

CELEBRATION *of* LIFE



Earle Gullins

Sunrise
MARCH 20, 1937

Sunset
JULY 8, 2024

FROM THE HEART CHURCH MINISTRIES®
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BISHOP JOHN A. CHERRY, II - PASTOR

Order of Service

INVOCATION

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN
"NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS"

SCRIPTURE READING
OLD TESTAMENT: PSALM 1:1-6
NEW TESTAMENT: I CORINTHIANS 15:50-58

PRAYER OF COMFORT

SELECTION
FTH ADULT CHOIR

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

REMARKS
AMANDA AMANN • NIECE
ERIN ROBINSON • GRANDDAUGHTER
GABRIELLE GULLINS • GRANDDAUGHTER
STEPHEN GULLINS, SR. • SON

POEM
ORIN MCCRAE

OBITUARY (READ ALOUD)
TIFFANY GULLINS

SONG OF PREPARATION
ANGELINA & VICTORIA GULLINS

MESSAGE OF HOPE
PASTOR BRIAN R. GULLINS, SR.
FROM THE HEART CHURCH MINISTRIES OF CHICAGO

CALL TO CHRIST

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INTERMENT
FORT LINCOLN CEMETERY
3401 BLADENSBURG ROAD
BRENTWOOD, MARYLAND 20722

Obituary

Earle Richard Gullins, Jr. was born March 20, 1937, in Tuscaloosa, Alabama to Earle Richard Gullins Sr. and Carol Bird Moses Gullins. The family relocated to Baltimore, Maryland when Earle was six years old. Earle reminisced on his childhood in Baltimore and his first job as a paperboy. Working as a youth was the beginning of his strong work ethic and foundational to his extraordinary people skills and passion for learning the life stories of others.

Due to Earle's father's travels for work, the family relocated again, this time to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Life in Philadelphia was special to Earle as his beloved city of "Brotherly Love." Growing up in Philadelphia exposed Earle to a blend of history, culture, sports, and community. Exposure in "Philly" shaped Earle giving him a sense of identity and belonging. While attending Overbrook High School and his mother's job with the Philadelphia Recreation Department, Earle established a friendship with who he called the greatest basketball player of all time, Wilt Chamberlin.

One of Earle's greatest passions was jazz music. Philadelphia has a storied history in jazz, with legendary musicians like John Coltrane, Dizzy Gillespie, and Billie Holiday having roots or connections to the city. Later becoming a jazz historian, Earle's depth of knowledge led him to later become a local radio personality on the Washington D.C. jazz scene and founder of a fan club in honor of a fellow Philadelphian and extraordinary trumpeter, Lee Morgan.

After graduating high school, Earle proudly joined the United States Marine Corp. Marines are known for their rigorous training, physical fitness, readiness to deploy, and commitment to protecting their country, all qualities Corporal Earle Gullins treasured as a beloved "Jarhead." Earle often was heard quoting the phrase "Once a Marine always a Marine."

On Valentines Day in 1959, Earle met the love of his life Marva Parkinson. The two married on June 16, 1962, with their union lasting for 58 years. Earle and Marva had two sons: Stephen and Brian. Stephen and Margaret have three children: Tiffany, Gabrielle, and Stephen Jr. Brian and Angeline have four children: Erin, Angelina, Victoria, and Brian Jr.

After an honorable discharge from the Marines, Earle began his civil service career with the Redevelopment & Housing Agency (RLA) and later the Commerce Department's Bureau of Census. Earle served as a Branch Chief in the Bureau of Census locations in Suitland, Maryland and New Orleans, Louisiana. In 1992, Earle retired with 34 years of dedicated civil service.

Upon retirement, Earle continued his dedication to service as a positive role model specifically for black male youth. Earle served as a substitute teacher in Prince George's County Public Schools, Loudoun County Public Schools, the Department of State International Schools, and Calvary Christian School System. Earle also served as an adjunct instructor at the Old Dominion University Upward Bound Program.

In the late 1990's Earle joined his wife Marva in Islamabad Pakistan, servicing with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), records division in the United States Embassy Pakistan. Returning to the United States in the early 2000's, Earle and Marva dedicated themselves to bring the love of Jesus Christ to the elderly with a vibrant senior's ministry reaching facilities across Virginia and Maryland.

Always dedicated to education, Earle earned an Associates of Business Administration, Bachelor of Business Administration, and a joint Master of Business Administration (MBA) and Master of Public Administration (MPA) from Southeastern University, in Washington D.C. from 1970-1978, while working full time and raising a family. Later in 2010 Earle earned an Associate of Biblical Studies from Providence Bible College in Portsmouth, Virginia.

Over the span of Earle's 87 years his faith grew as a born-again believer in Jesus Christ. Earle was a faithful member of Calvary Episcopal Church (Washington D.C.), From The Heart Church Ministries (Suitland, Maryland), Calvary Revival Church (Norfolk, Virginia) and From the Heart Church Ministries of Richmond-Fredericksburg Expansion Location.

At times referring to death Earle would light heartedly say "one day I'm going to close my eyes." On July 8, 2024 at 5:04 pm, surrounded by family, Earle closed his eyes in this life, and opened them to see Jesus in the next. "Absent from the body present with the Lord" 2 Corinthians 5:8. Earle is preceded in death by Earle Richard Gullins Sr., Carol Bird Moses Gullins, Sigman Gullins, and Marva Gullins.



THE GULLINS FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR ALL THE LOVE, PRAYERS, AND SUPPORT!

