



James Edward Gerrald

August 4, 1930 - September 21, 2021

Galivants Ferry...James Edward Gerrald, age 91, of Hwy. 308, passed away Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at his residence.

Mr. Gerrald was born August 4, 1930 in Galivants Ferry, SC, a son of the late Jack and Fannie G. Gerrald. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a son, Jimmy Kirkland Gerrald, a brother. Jack Q. Gerrald and a sister, Ruby G. Livingston. Mr. Gerrald was a U.S. Army Veteran, stationed in Germany during the Korean War. He was a member of Aynor United Methodist Church, was a graduate of Aynor High School and Clemson College, where he received his B.S. and Master's Degree. He was a principal of several elementary schools in Horry County and retired from Aynor Elementary School after 42 years with the Horry County School District. Mr. Gerrald was also a member of the Horry Electric Trust Board when it began in 1992 until 2013.

Surviving are his wife of 65 years, Hazel Bell Gerrald, two children, Diane Gerrald Stubbs and her husband, William "Bill" Stubbs, of Columbia, SC and Steve Edward Gerrald and his wife, Rhonda Gerrald of Greenville, SC, six grandchildren, William Kirkland Gerrald, Elizabeth Hartwell Gerrald, William Gerrald Stubbs, Emily Marie Stubbs, Heath Walker Gerrald and Luke Edward Gerrald.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 PM Thursday, September 23, 2021 at Aynor United Methodist Church with Rev. Kelly G. Snelgrove officiating. Burial will follow in Sandy Plain United Methodist Church Cemetery directed by

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 PM until 3:00 PM Thursday in the church sanctuary`.

Memorials may be sent to Aynor United Methodist Church, 1007 Elm Street, Aynor, SC 29511.

Due to CDC guidelines, masks and social distancing are recommended for the services.

Please sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com <<http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com>>

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Sandy Plain United Methodist Church Cemetery

Pee Dee Road North
Galivants Ferry, SC 29544

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 23. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Aynor United Methodist Church
1007 Elm Street
Aynor, SC 29511

Funeral Service

SEP 23. 3:00 PM (ET)

Aynor United Methodist Church
1007 Elm Street
Aynor, SC 29511

Tribute Wall

BH

“ *My prayers and thoughts are with Mrs.Hazel and the family! May God continue to comfort and bless you all!*



Beth Bratcher Hood - September 24, 2021 at 10:55 PM

MT

“ *So sorry to hear of Mr Gerralds passing. He was my principal for all my elementary years. Went to Sandy Plain United Methodist Church with him and his family. Have lots of fond memories of him and his family. To Mrs Hazel,Diane and Steve you guys are in my prayers. Remember we will all see him again one day. You guys had a outstanding Husband and Father. He was one who touched so many lives.*

Meg Gaskin Tyree - September 23, 2021 at 02:01 PM

SH

“ *Mr. Gerrald was a man of integrity; he was the "salt of the earth." I fondly remember the years that I worked under him as a teacher. I have always treasured his and Mrs. Hazel's friendship. He was a man who loved his family, served his country and community. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him My condolences to Mrs Hazel and to Diane & Steve.I wish that I could be there for his service today. I live in Panama and will not be able to attend. With deepest sympathy, Sara Kirton Hudson (stevesarahudson@gmail.com)*

Sara Kirton Hudson - September 23, 2021 at 10:39 AM

JR

“ MR GERRALD YOU WILL BE TRULLY MISSED. A NUMBER ONE CITIZEN AND GREAT SERVANT OF HIS COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL SYSTEM. REST IN PEACE MY BROTHER. JUNIOR RABON

JUNIOR RABON - September 23, 2021 at 08:45 AM

FS

“ Mr. James touched many lives as an Educator and represented his God and community as a mentor to many! From childhood I always had a high level of respect for him and his family. Although many states apart, we stayed in touch with each other and I always enjoyed our talks, he will be missed! Prayers for Ms.Hazel and the family.

Frank Strickland

Frank Strickland - September 22, 2021 at 06:07 PM

FG

“ Mr. Gerrald was a wonderful person not only was he our family but he and Ms. Hazel were always such an inspiration to us. He was our daughters principal at Aynor elementary, he made her feel so proud that he was her family. And she loved telling everyone that she was family. We love them dearly he will be missed gravely. Our prayers are with you all.

Freddy and Linda Gerrald

fred and Linda Gerrald - September 22, 2021 at 02:47 PM

CJ

“ My sincere condolences to the family. Mr. Gerrald touched many lives.

Cindy Jones - September 22, 2021 at 11:15 AM

RA

“ *Mr. James believed in education ,discipline and the Clemson Tigers..He was very good friends with John Dawsey and one of his children (Jimmy) was one of my best friends for 30 years.*

Randy Alford - September 22, 2021 at 10:19 AM

SB

“ *Mr. Gerrald was always so pleasant and kind when I worked with him on the Horry Electric Trust Board for many years. His honesty and character were remarkable. He will be truly missed! A great friend... Susan Brown*



Susan Brown - September 22, 2021 at 08:41 AM

SF

“ *I thought so much of Mr James . A true Clemson man .*

sharon flowers - September 22, 2021 at 06:11 AM



“ *He was a special person and will be missed greatly. Prayers for Hazel and the family.*

Evon Skipper - September 21, 2021 at 09:29 PM

DH

“ *Love the entire Gerald family. Prayers for your loss. Mr. Gerald was an outstanding man.*

David Hucks - September 21, 2021 at 09:19 PM

LF

“ He always looked after the school kids as they were his own. He was my favorite teacher and Principle. Prayers for his Family 🙏🙏
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Lynn Fox - September 21, 2021 at 08:53 PM

GM

“ What a man of integrity and character! Mr. Gerrald was my principal, our family farmed with him for many years, and I worked with him as a teacher for a short period of time. He was a hard worker and greatly respected while showing respect in return. I can't say enough good things about him. To the family, I love you and we will see him again!

Gayla McCracken - September 21, 2021 at 07:13 PM

DE

“ Mr. Gerrald was my principal at Aynor Elementary, he was always working in our community and he was always kind to me. He seemed like a giant back then in my eyes and today I'm sad to hear of his passing. Prayers for his family.

Denise Peavy Edwards - September 21, 2021 at 06:36 PM