



Gerald Cummings

March 17, 2012

Gerald D. Cummings, 78, of Hot Springs died on Saturday, March 17, 2012 in Hot Springs. He was born on November 2, 1933 in Rison, Arkansas to the late D. B. Cummings and Gladys Loraine O'Kelley Cummings. He was a member of the VFW Post #2278 and the VFW Post # Honor Guard. Gerald served his country proudly in the U.S. Marine Corp, serving one tour of duty in the Korean War and three tours of duty in the Vietnam War. He owned a paint and body shop in Pine Bluff for several years until he sold it.

When he said he got called to preach he enrolled at the University of Arkansas to study Theology, quickly earning a Masters and preaching for several years in Pine Bluff. He left the ministry and taught classes in electronics. He later became a telephone line utility technician. He then worked with U.S. Customs Service; worked in Miami seaports' and airports as a customs officer, later transferring to Montreal, Canada and worked on U.S. border patrol until he retired from Customs.

He returned to his native Arkansas, where he was born and raised, living in Hot Springs and has enjoyed retirement volunteering at the VFW. He performed military funeral honors at numerous ceremonies for deceased veterans.

Survivors include two sons, Wesley A. Cummings of Pine Bluff and Dennis G. Cummings of Hot Springs, one daughter and son-in-law, D'Anne R. and David Chesnick of Falls Church, Virginia, one brother, Clifton Parker of Arkadelphia, two sisters, Joyce Hassen of Bismarck, and Mary Culpepper of Hot Springs,

and one grandchild, Christopher D. Chesnick.

Memorial services will be at 2:00 P.M. Thursday at the VFW Post # 2278 with Ed Soris officiating.

Full military honors will be performed by the VFW Post #2278 Honor Guard.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Uncle Gerald was probably one of my favorite uncles. Always so considerate, funny, and kind-hearted. He was a treasure and will be sorely missed. D'Anne, I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. Your cousin, as always, Kim*

Kim McCall - March 21, 2012 at 07:47 PM

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“ *we new gerald from the v f w, he was a good man. sorry for your loss. he will be missed.*

ty and greg irwin and jack irwin - March 21, 2012 at 04:07 PM

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“ *D'Anne and Family, We are so sorry to hear that your Dad was sick. We just lost Scotty's Dad in February. We know what you are going through and it isn't easy. The Lord doesn't promise easy, but if we allow Him to comfort He will give it. The real comfort is in knowing that your Dad's eternal destination was decided long ago when he made his decision to follow the Lord in accepting Jesus' gift of salvation. Your Dad is not in any pain now and is safe in the arms of the Lord. The Bible says, "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord." Hold on to that promise. Your Dad wouldn't want to come back here now that he's seen Heaven. Our challenge is going on without him here and having that void. But one day, we can be reunited...and that is what gives us the comfort we need to get through the coming days. Wish we could be there with you to share laughter and tears. Let us know if we can do anything to help. Love, Becky & Scott*

Becky and Scott Dayton - March 21, 2012 at 03:50 PM

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“ *Mr. Cummings taught 2 of my classes while in electronics school. He was always a very good teacher with a great sense of humor. I am so sorry for your loss.*

Todd Lambert - March 21, 2012 at 03:03 PM