



Gerald McKenna

August 22, 1935 - February 1, 2024

Police officer and investment banker Gerald Ernest McKenna was a loving husband, father, son, granddad, uncle and so much more. He entered into the warm embrace of our heavenly father on February 1, 2024.

He was the youngest of 10 siblings, born in Charlotteville Tobago to Sydney and Elaine McKenna on August 22, 1935. After the police academy, he married an intelligent, beautiful, progressive, nurse and love of his life Joyce James McKenna (predeceased, 2014) on November 29th 1958. Gerald fathered four children: Michael, Gary (predeceased, 2005), Ronald, and Dawnalee.

Gerald, Joyce, and their young sons took a leap of faith and immigrated to the United States in 1967. Gerald loved spending time with family and friends. He and Joyce hosted many family get-togethers, parties and even weddings in the basement of their home in Queens NY. That did not stop when they made the decision to relocate their family to Decatur GA in 1980. He enjoyed traveling with Joyce to various destinations across the world, but his favorite vacation was aboard a Royal Caribbean Cruise Ship with good friends

Kenneth and Yvonne Hutchinson. He also enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and sharing memories and at times controversial political views.

Gerald was an active member of New Life Church, devoting his time and energy to the local mission's ministry. Prior to attending New Life, he served as a deacon at The Cathedral of the Holy Spirit until 2005.

Gerald leaves behind: Michael Arthur (Karen - spouse), Deborah McKenna (daughter-in-law), Ronald McKenna (Letitia - spouse), Dawnalee Head (Myron - Spouse), eight grandchildren: Jordan (Shaunna – spouse), Kamicha, Jarren, Jarrell, Joshua, Jamaal, Liam and Peyton, four great grandchildren: Jamir (predeceased), Jace, Kyrie, and Josiah and many beloved friends. His memory will live on in the hearts of all those who loved him.

<https://vimeo.com/event/4069289>

Cemetery Details

Resthaven Cemetery

2284 Candler Rd
Decatur, Ga

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **9**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home - Scottdale Location
351 North Clarendon Avenue
Scottdale, GA 30079

Celebration of Life

FEB **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Stephen and Darlene Moore*
Just wish to extend our sincere condolences to the family of Gerald (Jerry) McKenna. May God grant you comfort during this time of bereavement. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, and may his soul Rest in Eternal Peace. Blessings to the family.

Stephen Moore - February 09, 2024 at 10:19 PM



“ *The Trinidad and Tobago Association of Georgia send condolences to the family of Gerry McKenna a long time member of the Association. May he rest in peace*

The board members of Trinidad and Tobago - February 07, 2024 at 02:26 PM

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“ Jerry and Joyce McKenna was like my 2nd set of parents. They both shared many great memories with me and my husband Phil.

We would set with Jerry for hours, because he had so much great wisdom. I wanted to learn all that I could from him, because it would make me a better person in life.

Phil and I live a cross the street from them, we would watch over their home day and night to make sure they both were safe.

We looked out for each others.

I enjoyed coming over to Jerry and Joyce home for cook outs. Jerry was the best cook. He really enjoyed making all the meals for Joyce and the family.

He will be missed, but I know he is resting in the loving arms of his wife Joyce McKenna and God!

My condolences to the entire McKenna family. Stay strong, God blessings.

Love, Marlena and Phil Costa

Marlena Costa - February 06, 2024 at 06:19 PM

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“ Jerry was such a wonderful person and a great cook. He will be sorely missed but I know He is resting in God arms. Condolences to the entire Family. Stay strong Blessings.
Patricia and Marisa Stokes and Family



Patricia Stokes - February 06, 2024 at 03:42 PM

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Gerald and his brother Lesley were former colleagues in the Trinidad and Tobago 🇹🇹 Police Service. Gerald was attached to the elite motorcycle squad in Traffic Branch , and I was in the Mounted Branch. We took part in several displays at the Barracks. He was a very dedicated Officer. My deepest condolences to his family and friends. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Ulric Thomas - February 08, 2024 at 09:12 AM



“ *Our prayers and condolences to Ronald, Letitia & family during this time of bereavement*



Carolyn Dozier - February 05, 2024 at 10:48 PM

BJ

Praying for god's strength in this time of grief, may god surround your family like a shield, and comfort your love ones

Beverly James - February 06, 2024 at 10:04 AM