



Gerald Henry Duke

April 11, 1928 - June 5, 2020

Gerald H. Duke, age 92, passed away peacefully June 5, 2020 at his home in Moreland, GA surrounded by family. He was born on April 11, 1928.

Gerald is survived by his wife Kathryn of 63 years; his three kids, Bruce, Barbara, and Terri. He is also survived by 5 grandchildren, Steven, Brandie, Michael, Nathan, Natalie and was instrumental as a father figure, helping raise his other granddaughter Michelle Kennedy. He is also survived by three great grandchildren; sister, Jo and numerous nieces and nephews.

Gerald served his country during World War II as a paratrooper where he completed 19 jumps behind enemy lines. Gerald competed in the first Atlanta Motor Speedway race and came in 4th at the inaugural Charlotte World 600. He was offered a ride by Lee Petty to run with Richard. He decided to sponsor himself with his '59 Thunder Bird and after three years in NASCAR he went on to open up his Transmission shop (Metro Transmissions) that he ran for 40 years in College Park. He was a Mason for 50 years and he loved riding motorcycles and flying his airplane before his retirement at 80.

A celebration of Gerald's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be given in Gerald's name to the Wounded Warrior Project online at www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.mckoon.com.

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Cemetery Details

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Tribute Wall

JH

“ *What a nice tribute in the AJC. I did not know all that history about Gerald, but my son did. Fred asked Gerald to give him an unpaid job when he wasn't doing well in school, but Gerald soon insisted on paying him his work was so good. He later went on to be a diesel mechanic and has a supervisory job with a trucking company now. we will all be in prayer for the family.*
Janet and Fred Hurley

Janet Hurley - June 15, 2020 at 02:23 PM

PL

“ *Pamela Lowe lit a candle in memory of Gerald Henry Duke*



Pamela Lowe - June 12, 2020 at 11:38 PM

KB

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. I banked Mr. Dukes for over 25 years in East Point. I've always thought the world of him and held the highest of respect for him. Prayers, love and hugs to the family.*

Karen Bradley - June 10, 2020 at 03:20 PM

CH

“ Terri, Barbara, Kathy and Bruce. I have known your father for all these years and still did not know what a war hero he was with the 11th Airborne. But that was common of his generation, they rarely talked about their service. They took this as their duty and moved on with a grit and determination that we can barely imagine. As we lose those of this heroic generation, it is a loss for our society and all of us. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Charlotte - June 10, 2020 at 01:21 PM

QO

“ Quest Diagnostics Flight Operations purchased the Share the Health for the family of Gerald Henry Duke.



Quest Diagnostics Flight Operations - June 09, 2020 at 03:31 PM

XM

“ I am so saddened about your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with the family and I send my condolences.

God Bless,
Xavier Mills



Xavier Mills - June 09, 2020 at 12:25 PM

EA

“ Sorry to hear about Gerald's passing. He was always a good friend . He was a great help to me personally and to the City of East Point P.D keeping our fleet operational years ago when many of the cars were on their last legs.. Always exceptional work. My thoughts and prayers are with Bruce and the family.
Lt. Ed Anderson EPPD (ret)
Sparta, Ga.

Ed Anderson - June 07, 2020 at 07:58 PM

KB

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of our friend and partner Gerald! Our prayers and condolences go out to Duke family.

Rueben Butts & Family

Keith Butts - June 07, 2020 at 07:39 PM

RC

“ The Calvin Chase family offer our sincere condolences to your family. We can remember our gather and Gerald. Racing cars when we were just kids. Prayers for your family.



Richard Chase - June 07, 2020 at 06:50 PM

BW

Sorry to hear about Gerald passing. At a young age he taught me so much at a time when I really needed it. He was a positive influence that has carried with me throughout my life. My prayers are with all my duke family friends.

Butch walker - June 08, 2020 at 05:40 PM



“ *My prayers are with the family!* ”



Cherri Thompson - June 07, 2020 at 06:40 PM

BD

“ *Brandie Duke lit a candle in memory of Gerald Henry Duke* ”



Brandie Duke - June 06, 2020 at 08:38 PM

WI

“ *Praying God's light and comfort at time of sorrow. Paulo, Will and Southern Arc Dance family* ”

Will - June 06, 2020 at 06:11 PM



“ *Sonna Mosher lit a candle in memory of Gerald Henry Duke* ”



Sonna Mosher - June 06, 2020 at 05:38 PM



“ *My prayers are with his family and friends I loved him like my own Dad!* ”

Sonna Mosher - June 06, 2020 at 05:37 PM