



Gerald Wayne Casey

January 1, 1940 - November 28, 2017

After a period of hospitalization, Gerald Casey's body died on November 28, but he continued, even through his final hospitalization, with a courageous, appreciative heart and with worshipful focus on his eternal Lord.

Gerald was a scholar, athlete, educator, church leader, husband, father, and grandfather. The son of Max and Ruth Casey, Gerald was born January 1, 1940, in Pangburn. He is survived by his wife of almost 57 years, the former Bettye Ritchie; a brother, Lanny (Linette) of Azle, Texas; three children, Brian (Karly) of Atchison, Kansas; Laura (Bruce Finnie) of Bridgeville, Pennsylvania; and Greta (Neil Floyd) of Gig Harbor, Washington; and seven grandchildren.

A memorial ceremony will be held Sunday, December 3, at 2:00 at the College Church of Christ building in Searcy. Visitation is 7:30-9:00 on Saturday evening at Powell Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 2. 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Searcy)
2602 W. Beebe-Capps Expy
Searcy, AR 72143
(501) 268-7220
searcy@powellfuneralhome.net
<https://www.powellfuneralhome.net/>

Memorial Service

DEC 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

College Church Of Christ
712 E Race Ave
Searcy, AR 72143-4421
(501) 268-7156

Tribute Wall

NM

“ *Gone but not forgotten. Gerald and I used to exchange emails until they abruptly stopped. He mentioned he was making a final trip to visit places they had been. My emails weren't answered after that. In my heart, I realized what he must have meant. I would think of him and wonder what happened. I finally found Gerald's obituary tonight. We worked together at IRA in Newark DE. Gerald left his mark on everyone he met. Rest in Peace, dear friend.*

Nancy Meyer - March 25, 2020 at 11:23 PM

RV

“ *Dear Betty and family,
May we offer our sincere sympathy and love at this time.
Gerald and I had some great times together in high school-playing in the sports, singing in the chorus and quartet, and just being friends. He was a great one. I'll always have good memories of him-his ready smile, compassion, intellect and encouragement.*

My God bless you is our prayer,

Roy and Hilda Vanderpool

Roy and Hilda Vanderpool - December 06, 2017 at 10:25 AM

MG

“Gerald you be greatly missed. You were a tireless partner, teammate and friend in helping support the work in Ghana. Just six week ago you were seriously considering going to Samuel's service with me. The plaque that you and Bettye had made for Comfort she clung to and showed people as they came to show their love and support.

Your legacy will be your wonderful family, your years of dedication to the Lord and the sweet gentle spirit with which you inspired people in their relationship with God. We are closer to God for having known you.

The letter you wrote when Comfort was losing her eyesight was one of the most comforting and caring letters of encouragement I have ever seen.

He tells us in his word that Iron sharpens Iron.... You did with so many people and the way you loved Bettye was an example for all of us and to how we should honor and respect our wives.

Your children and grandchildren will carry with them always that you were a living example of having fought the good fight, finished the race and remained faithful.

May that memory always remain forever strong in their daily lives.

Mark

Mark Gilman - December 05, 2017 at 12:05 PM

JS

“Betty's and family -I am so sorry to hear of Gerald:s passing. I remember Brother Casey for his love for our Lord and His kingdom.
Jeannette Scott

Jeannette Scott - December 05, 2017 at 09:16 AM

MB

“ Bettye and family,

I'm sorry to hear of the loss of Gerald. He was a very positive role model for me as I grew up living next door in Delaware. My main memory of Gerald was during my teenage years. Gerald was always very appreciative of me mowing the lawn while you were away and I have never forgotten his generosity. Gerald took great pride in his lawn and there was a particular way that he wanted it mowed. I never seemed to never get it right and he was always very loving in the way he explained my mistakes. Either I got better each time or he believed in me (I think it was the latter) because I kept mowing your lawn all through high school whenever you were away. To this day I try to reward hard work with generosity because Gerald did it for me. Thank you for being such great neighbors. Mark Banyai.

Mark Banyai - December 05, 2017 at 12:12 AM

BW

“ Dear Bettye and family members of Gerald Casey,

I was sad to hear of Gerald's passing. I remember him very well and fondly from our days at Stanton and Skyline Jr.Highs. We both lived in the route 4 area of Newark and at times would help each other out with a ride to school when one of us was leaving a car at the local service station that day for oil change etc.

He was a pleasure to work with. I feel God's blessing and many happy memories will help get you through these difficult days.

With prayers to you all, Betty Wills

Betty Wills - December 04, 2017 at 09:34 PM

BC

“ Gerald was the kindness, sweetest man. I loved when he lead singing at Cedars. No one has done it the same since him. My husband said if is wasn't for Gerald he might not have become a member of the church. We both loved him and his leadership while at Cedars. One of my fondest memories was seeing Gerald's face when he saw us at their 50th wedding anniversary in Searcy. We did surprise him! We will miss him. We both are so sad for his family left behind, but be assured he is up there looking down on all of us. Always in Him, Linda & Bobby Crusco

Booby & Linda Crusco - December 03, 2017 at 04:24 PM

SS

“ I was shocked and saddened to hear of Gerald's passing. We were blessed to be a part of your family for many years in DE. Thank you for your spiritual leadership in our early years. As an Elder, Gerald could be counted on to stand firm in the Lord and watch over the flock. We are now blessed with continuing to be a part of Laura's family. I will be praying for you all. ~Sylvia Shows

Sylvia Shows - December 03, 2017 at 01:58 PM

FA

“ We were so shocked and saddened to hear of Gerald's death. Many sweet memories of our years together at Harding Academy. Praying that the Lord will bless Bettye and her family and comfort them with precious memories. Jim & Faye Adkins

Faye Adkins - December 03, 2017 at 01:20 PM

FR

“ May I extend my deepest condolences to the Casey Family. I worked with Gerald Casey for many years in the Red Clay school district. He was always "One of the Good Guys" that you encounter in life. He was always true to his principles and faith. He lived according to his religious beliefs and treated others with respect and thus he was always deeply respected for his strength of character and his love of God and his family.

