



Mr. Gerald J. Roper Sr.

June 27, 1945 - August 27, 2014

Gerald John Roper was born on June 27, 1945 in New Rochelle, New York. He was the son of the late Mary and Carl Roper. God sent his eternal angels for Gerald on August 27, 2014.

Gerald attended North Carolina Central University, Durham, N.C., where he received a B.A. Degree in Geography. He continued his professional education at NCCU School of Law where he received his Juris Doctor Degree.

Gerald began his public service career as a Specialist with the U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Minority Business Enterprises, in Contracts and Grants Division, Washington, D.C. He left federal government on assignment as a Specialist with the District of Columbia's Model Cities Program. This position led to additional assignments with the D.C Rental Accommodation Office as a Hearing Examiner and Administrative Law Judge. He later joined the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs as a Senior Hearing Examiner. Gerald retired after serving 36 years in the D.C. government

Gerald was a man of faith, an advocate, organizer and founder. In his Christian life, Gerald gave his time and talents to The People's Community Baptist Church where he was a faithful member. There, he served as the Chair of the Political Awareness Ministry and the Foundation Board.

For all of his adult life, Gerald had been integrally involved in community, political and other non-profit organizations designed to increase political awareness, ensure justice and to improve the quality of life for everyone. He was a long-time resident and community leader in Montgomery County, Maryland. Gerald's activist life was grounded in the civil rights movement and the leadership of his parents which led to his involvement in many organizations including: AFL-CIO, NAACP, MLK, Jr. Committee, and the Benjamin Banneker Math and Science Honor Society, just to name a few. Gerald was a co-founder of the Potomac Valley Section of the National Council of Negro Women and a founding member of the Montgomery County African American Democratic Club. Gerald's outreach to youth as a mentor and tutor emphasized strong family values and education.

Gerald was an active member of the Montgomery County chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

He was the beloved husband of Mary Roper; devoted father of Brittany and Gerald Roper, Jr. and Mark Harris. He is also survived by his sister, Patricia Williams, and a host of other relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers expressions of sympathy may be made in the form of donation to the

"Gerald J Roper, Sr Memorial Scholarship", and may be sent to:

The People's Community Baptist Church,
31 Norwood Rd, Silver Spring MD, 20905

Cemetery Details

Gate Of Heaven Cemetery

13801 Georgia Ave
Silver Spring, MD 20906

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 1. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center, P.A. - Laurel
7601 Sandy Spring Road
Laurel, MD 20707
(301) 490-1550
<https://www.marchlifetributecenter.com>

Wake

SEP 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Peoples Community Baptist Church
31 Norwood Rd.
Silver Spring, MD

Service

SEP 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Peoples Community Baptist Church
31 Norwood Rd.
Silver Spring, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Gerald J. Roper Sr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I ran into Gerald at National Airport one mother's day weekend. Neither of realized we had both relocated to Maryland from. New Rochelle.*

Gerald was the first person I ran into at the reunion at the Boys Club in New Rochelle. We both laughed about how we didn't see each other in Maryland, but had to come back home to see each other, never to see each other again.

I am sorry for your loss. Gerald was a good man.

Rene T.Poinsette - January 21, 2015 at 08:08 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss, may Jehovah give you comfort in your time of need. 1Corinthians 1:3,4. www.jw.org*

Carolyn - September 08, 2014 at 01:02 PM

SL

“ I am so sorry for your loss. The death of a loved one is the most difficult thing we deal with. I wanted to take this time to express my condolences to you for your loss. May you find comfort from Jehovah God's word the Bible. (Psalms 83:18) The Bible promises: "there is going to be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous." (Acts 24:15) Jehovah God assures us that our dear dead loved ones will receive a resurrection to a restored beautiful paradise earth. (Isaiah 65:21,22) You can have the hope of being reunited with your dear dead loved ones here on earth. (John 5:28,29) The Bible also assures us: "And the last enemy, death, is to be brought to nothing." (1Corinthians 15:26) Death will be removed from all the earth. Tears of sorrow will vanish. No one will die from natural causes or weep. These are promises that will soon be a reality. (Hebrews 6:18) May you find comfort from these promises. And may Jehovah God of all comfort be with you. (2Corinthians 1:3,4)

For more encouragement please visit www.jw.org.

sherries lee - September 02, 2014 at 12:26 PM

RI

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. Please take comfort from John 5:28-29 in your Bible where it states, we have the hope of seeing our loved ones again. May the God of comfort keep you all under his protective pinions during this difficult time. If you have any comments or questions please e-mail me or go to JW.ORG

Rita - September 02, 2014 at 05:25 AM



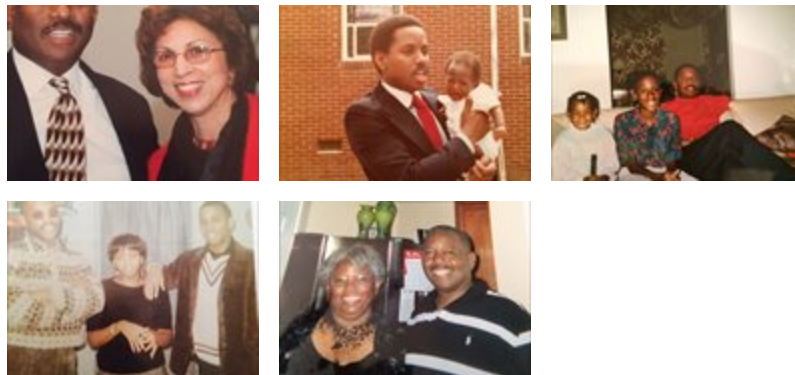
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March Funeral Homes - September 01, 2014 at 08:07 AM



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March Funeral Homes - August 31, 2014 at 06:45 PM

KW

“ Please accept my condolences for your recent loss. As a concerned neighbor I wanted to share scriptural encouragement. Just like you I have experienced the sadness associated with death. However, the promise at Isaiah 25:8 encourages me that Jehovah God will soon "swallow up death forever". At that time our dead loved ones "in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out." (John 5:28,29). What wonderful promises for our future! Please consider this and other Bible truths in more depth at JW.org.

Sincerely,
K. Walker

K. Walker - August 30, 2014 at 11:29 PM

SS

I am so sorry to hear the passing of Mr. Roper. I will truly will miss seeing him seated in the balcony at The People's Community Baptist Church. My prayers are with the entire Roper Family. Brittany your dad eyes was full of joy when he showed me his grandbaby picture.

God Be With the Family,
Sylvia Stephens and the Family
Silver Spring, MD

Sylvia Stephens - August 31, 2014 at 09:11 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 - August 29, 2014 at 11:30 AM

BW

I am so sorry to learn about the death of Mr. Roper. Death is never easy for us because it is so unnatural. One day we will benefit from Jesus Christ shed blood and live again read Acts 24:15. I hope this Bible verse brings you comfort.

*Sincerely,
B. Williams*

B. Williams - August 31, 2014 at 03:51 PM