



Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield

December 20, 1972 - January 17, 2016

Gerald Germaine Whitfield, also known as "G' Pearl", departed this life on Sunday, January 17, 2016, age of 43, at the University of North Carolina Hospital in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, where he lost his battle with complications from diabetes.

Gerald was born on December 20, 1972, to Mamon Whitfield and Barbara Jackson in Kalamazoo, MI. He attended Kalamazoo Public Schools, where he later became a graduate of Kalamazoo Central High School, in 1991.

He enjoyed bowling, playing basketball and spending time with family and friends (where he was often the "joke-cracking", life of the party).

Gerald was very well-known, loved by many and he left an impact on everyone he met. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Breeon Whitfield; his godfather, Guy Mopkins; two aunts and a host of uncles.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his mother, Barbara Jackson of Kalamazoo, MI; his father Mamon Whitfield of Kalamazoo, MI; his grandmother, Ermie Whitfield; 4 sisters, Renee (Maurice) Primer; Avion Whitfield, Kayla Whitfield and Guyla (Jesse) Carver all of Kalamazoo; 3 brothers, Tony (Melissa)

Jackson of Gary, Indiana; Clifford Jackson and Tony Anderson both of Kalamazoo; best friends, Steve DeVall, Dameon Little, Willie Smith, John Buchanan, Cornelius Kirk, Cee Jay Davis, Michael Anderson, Dave Anderson and Marc Pulphus. Also, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

1015 Gull Road
Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Visitation

JAN 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

The Galilee Baptist Church
1216 North Westnedge Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

A Service in Loving Memory

JAN 28. 12:00 PM (ET)

The Galilee Baptist Church
1216 North Westnedge Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield



Harper Funeral Home - January 26, 2016 at 07:37 PM

TC

My prayers are with the family

Thomas and Theresa Charleston - January 27, 2016 at 11:23 PM



Beautiful tribute

Wachauna Powell Wittig - January 28, 2016 at 12:21 AM

CB

May you now rest in peace Gerald. Gone to soon.

crystal bell - January 28, 2016 at 09:41 AM

SH

Praying for the Jackson and Whitfield family G Pearl is at peace. Love you The Wilson Family.

SHERRY HOLMES - January 28, 2016 at 11:02 AM

MM

RIH GERALD MY OLD NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR FROM LULU ST. U WILL TRULY BE MISSED

Monica mills - January 28, 2016 at 04:09 PM

CA

RIP GERALD WE BE GREATLY MISSED WE HAD SO MUCH FUN AS CHILDREN GROWING UP CARMEN HUGHES

carmen - January 31, 2016 at 09:45 AM

KJ

RIP Gerald man I use to be asking Dutchess Dixon about you all the time you were cool as ever use be cutting hair and all man I never forgot you on Krom St peace G much love bro

Kent L Jones - February 24, 2016 at 10:45 PM

AJ

Gerald you will truly be missed RIH my friend you got your wings praying for your love ones.

Aundrenne Jones-Lee - March 14, 2016 at 02:47 AM



“ *Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM

CA

“ *Carmen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield*



carmen - January 31, 2016 at 09:43 AM



“ A great bowler and friend...

Fred Lawrence - January 28, 2016 at 09:49 PM



“ My prayers are with you all!! RIH Gerald. You will never be forgotten.

Ronya Nabors

Ronya - January 28, 2016 at 05:15 PM



“ R I P BIG PEARL YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A LEADER AND WILL ALWAYS BE. MUCH LOVE AND RESPECT LOVE JOE PRATT AND FAMILY



Brian Pratt - January 28, 2016 at 09:17 AM



“ Higgins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield



Higgins - January 28, 2016 at 08:42 AM

SH

“ *SHERRY HOLMES lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield*



SHERRY HOLMES - January 28, 2016 at 08:00 AM

SI

“ *My dear love I'm going to miss you deeply your my nephew/ brother when you grow up together in the same household you going to develop an unbreakable bond now that you are gone I'm still going to hold that bond and say see you later not good bye I love you G-Pearl I know you up there with mom, dad and the rest of the family in paradise smiling down on us*

shannonbryantjr3611@ icloud.com - January 28, 2016 at 07:27 AM

LM

“ *Lynnetta Manago lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield*



Lynnetta Manago - January 28, 2016 at 05:00 AM

Tiffany Woods Pippin

“ *Rest well friend! Deepest & sincerest condolences.
Gerald will be missed.*

Tiffany Pippin



Tiffany Woods Pippin - January 28, 2016 at 01:25 AM



“ I'm sad to hear Gerald passed away. I remember him from Washington Elementary in Kalamazoo for 4th, 5th and 6th grade. Sweet kid, funny, loved sports, very generous. He used to share his Hostess Suzy-Q snack cakes with me at lunch. He would train for boxing down at the Boys Club. In 6th grade he came to my defense when this bully kid blasted me in the back of my head with the dodgeball while I was face down on the blacktop, chipping my front teeth. Gerald ran over and grabbed the bully by the shirt and hoisted him up against the school wall and started yelling "Why'd you do that?! Pick on someone your own size!" Then Gerald came over and helped me up and walked with me to the office. I'll never forget that.

