us. The thought of death is always distasteful and it always will be because Jehovah God has created within us the keen desire to live forever. We never get used to it. We feel deep down in our hearts that this should not happen because, “Even time indefinite he (God) has put in their heart,” says Ecclesiastes 3:11. One of the wonderful parts of his plan is the hope of the resurrection of dead loved ones. (John 5:25, 28, 29). Please be assured that Jehovah God loves us and wants the best for us. Take comfort in the promise that he has given us at Rev. 21: 3-5 of a new earth where there will be no more death.##imported-begin##Senita Swann##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but know that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. (2Corinthian 1:3-4) Due to the many unforeseen occurrences that brings tragedy to our lives Jehovah God promises one day soon Death will be no more (Rev 21:3-4) and his son Jesus Christ have been given the authority to bring all those in the memorial tombs back to life. John 5:28-29 Just think there will come a time not only will death be no more but Jehovah promises that no one will have to say I'm sick according to Isaiah 33:24. I feel the need to express these words of hope because so many of us today treasure the gift of life and we do all we can to maintain it to hold on to it. That is why it hurts so badly when our loved ones die. With so many of us desiring life today no matter how good or bad it is we still want life here on earth. No one looks forward to that time of death. That is why I am under obligation by the spirit and love of God to share that hope that is in our near future that the righteous shall inherit the earth and reside upon it forever according to Psalms 37: 29 along with the above stated promises on a paradise and peaceful earth. We all can hold true to this everlasting promise because Isaiah states all the words Jehovah have spoken WILL NOT RETURN WITHOUT RESULTS. What a wonderful prospect for our future especially enlight of the fact that Hebrews 6:18 States of God, it is IMPOSSIBLE for him to lie.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##

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“ Ray, I'm really sorry to hear about your dad. I know that you loved and respected him. I know what your feeling. I lost my mom April 29, 2006 just trust in God, he is in a better place now no more sickness or pain.##imported-begin##Lavonne Speaks##imported-end##

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“ *May the peace of GOD be with the family during this time of bereavement.##imported-begin##Hester Jackson-Chase & Evelyn Jackson & Family##imported-end##*

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