



Mr. Gerald C. Ashby

March 17, 1938 - January 3, 2017

Mr. Gerald C. Ashby, 78, of Peoria, IL, quietly passed away on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria, Illinois.

Born on March 17, 1938 to the late James Ashby and Margaret Ashby (Davis), he lived his entire life in Peoria. He accepted Christ early in his life and was baptized at an early age at Grace Baptist Church in Peoria, Illinois where he has remained a member. He married Jerrodean (Martin) on September 11, 1999 in Las Vegas.

Gerald worked for more than 40 years at Caterpillar and retired in 1993. In his spare-time he enjoyed bowling and was a member of the National Bowling Association.

He was a 1956 graduate of Peoria High School where he was an active participant in basketball, football and track.

Besides his beloved wife of 17 years, Gerald leaves to cherish his memory, two daughters, Toni Ashby of Indianapolis, IN, Tanya Murray of Elkridge, MD; one son, Chris (Melissa) Ashby of Peoria, IL; stepson Carlton (Stephanie) Martin of Sahuarita, AZ; and stepdaughter Phoebe Bohanon of Conway, AR; ten grandchildren, LaColis, Marquise, Breon, Kevin, Jr., Jerras, Christopher, Alexis, Justin, Bryce and Emerie and four great-grandchildren. He also, leaves one brother, Donald Ashby of Missouri, and a host of other relatives and

friends. He is preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, J.W. Ashby and an infant brother.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am, Saturday, January 7, 2017 at Grace Baptist Church with a visitation beginning at 10 am. Pastor Claude White, Jr. will officiate. Gerald will be laid to rest at Lutheran Cemetery.

Simons Mortuary has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at simonsmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Lutheran Cemetery

914 S Pleasant St
Peoria, IL 61604-5954

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Baptist Church
405 N. Richard Pryor Place
Peoria, IL 61605

Funeral Service

JAN 7. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Grace Baptist Church
405 N. Richard Pryor Place
Peoria, IL 61605

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Gerald C. Ashby*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mr. Gerald C. Ashby*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *To Toni Ashby and Family sorry for your loss
May God Bless you and your Family R.I.P. Mr.
Ashby*



Renee Linwood Peoria,II. - January 13, 2017 at 05:34 PM



“ *To Toni Ashby and Family sorrow for your loss
May God Bless you and your Family!! R.I.P.
Mr. Ashby*



The Linwood Family Peoria,II. - January 13, 2017 at 05:28 PM

AL

“ *Annette Lucy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald C. Ashby*



Annette Lucy - January 08, 2017 at 11:34 PM

JS

“ *I am so very sorry to read of the passing of Mr. Ashby. I remember him from Christ Lutheran School. He was a very nice and kind gentleman. So sorry Chris for the loss of your dad. Such good memories from CLS. All Gods peace for the entire Ashby family.*

Judy Shaw

judith shaw - January 06, 2017 at 05:07 PM

OT

“ *Sorry to hear of Gerald's passing. He and his family were part of the "grass roots" of the African-American Community in Peoria. I grew up with Gerald and his brothers and there was no one any more dedicated to life and family. I know he will be greatly missed by family and friends. God Bless the Family.*

Oley Turner

Oley Turner - January 06, 2017 at 03:10 PM

RR

“ *To the Ashby Family:*

we are sorry for the Passing of Gerald from the Earth realm, but are blessed to have the Understanding that he is Present in the Home of the Eternal Father, GOD.

*All of us here in Jackson, MS: John C. Junior, Rebecca Martin, John C. III, Claude (Dixie), Michael (Brenda), Sandra E., grand children, Linda F. Robinson-Thurmond [Naperville, IL), and Loria Ann Robinson [Los Angeles, CA] send a Great Shout Out: 'Gerald has Finish His Earthly Assignment'. Thanks to him for enriching our Lives.
x The Robinson Family..*

Rebecca Robinson - January 06, 2017 at 02:46 PM

RR

“ *Rebecca Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald C. Ashby*



Rebecca Robinson - January 06, 2017 at 02:33 PM

DM

“ *When there are no words to soften the pain, may the spirit be touched by the love that surrounds you. Gerald and I bowled together for years. Rest in peace Gerald.*

Dave Mackey, formerly of Peoria, now in Lexington, TN

Dave Mackey - January 06, 2017 at 11:39 AM

CS

“ We were Blessed to have you as a "Brother-in-Law" for 17 years. Our hearts are sadden, sleep well.
Charlie & Bettye Speed. Los Lunas, NM



Charlie & Bettye Speed - January 05, 2017 at 07:24 PM

MR

“ The John C. Robinson Familey,
Was in Mr. Ashby,s home a few year,s ago we really enjoyed our visit.
He was always so jolly and friendly. He was the life of the party, we will miss him dearly. Jerrodean you know we will always love you, you are in our prayers. May God Bless and give comfort in the days to come.

Your extended family.

John Sr., Rebecca, Sandra, Loria, John Jr, Claude, Michael, and Linda Robinson Thurmond.

Mr./Mrs.John C. Robinson - January 05, 2017 at 07:03 PM

BV

“ Bernard and Sylvia Thompson and Family in Virginia purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mr. Gerald C. Ashby.



Bernard and Sylvia Thompson and Family in Virginia -
January 05, 2017 at 06:44 PM

ET

“ I remember Gerald playing basketball for Central. Haven't seen him for a while but he was always friendly. Family look to the hills from which cometh your help.



Evelyn L Tate-Clayton - January 05, 2017 at 03:59 PM

JW

“ Janice Whitelow lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald C. Ashby



Janice Whitelow - January 05, 2017 at 11:51 AM

TW

“ Theresa Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald C. Ashby



Theresa Walker - January 05, 2017 at 09:15 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Gerald C. Ashby.



January 05, 2017 at 09:08 AM

AI

“ *Annette Irby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald C. Ashby*



Annette Irby - January 05, 2017 at 07:31 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Gerald C. Ashby.*



January 04, 2017 at 08:13 PM

KA

“ *Karen Ashby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald C. Ashby*



Karen Ashby - January 04, 2017 at 07:07 PM

MB

“ *Sending my condolences to the Ashby family. Tanya, Toni and Chris. Thank you for sharing your father with me. I will always remember rides from pre-school in the Blue Bug. Love Marla*

Marla Byrd - January 04, 2017 at 07:01 PM