Daniel Jassim - January 28, 2016 at 12:43 AM

MF

“ Modean Reeves And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield



Modean Reeves and family - January 27, 2016 at 10:02 PM

DF

“ DeVall Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield



DeVall family - January 27, 2016 at 09:28 PM

TF

“ *The DeVall Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield*



The DeVall family - January 27, 2016 at 09:27 PM

TF

“ *The DeVall Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield*



The DeVall family - January 27, 2016 at 09:26 PM

VB

“ *Vicky Burns lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield*



vicky burns - January 27, 2016 at 06:15 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Harper Funeral Home - January 27, 2016 at 03:09 PM



“ *Leta Thurman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield*



Leta Thurman - January 27, 2016 at 10:58 AM

HW

“ *Helen Word sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield*



Helen Word - January 27, 2016 at 07:52 AM

MM

“ *Mozela Mosley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield*



Mozela Mosley - January 27, 2016 at 07:31 AM

JB

“ *J.L. And Terry Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield*



J.L. and Terry Buchanan - January 26, 2016 at 08:50 PM



“ 44 files added to the album Life Tributes



Harper Funeral Home - January 26, 2016 at 07:19 PM



“ Cea Green lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield



Cea Green - January 26, 2016 at 01:27 PM



“ Alma Snell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield



Alma Snell - January 26, 2016 at 10:08 AM

TJ

“ Tidy And Jessica lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield



Tidy and Jessica - January 26, 2016 at 08:58 AM



“ Karest Willis-Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield



Karest Willis-Brown - January 25, 2016 at 10:33 PM

HB

“ Hal & Janet Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield



Hal & Janet Buchanan - January 25, 2016 at 08:49 AM

HF

“ Harkness And Clark Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield



Harkness and Clark family - January 25, 2016 at 08:41 AM

KF

“ Kevin And Patricia Ford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield



Kevin and Patricia Ford - January 24, 2016 at 08:51 PM

KP

“ Kesha Powell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield



Kesha Powell - January 24, 2016 at 07:37 PM

BP

“ Barbara Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield



Barbara Phillips - January 24, 2016 at 07:05 PM

BP

We are sorry for the loss of your loved one. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Jackson/Whitfield family.

Barbara Phillips - January 24, 2016 at 07:08 PM

CH

“ *Chancalor Hughes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield*



Chancalor Hughes - January 24, 2016 at 11:30 AM

DH

“ *Devin, Chancalor Hughes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield*



Devin, Chancalor Hughes - January 24, 2016 at 11:27 AM

CW

“ *Carmella Whithead sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield*



Carmella Whithead - January 24, 2016 at 11:24 AM

CH

“ *Collette Hollin sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield*



Collette Hollin - January 24, 2016 at 11:23 AM

CF

“ Carol Fry sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield



Carol Fry - January 24, 2016 at 11:22 AM

WO

“ Winston And Kelly Owens sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield



Winston and Kelly Owens - January 24, 2016 at 11:21 AM

VF

“ Valentina Fry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield



Valentina Fry - January 24, 2016 at 11:20 AM

DA

“ Diane Hollin Anderson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield



Diane Hollin Anderson - January 24, 2016 at 11:18 AM



“ *Angela Stacy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield*



Angela Stacy - January 24, 2016 at 02:58 AM



“ *Alicia Gardner-White lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield*



Alicia Gardner-White - January 23, 2016 at 04:56 PM



“ *Alicia Gardner-White lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield*



Alicia Gardner-White - January 23, 2016 at 04:28 PM



“ *WC And Alicia White lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield*



