



## Jerry L Gaylord

July 5, 1931 - May 1, 2022

JERRY LEE GAYLORD was born on July 5, 1931 in Wintersville, North Carolina to the late George and Hannah (Moore) Gaylord. He departed this life on Sunday, May 1, 2022.

Jerry attended elementary school in Greenville, North Carolina until the death of his father when he was thirteen years old which prompted his mother to move with her family to Baltimore, Maryland. He then continued his education in the Baltimore City Public School System.

Jerry quit high school and went into the United States Army so that he could assist his mother with the support of his younger brothers and sister. He entered the military on March 2, 1948 and was discharged on February 8, 1952 as a Tanker Sergeant First Class. During his tour of duty he fought in the Korean Conflict while serving the 82D Airborne Division. He received a Korean Service Medal with three Bronze Stars and a Conduct Medal.

Jerry returned to Paul Laurence Dunbar High School and received his diploma and graduated with honors after being discharged from the military. During that time he met and married the love of his life, Bessie Jean Peaton (His Dark Angel) of Baltimore, Maryland. He enjoyed spending time with his wife of sixty-eight years until his death. From this union six daughters were born.

Jerry was a very industrious man who thought employment was a necessity. Some of his employments included working as a cab driver, for Martin Marietta and Burnett's Mattress Factory which led to his retirement. This caused him to become a self-taught tailor, mechanic, wood-worker and all-around handyman.

Jerry started assisting neighbors any way he could in 1973. He gave toys to little boys who were without, thereby giving him the name "The Toy Man". He encouraged them to stay in school which sometimes meant taking them there. His relationships with the children led him to develop a relationship with the adults thus allowing him to become a confidante and friend.

Jerry claimed Christ as his Savior in 1963 under the late Bishop Fred Page of Highway Church of Christ of the Apostolic Faith, Inc. In 1999, he experienced the moving of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues. In his later life, he became a member of Anointed House of Prayer under Pastor Bessie Jean Gaylord.

Jerry was preceded in death by two of his daughters: Shirlene (Spearman) Wilkerson and Virginia Gaylord.

Jerry leaves to cherish his memory: his devoted wife, Bessie Jean Gaylord; five daughters, Jean Gaylord-Person, Bessie Small, Gerrie Johnson, Allison Gaylord and Nadina Stevenson; one son, Tyrell Holmes; fourteen grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road  
Owings Mills, MD

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

MAY 11. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - East  
1101 E. North Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21202

## Wake

MAY 12. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

MAY 12. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Jerry L Gaylord, Please Click the Link below.



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**March Funeral Homes** - May 05, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *Jerry L Gaylord*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ To The family of Mr. Jerry Gaylord:

*Praying that God will heal and comfort your hearts as you all go through the bereavement process. I have fond memories of Mr. Jerry as told to me by his daughter, Alison. On numerous occasions during our working years together at the Corps, she would tell the many stories of his kindness and words of encouragement as a father that he would do and say. Although Mr. Jerry is no longer among us physically, always cherish his memories and hold him in your hearts. Continued Blessings!!!*

*Gloria Frost*

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**Gloria Frost** - May 12, 2022 at 11:32 AM

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“ Robert and Bobbie Carroll (Texas) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jerry L Gaylord.



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Robert and Bobbie Carroll (Texas) - May 08, 2022 at 10:27 AM

RB

“ So sorry to read of the passing of Mr. Jerry. My memory serves that he was a quiet and pleasant personality. I pray that the Gaylord family be comforted and experience the peace of God during this time of bereavement.

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Rev. William Beard - May 07, 2022 at 04:22 PM

JG

Thank you so much. Are the William Beard from across the street. If so please contact us (443)449-4684

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Jean Gaylord-Person - May 25, 2022 at 11:24 AM

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“ Dear Cousin Jean and family, our thoughts and prayers go out to you during this season in the passing of Cousin Jerry pray you all will be comforted and at peace. God bless you  
We love you  
Mrs. Diane Day and extended family



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Diane F Day - May 05, 2022 at 09:23 PM

JG

Thank you so much Diane and for your thoughtfulness and love. It was a comfort during this time

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Jean Gaylord - June 04, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *Uncle Jerry you will be missed, your kind words of encouragement, you happy smile, and that uncle that always had a positive outlook on life.*

*Love your nephew Jerry LW Gaylord*

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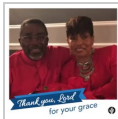
**Jerry Gaylord** - May 05, 2022 at 03:55 PM



“ *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** - May 04, 2022 at 09:37 AM



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*Gloria Frost*

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**Gloria Frost** - May 07, 2022 at 01:54 PM

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*To The Gaylord Family*

*The Epps family is praying for your family and send our sympathy. Allison as you go through the bereavement process know that your work family have you in our hearts. Stay strong and allow the Lord to continue to guide you. He knows what is best.*

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**William (Tony) Epps** - May 12, 2022 at 01:52 PM