



Gerald D. Swan Sr.

August 6, 1943 - November 5, 2023

Gerald Dennis Swan, Sr. left his earthly body and joined his heavenly Father on November 5, 2023. Gerald was born on August 6, 1943 to Earnest P. Swan, Sr. (Toledo, OH) and Betty Heiss (Creve Cour, MO). He was raised, cared for and adored by his loving Aunt/Mother - Valerie M. Swan “Dolly” (Toledo, OH) who preceded him in death.

Aside from family and after a successful graduation from Calvin M. Woodward High School (C/O 1960), Gerald faithfully served his country in the United States Army until he was Honorably Discharge in 1971. He was a decorated Sharpshooter and First Class Missileman. After his military service, he vigorously labored until his career catapulted him into a supervisory role at Champion Spark Plug Company – Toledo Division (Quality Control Supervisor). He was also a Mason of Amazon Lodge No. 4. Given his passion for leadership, order and people, he held many positions until he again landed the perfect role with the City of Toledo – Department of Street, Bridges and Harbors (Senior Storekeeper). As the first African American to hold this position, he skillfully labored until retirement. He was a huge Pittsburgh Steelers and Ohio State Buckeyes fan. Considering his big heart, Gerald generously gave to and supported many philanthropic organizations. From Junior Achievement to the American Red Cross to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, he understood “service” and “human endeavor”.

Gerald was a loving son, brother, father, and grandfather. He was well respected and revered by many of his close friends. Affectionately known as “Big Jerry”, Gerald leaves in health his brother, Earnest P. Swan, II (Queenie)– (Detroit, MI), ex-wife, Martha R. Swan (Toledo, OH), two sons, Gerald D. Swan, Jr. (Smyrna, GA) and Joel D. Swan (Zachary, LA). Gerald is admired by his two grandsons, Aden E. Swan and Elison A. Swan (Joel; Zachary, LA). He also leaves in health his nephew, Earnest P. Swan, III “Perry” (Detroit, MI) and his favorite great-nephews, Earnest P. Swan, IV “Little Perry” (Orlando, FL) and Julius Swan (Seattle, WA) and great-niece, Loreal Blue (Durham, NC). Though many have preceded him in death, Gerald shared his love with a host of other relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Wake Service

NOV 18. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Dale-Riggs Funeral Home
572 Nebraska Avenue
Toledo, OH 43604

Funeral Service

NOV 18. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald D. Swan Sr..*



November 17, 2023 at 02:01 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gerald D. Swan Sr..*



November 16, 2023 at 12:45 PM



“ *Mr. Swan will be deeply missed by the residents and Staff of Park Lane Apartments.*

Trisha - November 15, 2023 at 10:21 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gerald D. Swan Sr..*



November 15, 2023 at 10:05 AM

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“ *To Mrs Swan, Gerald and Joey,
My family and I send our deepest condolences to you.*

We pray that God comforts you now and in the days ahead.

*Love,
Fredda*

Fredda - November 13, 2023 at 10:07 PM

GJ

“ *May your heart find comfort knowing that your
love one is at home with the Lord
Love Gwendolyn E. March Jones and Family*



Gwendolyn E Jones - November 09, 2023 at 11:03 PM