

Acknowledgements

The Hughes family wishes to express their deepest appreciation for the love and kind acts of affection expressed during the passing of their beloved father and brother. Likewise, much appreciation is extended to the Hospital Hospice Team, the local Veterans Assistance Office, and the Staff of Marlan J. Gary Funeral Home for the professional services they extended to our beloved father and brother.

I'm Always There for You

**Now you have an angel
A guardian up above
Looking ever watchful
A commitment of my love**

**Serving God and country
Is what I've always known
Examples all around me
And through this I have grown**

**All of us make sacrifices
It's just how much we give
There truly are no limits
It is how we're meant to live**

**Remember me with a flag that flies
The red, the white and blue
I'll be there watching over
Because I'm always there for you**



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Celebration of Life



Earl Jerome Hughes

March 20, 1949 - April 2, 2024

Friday, April 19, 2024

Visitation: 1:00pm Service: 2:00pm

Marlan J. Gary Funeral Home

The Chapel of Peace East

5456 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus, OH 43232

Reflections of Life

Earl Jerome Hughes, a beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, brother and friend passed away to glory on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 in Columbus, Ohio at his home.

Earl was born March 20, 1949 in Martinsville, Virginia to James Franklin ("Frank") Hughes and Pearl Ann McCloud. Earl grew up in a small, modest home where he and 15 other siblings were taught strong Christian values, the importance of giving, and hard work traits under the nurturing care of their parents. During his early upbringing, Earl attended Pilgrim Baptist Church in Martinsville along with his siblings.

He attended Albert Harris High School where his talented skills were displayed in football and baseball. Additional hobbies included playing golf with his brothers, watching NASCAR racing and westerns as well as time in the local parks with family and friends after church on Sundays.

Earl also knew the value of service to country; he honorably served in the Marines during the Vietnam era reaching the rank of Corporal before his tour of duty ended. He spent the later years of his life employed by Novtech in Columbus, Ohio where he was surrounded by love from family and friends.

Although Earl experienced adversities in life as is common to all mankind, he often reflected on the nurturing, wisdom, and prayers from his parents and family, and professed the same throughout his adult life.

Earl is preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Pearl Hughes; siblings, Ephonia, Leon, Glenwood, Katie, Cogene, Frances, and Sandra "Peaches."

He is survived in life by his wife, Mary "Mag" Hughes; four daughters, Zelda Hughes, Kimberly Hughes, April Clemmons, from Martinsville, Virginia and Toni January from Springfield, Ohio; and two sons, Troy Hughes from Portsmouth, Virginia and Carlos Bostick from Burlington, North Carolina; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. His living siblings include Shirley (Joe-deceased) Young, Odell (Joyce) Hughes, Jimmy (Vickie) Hughes, Jesse Hughes, John Obie (Alice) Hughes, Deatrice "Dee Dee" (John Wayne-deceased) Simmons, Clyde Hughes, and Benjamin Hughes. Additionally, Earl enjoyed the companionship of Vicki McClain his caregiver, with whom he spent most of his time in Columbus.

Order of Service

- ORGAN PRELUDEChapel of Peace Music Ministry
- PROCESSIONAL, PRAYER AND OPENING COMMENTS
Elder L. O. France
Zion Christian Fellowship, Olympia, WA
- SELECTIONChapel of Peace Music Ministry
- SCRIPTURE READINGS
Old Testament Psalm 23
New Testament Romans 8:35-39
- INTERPRETATION Paula Simmons
"Going Up To Yonder"
- ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS Tracy Simmons
- OBITUARY Read Silently
- SELECTIONChapel of Peace Music Ministry

The Eulogy

Elder L. O. France

- MILITARY HONORS
- BENEDICTION Elder L. O. France
- COMMITTAL COMMENTS Elder L. O. France
- RECESSIONAL Clergy, Family, and Friends

SEMPER FIDELIS