



## Mr. Gerald David Free

April 11, 1939 - March 29, 2014

Gerald "Jerry" David Free, age 74, a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, and long time resident of Tennessee, gained his heavenly wings on March 29, 2014, following an extended illness.

He was born April 11, 1939, to the late Belton and Octava Clayborn Free. He was also preceded in death by a sister, Mabel Reed and a brother, Bobby Free. Mr. Free was known for his longtime compassion for the Tennessee Children's Home, hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for 40+ years. Mr. Free was an entrepreneur. Among his many accomplishments, he was a renowned poet and author of a children's Christmas book.

He is survived by a daughter, Julie Free West, and her husband Bryan, of Bell Buckle, and a son, Gerald Belton Free, of Hackensack, New Jersey; three grandchildren Hannah Nicole West, Jacob Bryan West, and Nathan David West; two dear nieces, Mabel Jean Taylor and Betty Sue Charles. Mr. Free was known as a wonderful Father, Grandfather "PaPaJ" and as Uncle Larry. The family that survives will forever feel a great loss. He left forever an impression upon all the lives he touched here on this earth.

Funeral services will be 11 AM Tuesday at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. The family will receive visitors one hour prior to service. Burial will be in Baltimore Pike, Ohio, at a later date.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

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“ He was awesome 🙌 So sorry for your loss. I just saw this today after all these years! The Kentucky Derby with many was wonderful, as well as the Easter Egg Hunt 🙌 Such a pleasure to have know him! Rest in Peace my friend!

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**Bonnie Lee Lamont** - February 15 at 11:31 AM

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“ I worked with Jerry at Ch 17 in Nashville, Battle of the Bands for a couple of years and provided photo support for his Flying saucer home and several Easter Egg event for the Home in Spring Hill. Jerry was a promoter, salesman, father and friend. Rest in Peace Jerry.



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**Mike Shields** - August 20, 2014 at 11:20 PM

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“ *Unhappiness comes from mirrors. Happiness comes from windows. If you want to be miserable, then think about yourself first and what you want, what people are saying about you, what you ought to have done for you, how down you feel, how good you feel. Just focus on yourself. Feeling good yet? If you are, then something is wrong. Greed, Selfishness and happiness just don't go hand in hand. If you are thinking it is better to receive than to give, you'll never be happy. You'll never experience the blessing of giving that Jesus taught. Hold out your hand and make a fist for at least one minute. Now, relax. Which feels better? Now imagine if your spirit is tight and how that will quench His spirit in your life He wont be able to be seen through you. Ky cousin Jerry was a window to me seeing nothing but goodness each time I had the pleasure of being near Him a tru and gracious man was He,*

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**Ronny claybern** - April 01, 2014 at 06:05 AM

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“ *I never met Mr. Free, but talk to him on the phone very often... Mr Free was a strong but caring person for his family....Mr. Free will be missed by a lot of people who loved him dearly.....especially by his children Gerald and Julie.... I am sure that Mr. Free is in Heaven and still care for everyone.... DYANA -*

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**DYANA** - March 31, 2014 at 03:04 PM

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“ Jerry was always a relieve to the turmoils of this life, He was always up for fun and games Joking and helping keep other spirits up I truly miss being bale to call and talk to Him when I felt out or down, He was an exceptional cousin, and He held secretes I didnt get to share but he was always there for every one I pray for his rest be in peace for eternity amen. being only 5 years older than I He seemed so much older in wisdom and He was, Death is only the gate way to Victory for those who love the Lord and Now aunt tav Mable and Bobby can be reunited in the presence of God amen Miss You Jerry never got to go on the Boat with you sorry.

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**Roanld Claybern or BigRonny** - March 31, 2014 at 06:06 AM

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“ JERRY WAS MY HUSBAND COUSIN HE WAS FUNNY AND ALWAYS KIND " WE LOVE HIM AND HE WILL BE MISSED LOVE ALWAYS JERRY ITS NOT GOOD BY"" BUT>>> WILL SEE YOU LATER !! OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH JULIE AND LITTLE JERRY"" AND ALL OF HIS FAMILY !!THAT WE HAVE NEVER MET MAY OUR LORD BE WITH YOU ALL LOVE AND HUGS' MARY AND RONNY CLAYBERN ""

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**MARYHOLMESCLAYBERN** - March 30, 2014 at 08:21 PM