WC and Alicia White - January 23, 2016 at 04:22 PM

EF

“ Earline Fields And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield



Earline Fields and Family - January 23, 2016 at 11:20 AM

RW

“ RJ & Anita Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield



RJ & Anita Wilkerson - January 23, 2016 at 08:04 AM

CW

“ Carolyn Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield



Carolyn Walker - January 22, 2016 at 11:00 PM

HC

“ Herberta Carver lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield



Herberta Carver - January 22, 2016 at 08:36 PM

HC

May God give you peace and comfort you. Herberta & Sylvester Carver

Herberta Carver & Sylvester Carver - January 22, 2016 at 08:40 PM

JR

*To the Whitfield Family
As you walk through this time of loss, may you know that the Lord
walks with you and He will comfort you. My deepest sympathy!
Love Janie Reed*

Janie Reed - January 24, 2016 at 04:41 PM

GC

“ *Gigi Coleman lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield*



Gigi Coleman - January 22, 2016 at 06:05 PM

TA

“ *TANYA ABBOTT sent a virtual gift in memory of
Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield*



TANYA ABBOTT - January 22, 2016 at 02:27 PM

DB

“ *Dallas Boards lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield*



Dallas Boards - January 22, 2016 at 02:08 PM

LE

“ Lelee sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield



Lelee - January 22, 2016 at 12:53 PM

LE

“ Lelee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield



Lelee - January 22, 2016 at 12:52 PM



“ Blackirish Hubbard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield



Blackirish Hubbard - January 22, 2016 at 03:58 AM

HF

“ Hollin Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield



Hollin Family - January 21, 2016 at 09:36 PM

TF

“ *The Hollin Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield*



The Hollin Family - January 21, 2016 at 09:34 PM

TF

“ *The Hollin And Fry Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield*



The Hollin and Fry Family - January 21, 2016 at 09:33 PM

TH

“ *Tanya Hollin sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield*



Tanya Hollin - January 21, 2016 at 09:32 PM

JO

“ *JoAnne And Renaford Owens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield*



JoAnne and Renaford Owens - January 21, 2016 at 08:16 PM

JJ

“ JoAnne & Renaford Owens Jr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield



JoAnne & Renaford Owens Jr. - January 21, 2016 at 08:13 PM

TG

“ Treva Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield



Treva Gilbert - January 21, 2016 at 07:59 PM

SH

“ Stephanie Hicks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield



Stephanie Hicks - January 21, 2016 at 07:55 PM

JB

“ John And Jackie Buchanan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield



John and Jackie Buchanan - January 21, 2016 at 11:20 AM

JB

“ *John And Jackie Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield*



John and Jackie Buchanan - January 21, 2016 at 11:19 AM

MR

“ *Lit a Candle in memory of Gerald Whitfield*



Montiella Robertson - January 21, 2016 at 06:46 AM

MR

“ *Montiella Robertson*



Montiella Robertson - January 21, 2016 at 06:43 AM

ST

“ *Sarah Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield*



Sarah Taylor - January 21, 2016 at 06:20 AM

CM

“ *Charise McPherson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield*



Charise McPherson - January 21, 2016 at 05:33 AM

WJ

“ *William Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield*



William Johnson - January 21, 2016 at 03:51 AM



“ *Sending prayers*



Keysha Sehy - January 21, 2016 at 01:53 AM

KW

“ *Kamecia Woodard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield*



Kamecia Woodard - January 20, 2016 at 11:01 PM

KJ

“ Ken & Brittany Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield



Ken & Brittany Jackson - January 20, 2016 at 10:58 PM

KJ

“ Kristy Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield



Kristy Jones - January 20, 2016 at 09:35 AM



Diayhonne Carver

“ Diayhonne Carver lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield



Diayhonne Carver - January 20, 2016 at 05:32 AM

WW

“ Walter And Reva Woodard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield



Walter and Reva Woodard - January 19, 2016 at 10:21 PM

TP

“ *With heartfelt sympathy,*



Theresa L. Powell - January 19, 2016 at 03:35 PM

TV

“ *The Vincents lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield*



The Vincents - January 19, 2016 at 12:46 PM

RL

“ *Rebecca Liggins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield*



Rebecca Liggins - January 19, 2016 at 11:54 AM

HF

“ *Harkness Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield*



Harkness family - January 19, 2016 at 08:32 AM

CS

“ Curtis & Michelle Snell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield



Curtis & Michelle Snell - January 19, 2016 at 08:29 AM

TF

“ The Patterson Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield



The Patterson Family - January 19, 2016 at 07:57 AM

AF

“ ABBOTT FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield



ABBOTT FAMILY - January 19, 2016 at 07:13 AM

AR

“ ArleneBuchanan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald "G' Pearl" Whitfield



ArleneBuchanan - January 18, 2016 at 09:57 PM