



Gerald Wesley Downs

November 16, 1942 - September 26, 2023

Gerald “Jerry” Wesley Downs, age 80, of Birmingham, AL, passed away on Tuesday, September 26, 2023. He was born in Gadsden, Alabama on November 16, 1942, to Gresham Gerald and Luceil Perrine Downs. Jerry graduated from Gadsden High School and received a bachelor’s degree in accounting from Jacksonville State University. After graduating from college he served as a Sergeant in the United States Air Force, including a year of deployment in Pleiku, Vietnam between May 1968 and May 1969.

Jerry was a devoted husband and father of two. He enjoyed his lifelong career in Accounting & Finance until his retirement in 2016. He had a brilliant mind and could answer almost any question across various topics. He was a quiet and introspective man who enjoyed one-on-one intellectual conversations. He had a deep love of music (particularly the Beatles), history, cars, and he enjoyed collecting and picking guitars.

Jerry is preceded in death by his parents, and his sister, Donna Ruth Downs Calhoun. He is survived by his wife, Janet McGinity Downs, and his children, Jessica Ann Downs and Johnathan Perrine Downs. His brother, David Edward Downs (Kyla) as well as his many beloved in-laws, nieces and nephews.

A service for Jerry will be held on Sunday, October 8, 2023, at Otter Creek Farmstead, 3165 Six Foot Road, Ohatchee, AL 36271. The family will receive guests from 1:45 PM to 2:30 PM, followed by a memorial service at 2:30 PM on the property.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 8. 1:45 PM - 2:30 PM (cst)

Otter Creek Farmstead
3165 Six Foot Road
Ohatchee, AL 36271

Memorial Service

OCT 8. 2:30 PM (cst)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald Wesley Downs.*



October 05, 2023 at 10:09 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gerald Wesley Downs.*



October 04, 2023 at 10:23 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gerald Wesley Downs.*



October 02, 2023 at 02:24 PM

MS

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Brendan Stratton purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gerald Wesley Downs.*



Mr. & Mrs. Brendan Stratton - October 02, 2023 at 11:37 AM

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“ *Mr. & Mrs. Brendan Stratton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald Wesley Downs.*

Mr. & Mrs. Brendan Stratton - October 02, 2023 at 11:37 AM

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“ 63 files added to the album *Family Photo Album*



Jessica Downs - September 30, 2023 at 03:38 PM