



## Jerry Richard Gaiters,

November 24, 1924 - April 9, 2010

Jerry Richard Gaiters, Sr. entered into eternal life on April 9, 2010 at the age of 85. Jerry was born November 24, 1924 to the late Caesar and Nannie Smith Gaiters of Newtown (West). He was next to the youngest child of five children. He is also preceded in death by his loving wife, Jeanette Laverne Gaiters, two brothers, Ollie and William Gaiters and one sister Gertrude Elizabeth Shackelford. He was educated in the Richmond Public Schools to include Maggie L. Walker High School. Jerry served his country in the United States Navy during World War II and the Korean War. He served on the U.S.S. Gherard-D.D. 637, U.S.S. Rockbridge, A.P.A. 228 Attack Transport and the Carter-Hall L.S.D.-3. He received numerous medals of honor. He was a strong believer in democracy and freedom. He believed in his heart of hearts that his service to his country was some of the best times in his youth. Traveling the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans during the war, he developed what the greatest generations would teach the world, "All people need liberty." Upon receiving an honorable discharge from the Navy, Jerry joined McGuire, VA Hospital working his way up to the Physical Therapy Dept. where he retired in January 1983. Jerry was a dedicated member of the American Legion-Post 189 (lifetime member) and Veterans of Foreign War. He held several offices and he took pride in mentoring many of the post members. He has received many awards for his dedication. Jerry showed his pride in his country and to the veterans who served by attending war memorials and other events to honor those who died for our country. Jerry leaves to cherish his memory, five (5) children: Barbara

Tanner,Phyllis Gardner,Jerry,Jr.,Gwendolyn Ross(Doug),and Keith Gaiters;nine(9) grandchildren:Anthony Tanner(Laverne),Samedra Tanner Brannum(James),Sharis Johnson,Jerry Gaiters,III,Shea Johnson,Shontae Russell,Lakisha Russell and Lavar Coleman;eleven(11)great-grandchildren,among them a devoted great-granddaughter,Jazmin Tanner,one brother Caesar Gaiters,and a host of other relatives and friends.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jerry Richard Gaiters,*

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“ *To Barbara and Family, I feel like I know your father since you kept me informed when he became ill and during other conversation or emails. Please accept my sincere condolences regarding your loss. May your family cherish all of your fond memories during this very difficult time.##imported-begin##Margie Irby##imported-end##*

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“ *Death is something that we will never get use to and the pain of losing your father can be overwhelming; I too know that pain. May you find comfort as I have in knowing that our loving Heavenly Father Jehovah promises us that very soon, all those in the 'memorial tombs' will hear the voice of his son Jesus and 'come out' by means of the resurrection. (John 5:28,29) What a wonderful day that will be!##imported-begin##Kevin Jackson##imported-end##*

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“ I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Jerry Richard Gaiters, Sr. Losing a loved one in death is a painful time. This is a pain that Jehovah God promises will one day no longer exist (Revelation 21:3,4). May you take comfort in knowing that our loving Heavenly Father promises us that soon all those in the memorial tombs will come out to life on a paradise earth by means of a resurrection (John 5:28,29 and Psalms 37:29). As you await the fulfillment of this promise, may you find comfort from "the Father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort who comforts us in all our tribulation" (2 Corinthians 1:3,4).##imported-begin##S. Brown##imported-end##

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