I consider it an honor to call Gerald Casey "my friend".

Rest in Peace old Friend.

Sincerely,

Francis Ryan Sr.

Francis E Ryan - December 03, 2017 at 12:49 PM

CP

“ Great childhood memories of this well respected man! What an example he was to me and his strong faith I saw as a small child. When I was around him I felt very loved. He always humored me with his Donald Duck interpretation. I will miss this man and have very fond and respectful memories of him. He loved leading singing at Cedars and always tried to live right putting God first. I will miss you Gerald.

cindy pence - December 03, 2017 at 08:25 AM

BB

“ A man who lived life as he believed Jesus would want. A true example for all of us.

--Butch and Barbara Bailey--

Butch Bailey - December 02, 2017 at 10:50 PM

MB

“ How many reading this remember the times when Gerald did not have his tuning fork with him...and he'd use his nail clippers to get the pitch before beginning a song? He was an amazing, kind, lovable man with many talents! ~~ Mary Anne Boyd

Mary Anne Boyd - December 02, 2017 at 08:44 PM

MB

“ Every time we got together, Gerald (tenor), Bettye (alto), my Dan (bass), and I (soprano) would visit awhile. We always had much to share! Then one of us would say, "Let's sing, OK?"

But one would respond, "Well, it's getting pretty late...." Then someone would say, "But we can sing a few...just a few!" ;-). Well, songs of worship and thanksgiving poured from our hearts. We sang in lovely harmony and unison...as though we had grown up singing together.

We forgot about the hour...we sang, worshipping our Lord together with great thanksgiving and joy. Our friendship has lasted throughout the years no matter how far apart we lived from each other. Now, Gerald and Dan are Home...singing praises before The Throne. I am looking forward to when we can all be together again.

*Bettye, your children, and all of grandchildren, have a place in my heart. The Lord will help you through this and in days to come.
Love and prayers,
Anne*

Mary Anne Boyd - December 02, 2017 at 08:41 PM

LB

*Ms. Bettye, my heart goes out to you and your family.
So so sorry! God Bless you all!
Lisa (bug lady)*

lisa Burton - December 03, 2017 at 06:27 PM

MB

“ *Mary Anne Boyd purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Gerald Wayne Casey.*



Mary Anne Boyd - December 02, 2017 at 08:29 PM

JT

“ *I was so sad & sorry to hear of Gerald's passing. I had the honor and privilege of working with Gerald at Skyline MS. He was indeed an outstanding person, educator and teacher. Gerald was always positive in his outlook and he contributed greatly to making Skyline an outstanding school. He was admired and loved by students and colleagues. Gerald was one of the finest individuals I have ever met. My deepest sympathy and condolences to his wife and family. Gerald and all of you will be in my thoughts and prayers. John Tentromono (Retired Principal of Skyline MS)*

John Tentromono - December 02, 2017 at 11:30 AM

MB

“ *The memories I have of Gerald are precious ones indeed. Among them are the times we sang as a group for weddings and funerals, the home devotionals that allowed us to share and build our faith, the time we spent the weekend at Camp Hunt with the extended Ritchie family, all of this comes to mind as I go down "memory lane". "Precious memories, how they linger, how they linger in my soul". - Mike Barker*

Mike Barker - December 02, 2017 at 11:16 AM

BC

“ 1 file added to the album Photos



Brian Casey - December 02, 2017 at 09:02 AM

KW

Gerald has been a faithful customer for about 15 years but more importantly a trusted friend. I will miss him and his wit very much. My sympathy to the family. Wow, Mr Casey, you are with our Savior! I will miss you! 🙏❤️

Kim Wyatt - December 02, 2017 at 10:23 AM

LB

Sally Jo and I remember Gerald as the long time worship leader at Cedars in Wilmington as well as a great friend and excellent role model of a Christ like life. I am so glad we were able to visit with him last year. He will be greatly missed.

LG and Sally Jo Brackeen - December 02, 2017 at 11:16 AM

DC

Memories of Gerald and Bettye being the students of Harding Academy.. We all made it thru. Memories of Class Reunions, so glad we were able to share a few more times together. Will always remember Gerald!!!

Donna Reed Crenshaw - December 02, 2017 at 01:27 PM

CP

I will miss your father greatly! I respected him growing up. I will always remember his love for leading singing at Cedars, and his Donald Duck interpretation growing up!

cindy pence - December 03, 2017 at 08:28 AM

CB

Worshiping in song with Gerald was always special, we will sing together again before our Father. God blessed my family, in rejoicing times and hard times with Gerald, who faithfully served God by serving us. Always with scripture and love. All of you will continue in my prayers for God to completely surround you with His Grace, Peace, and comfort. My love is with each of you.

Carolyn Betit - December 03, 2017 at 09:48 AM