



Gerald K. Perry

April 13, 1934 - March 23, 2019

Gerald K. Perry, 84, of St. Albans, WV, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, March 23, 2019 following a prolonged illness.

Born April 13, 1934 in Boone County to the late Charles F. and Nina Cook Perry. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Elwood Perry.

He served in the WV Army National Guard and the U.S. Army from 1956 - 1962, wherein he received an Honorable Discharge. Perry received a Bachelors of Education (1955) and Masters of Educational Administration (1962) degrees from Marshall University.

He served the state of West Virginia's students throughout his career, first as an elementary teacher/coach/principal in Sharples, WV and St. Albans, WV. Gerald served as an Extension instructor at Glenville State College, WV University, Beckley, and at WV State College in Institute throughout the early 1970s. He was a coordinator for Kanawha County Schools during this same period of time.

Gerald moved to the WV State Department of Education, where he would serve for the remainder of his career in various roles. He served over 20 years as the state's Coordinator of Textbook Adoptions in the Bureau of Learning Systems, a position which led him to hold national offices in various education

associations. Most notably, he was elected president of the National Association of State Textbook Administrators (NASTA) in 1980.

Education was always first and foremost his passion and duty.

Gerald was a member and officer of Highlawn Presbyterian Church in St. Albans for decades, the congregation of which he truly loved and cherished.

Upon retirement, Gerald enjoyed spending time in Cherry Grove, SC where he fished regularly and made friends daily, spending part of every year in the oceanside town that he considered to be his second home. He was widely known and loved by those in the Cherry Grove community.

Attending Marshall University football and basketball games was a passion of his, supporting the teams and school that he so dearly loved. Gerald was a season ticket-holder at Marshall football games for most of his life, and rarely missed a game.

Always making friends, Gerald loved getting to know new people from every walk of life. He never met a person who was a stranger.

Gerald is survived by his wife of 61 years, Ruth; two sons, Geoff Perry (Lori Caldwell-Perry) of Charleston, WV and Greg Perry (Jennifer Leyden Perry) of Huntington; three grandchildren - Julia Perry of Huntington, WV, Audrey Morgan (and husband Bud Morgan) of Indianapolis, IN, and David Godwin of Charlotte, NC; one great-granddaughter, Riley Morgan of Indianapolis, IN. Gerald is also survived by a brother, Rev. Gene Perry of Knoxville, TN.

Friends may visit with the family from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home in St. Albans.

The funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at Highlawn Presbyterian Church, 2501 Washington Ave., St. Albans with Pastor Nancy Didway presiding. Burial will follow in Cunningham Memorial Park in St. Albans with military honors.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to, Highlawn Presbyterian Church, In Memory of Gerald K. Perry, 2501 Washington Ave., St. Albans, WV 25177.

You may visit Gerald's tribute page at bartlettnicholsfuneralhome.com to share memories or condolences with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, (formerly Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home), family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans is honored to serve the Perry family.

Cemetery Details

Cunningham Memorial Park, Lower Mausoleum Chapel

815 Cunningham Lane
St. Albans, WV 25177
(304) 727-4349

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 26. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home
409 Sixth Avenue
Saint Albans, WV 25177
(304) 727-4325

Funeral Service

MAR 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Highlawn Presbyterian Church
2501 Washington Avenue
St. Albans, WV 25177

Tribute Wall

SG

“ My staff and I and our entire fishing community were profoundly sadden to learn of Gerald's passing. He was a fixture here at the Cherry Grove fishing pier for years. We all looked forward to Gerald's return each spring. There was no mistaking Gerald when came through the door pulling his fishing cart. Green pants, green shirt and his floppy green hat. The two things he love the most was fishing for Flounder and talking about his beloved Thundering Herd football teams passed and present. No matter if the fish were biting or not you could set your watch because at 6 pm sharp he was out the door for this standing date at home. Memories of our friend will live on as long as fisherman share their stories of the ones caught and the ones that got away.

Steve Gann
Manager
Cherry Grove Pier

Steve Gann - April 11, 2019 at 03:00 PM

CH

“ My brothers and I always had much respect for uncle Gerald as we got to visit the family about every year during the '70s. He was a high energetic, busy man, but always found time for family. Lost touch over the years, but many good memories. My condolences to Ruth, Geoff, and Greg. God bless you all.

Chris - April 07, 2019 at 11:49 PM

KE

“ The West Virginia and Kanawha County Associations of Retired School Employees extend their sincere sympathy to you, the family, in your sorrow. Blessings to all.

Kanawha Co. Retired School Employees - April 02, 2019 at 11:52 PM

KL

“ Gerald and I shared the hallway to our cubicle offices for years in Room 330 of the West Virginia Department of Education. During that time we became acquainted as colleagues and friends. He was dedicated to the work he was doing -- serving the school children of WV. My condolences to Gerald's family...Karen Larry

Karen Larry - March 27, 2019 at 01:07 PM

GB

Loved you, Mr. P. — Gayle Bunn

Gayle Bunn - March 27, 2019 at 08:31 PM

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Gayle Bunn - March 27, 2019 at 08:32 PM

SH

“ Condolences to the family especially Ruth (Penny). It's been many years but I haven't forgotten you, Ruth, and our good times at work. Over the years, I have thought of you often. You and your husband were blessed with many years together and I'm sure Gerald leaves you with wonderful memories. Blessings for you and your family and I pray for God's Grace, Mercy and Peace. Love and Prayers Sharon Muncy Holbrook

Sharon Muncy Holbrook - March 27, 2019 at 07:52 AM

SR

“ We met Gerald many years ago. Such a sweet kind soft spoken man. We have been blessed by knowing Gerald. Love and prayers to Mrs Perry and all of his family. Love, Jack, Sheila, and our son Brooklyn Reed/ Jack Reed & Son Frame & Body Shop❤️

Sheila Reed - March 26, 2019 at 08:09 PM



“ I was so sad to hear about the passing of Gerald. I feel like I've known him my whole life and he will be missed by my whole family. Love and prayers to the Perry family 🙏💕

Renee Harper - March 26, 2019 at 05:04 PM

JM

“ I was saddened to read the passing of Gerald, a business colleague and friend for many years. He was a wonderful Educator, Husband, Father. Our deepest sympathy goes to Ruth, Geoff and all the family. God Bless his Soul!
Jim McNeely, Luray, VA

Jim McNeely - March 26, 2019 at 02:20 PM

KA

“ Gerald was a kind and sweet and loving person as it said he never met a stranger and he was one of the only people in this condo that made me feel like I belong here I will miss him but I am happy that he is in heaven with the Lord



Kady - March 26, 2019 at 11:36 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gerald K. Perry.



March 26, 2019 at 10:39 AM

BM

“ Grew up with Gerald in Boone County, sincere condolences to family.

Barbara Chambers Mullins - March 26, 2019 at 09:43 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald K. Perry.



March 26, 2019 at 09:14 AM