



A CELEBRATION OF LIFE  
FRED JULIAN GUNN

*Sunrise:* March 19, 1938 — *Sunset:* February 22, 2021

Friday, March 5, 2021

ALFRED STREET BAPTIST CHURCH  
301 SOUTH ALFRED STREET  
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314

Prelude . . . . . Organist

Invocation . . . . . Rev. Dr. Howard-John Wesley, Pastor

Hymn of Rejoicing . . . . . “We’ll Understand It Better”

Scriptures

    Old Testament . . . . . Rev. Edward Y. Jackson  
                                Psalm 23

    Epistle . . . . . Rev. Emmett L. Dunn  
                                I Thessalonians 4: 13–18

    New Testament . . . . . Deacon Kimberly Nickens Randle  
                                Colossians 3:12–17

Prayer of Comfort . . . . . Rev. Marla Hawkins

Tributes . . . . . Bryce Gunn on behalf of Howard Adams  
                                Kolin Gunn  
                                Zachary Gunn

Musical Selections . . . . . Ralph Herndon, Soloist  
                                “All My Help”  
                                “No Ways Tired”

Eulogy . . . . . Rev. Dr. Howard-John Wesley, Pastor

Hymn of Rejoicing . . . . . “When We All Get to Heaven”

Closing Prayer & Benediction . . . . . Rev. Dr. Howard-John Wesley, Pastor





**FRED JULIAN GUNN** was born on March 19, 1938 in Ringgold, Virginia. He was the oldest of two sons to the late Willie Henry Gunn and Louise Wimbish Gunn. He was baptized at a very young age. He attended Southside High School in Blairs, Virginia. Fred graduated from Norfolk State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and later received a Master of Education degree in Secondary Educational Administration.

Fred was a man of few words, but when he spoke, people listened, as did Faye when he wooed her at Norfolk State. She would later become the long-time love of his life and wife. Together they had two sons, Kelvin and Rodney, who were the joy of their lives. Their sons brought even greater happiness to Fred with his nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Fred was a very easy-going man and would do just about anything his grandchildren asked of him, even if his sons didn't necessarily approve. One of his famous sayings was "You got that right!" and when people greeted him with "Good to see you Fred", his response was always "It's good to be seen!" This was his way of expressing his gratefulness and acknowledgment of being blessed with another day on earth.

Following Fred's service in the US Army, he landed teaching jobs at John M. Langston High School in Danville, VA, and Rustburg High School in Campbell County, VA. He then invested 27 years at the nationally known "Titans" of TC Williams High School in the Alexandria City Public Schools in Alexandria, VA. He taught Industrial Cooperative Training (ICT) and was a sponsor for the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA).



On the first Sunday of the New Year in 1971, Fred joined the historic Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia, moving his membership from the Kentuck Baptist Church in Ringgold, VA. He became very active at Alfred Street where he served as a Trustee, attended Sunday School and offered his carpentry skills to renovate and manage multiple church properties. Among many activities outside of church, he was a Cub Scout father and a Life member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated®. Fred loved and supported his Alma

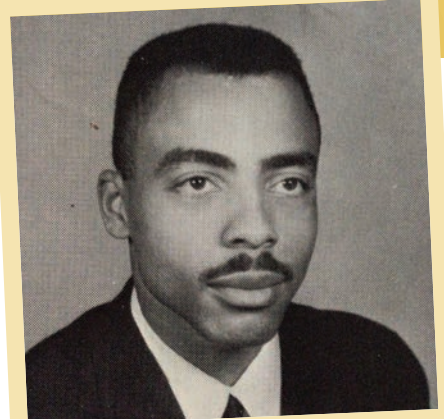
Mater, Norfolk State University. For many years, he followed and cheered on his "Spartans" at the CIAA tournament whether in Hampton, Richmond or Norfolk. Regardless of the outcome, he found great joy in reuniting with college friends. In 1979 and again in 1984 Fred received the heart-breaking news that Faye had breast cancer. As a man of faith, his love did not waiver. God gave him the strength to care for his wife and children, while continuing to work. He was a true family man.



Fred will be remembered for the many roles that he has played while on his journey here on earth. He was a son who loved his parents and lived a life that made them proud, a husband who loved and cared for his wife in sickness and in health, a father who exemplified manly deeds and love for all mankind, a big brother who strived to be a role model

for his younger brother, a grandfather and great grandfather who exuded pride in the accomplishments of his grandchildren and a friend who could be depended upon. Fred was also a skilled carpenter, entrepreneur, and educator. He was always there for many to give of his time, talents, and treasures.

He is survived by his two sons, Kelvin J. Gunn (Beverly) and Rodney D. Gunn (Natalie), brother Walter E. Gunn, nine grandchildren: DauVeen, Kyle, Kapri, Kolter, Kolin, Kayla, Darah, Zachary and Bryce, seven great-grandchildren: Brooklyn, Daubrey, Leila, Luce, Emrie, Omere and Grayer and a host of other relatives and friends.









## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The family is forever grateful for our many villages, near and far, who have comforted us in so many ways during our time of loss. We are comforted in knowing that our loved one is once again reunited with and able to embrace his loving wife, Faye in their heavenly home, both smiling from ear to ear and giggling!

Special thanks to Fred's caregivers Grace Gama and Brandywine Assisted Living at Alexandria. We are forever grateful for the extraordinary care, kindness and support shown to Fred and his village of loved ones.

*Brandywine Living of Alexandria, 5550 Cardinal Pl, Alexandria, VA 22304*

### PALLBEARERS

Jeffrey Lee  
Andre Moore  
Earl Stafford, Jr.  
Daniel Randle  
Elwood Lewis, Jr.  
Brian Walker

### INTERMENT

Quantico National Cemetery  
Tuesday, March 9, 2021

### SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO

Pope Funeral Home  
2617 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20020

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