



In Loving Memory

Sterling Ward Gillikin Jr.

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Funeral Service

4 p.m., Sunday, February 25, 2024
Cape Carteret Baptist Church, Cape Carteret, NC
Officiated by Rev. Kevin Clubb

Processional	
Welcome	Pastor Kevin Clubb
Special Music	Shepherd's Men
Scripture & Prayer	Rev. Marty Greer
Special Music	Shepherd's Men
Family Comments	
Song, "How Great Thou Art"	Kyle Greer
Message, "A Burial Like No Other"	Pastor Kevin Clubb
Deuteronomy 34	
Closing Prayer	Pastor Kevin Clubb
Recessional, "God Bless the USA"	

Pallbearers

Jason Fuller
Trey Moritz

Kyle Greer
Jacob Novotny

Alexander Lewis
John Underwood

Graveside Service

1 p.m., Tuesday, February 27, 2024
Pine Lawn Memorial Park, Kinston, NC
Officiated by Rev. Marty Greer

Sterling Ward Gillikin Jr., 88, of Cape Carteret, North Carolina, passed away peacefully on Friday, February 23, 2024, at Carteret Health Care.

A funeral service to honor Sterling's life will be held at 4 p.m., February 25th at Cape Carteret Baptist Church, officiated by Rev. Kevin Clubb. The family will receive friends from one hour prior to the service.

A graveside service will take place at 1 p.m., February 27th at Pine Lawn Memorial Park in Kinston, officiated by Rev. Marty Greer, followed by military honors and Masonic Rites.

Sterling was born on January 25, 1936, in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, to the late Sterling and Yulee Gillikin. Known for his strong convictions, determined work ethic, big smile, and amazing personality, Sterling was loved by all.

His commitment to his country was seen through his active duty in the United States Army and later in the National Guard from 1973 until 1996, where he served for 23 years before retiring. Sterling was a fixture around Kinston, well known through his professional career in the US Postal Service where he served as a Supervisor. He retired after 38 years of dedicated service.

Sterling was a proud member of St. John's Lodge serving as Master, Secretary of Distinction, and District Deputy Grand Master of the 11th Masonic District (before they became part of the 10th District.) Numerous Lodges have him listed as an Honorary Member, where he had an impact on each one.

Sterling and Sue were regulars and an important part of Kinston #53 OES. In addition to his service as an officer, you could count on him working behind the scenes. You could also count on his quick wit and tongue to put a smile on everyone's face. He always had something going.

Sterling laid down the working tools of life last night around midnight and there is no doubt he has heard those words "Good and Faithful Servant." We can only imagine him sitting around a table inside the Pearly Gates catching up with James Davis and James P. Wooten, probably with a cup of coffee and a piece of cake!

There is no doubt that the only thing more important to Sterling than Masonry was his faith and love for his family.

Those remaining to cherish his memory are his loving and devoted wife of 26 years, Susan Gillikin; daughter, Alison Moritz (Travis) of Emerald Isle, NC, Dee Zeiler of Nottingham, MD, and Annette Greer (Marty) of Greenville, NC; sons, James Grady II (Rhonda) of Snow Hill, NC and Hiram A. Grady (LaRue) of Kinston, NC; brother, George Gillikin of Fountain, NC; brother-in-law, Henry Eubank of Williston, NC; sisters-in-law, JoAnn Gillikin of Greenville, NC and Catherine Jarman of Kinston, NC; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and goddaughter, Ann Kilpatrick Swann of Cape Carteret, NC.

In addition to his parents, Sterling was preceded in death by his first wife of 39 years, Muriel Gray Gillikin; sister, Jean Eubank; brother, William Gillikin; brother-in-law, Tom Jarman; and nephew, Eric Jarman.

As an expression of sympathy, memorial contributions may be made to Cape Carteret Baptist Church, 101 Anita Forte Dr., Cape Carteret, NC 28584.

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TAPS

Day is done, gone the sun,
From the lake, from the hills, from the sky;
All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.

Fading light, dims the sight,
And a star gems the sky, gleaming bright.
From afar, drawing nigh, falls the night.

Thanks and praise, for our days,
'Neath the sun, 'neath the stars, 'neath the sky;
As we go, this we know, God is nigh.

Sun has set, shadows come,
Time has fled, Scouts must go to their beds
Always true to the promise that they made.

While the light fades from sight,
And the stars gleaming rays softly send,
To thy hands we our souls, Lord, commend.



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