



## Jeffery Eric Gale Sr.

August 4, 1959 - February 1, 2025

### Celebration of Life

Jeffery Eric Gale, Sr., affectionately known as “Jeff”, was born in Salisbury, Maryland on August 4, 1959 to the late Clifton Gale and Mary Smith. He departed this earthly life peacefully on Saturday, February 1, 2025.

Jeffery received his formal education in the Wicomico County School System, graduating from Wicomico Senior High School in 1978. Afterwards he entered the United States Army, discharging honorably as a Sergeant. He worked various jobs throughout his life including Campbell Soup, Shore ECI Transit, and a professional bus driver for the city of Ocean City and the Board of Education, as he was a licensed and dedicated bus contractor for Wicomico County, operating Bus #19. The children loved riding on Mr. Gale’s bus.

His early Christian education training took place at St. James AME Zion Church in Salisbury, Maryland. He later joined Salisbury Evangelistic Church of Deliverance and became a Sunday School teacher. Additionally, while stationed at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, he became a Deacon under the leadership of the late Elder L. Thomas at Pentecostal Church of the Apostolic in Leavenworth, Kansas.

Jeffery had a good heart. He loved people and being able to share his sense of humor. No dull moments were to be had around him or strangers. He loved fishing, photography, listening to jazz music and riding his motorcycle. He was a member of the Masonic Hall Symmetric Obligations #333 under Samuel Grand Council.

Jeffery leaves to cherish his memories: his devoted wife of forty-two (42) years, Michelle Gale; his children, Nakisha McGlotten (Troy), Erica (Dean) and Jeffery Gale, Jr. (JJ); sisters, Phyllis Thomas, Terry Hardy, Rosetta DeShields (Ed) and Andrea Tynese Matthews; brothers, Clifton Gale and Philip Gale; thirteen (13) grandchildren; father- and mother-in-law, Benjamin and Frances McBride; brothers-in-law, Reginald Camper, Malcom McBride, Matthew McBride, Marcus McBride (Sherrell) and Robert Calloway McBride; sisters-in-law, Maria Johnson, Doris Garrison and Shanitria McBride; Godson, Joshua Johnson and Goddaughter, Jada Briddell; his special friend, Bruiser and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Jeffery was preceded in death by his loving and devoted mother, Mary and father, Clifton Gale and a brother, William Gale.

Lovingly Submitted ~ The Family

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **15**. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. James A.M.E. Zion Church  
521 Mack Ave  
Salisbury, MD 21801

## Funeral Service

FEB **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ My deepest condolences to the family of Jeffery Gale, I remember him from high school he was a good friend to me made me laugh all the time. I would recognize him anywhere. RIP our friend 🌹🙏🕊️☐

Shaleeta Wright - March 28, 2025 at 09:28 AM



“ Patrice Robertson sent a virtual gift in memory of Jeffery Eric Gale Sr.



Patrice Robertson - February 20, 2025 at 01:10 AM



“ Patrice Robertson lit a candle in memory of Jeffery Eric Gale Sr.



Patrice Robertson - February 20, 2025 at 01:10 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeffery Eric Gale Sr..



February 14, 2025 at 07:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jeffery Eric Gale Sr..

February 14, 2025 at 07:17 PM



“ To the family, so sorry for your loss. He was a good man and a kind soul.

*Jeff was my daughter Sydney's bus driver. He went from someone she thought was too strict to one of her favorite people.*

*As we got to know each other, we shared a love of music. In the past few years we would share music. He would call and say "Hey, I got one for you" and introduce me to a jazz artist and a song. Jeff would say, let me know what you think and I hope that it doesn't disappoint. Jeff never did. His taste in music was superb. I really enjoyed our conversations and will miss them.*

*Roland Finger*

**Roland Finger** - February 14, 2025 at 01:41 PM



*He was very kind person and always tried to help with the kids bus routes. My granddaughter rode his bus from pre K til last year they called him friend/cousin they thought the world of him.*

**Paulette Lurine Hayward** - February 15, 2025 at 06:35 PM



“ Sending my condolences to the entire family so very sorry for your loss may God bless and keep you all in Jesus Christ name I pray

**Sarah Stanley** - February 13, 2025 at 06:12 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeffery Eric Gale Sr..



February 12, 2025 at 04:20 PM



“ My HEART FELT CONDOLENCES TO the Family

Keith Shawn LightfootSr - February 10, 2025 at 02:07 PM



“ Love and Prayers extended to The Family for your loved one.  
Hold on to precious Memories  
May they always make you smile  
Rev Shirley Downing Polk



Rev Shirley D Polk - February 08, 2025 at 01:39 PM



“ Renee Corbin-Robinson lit a candle in memory of Jeffery Eric Gale Sr.



Renee Corbin-Robinson - February 07, 2025 at 06:18 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jeffery Eric Gale Sr..*



February 07, 2025 at 01:15 PM



“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



**Thomas Widgeon** - February 07, 2025 at 08:54 AM



“ *Ella Fisher lit a candle in memory of Jeffery Eric Gale Sr.*



**Ella Fisher** - February 06, 2025 at 10:42 PM



“ *Deborah Gates lit a candle in memory of Jeffery Eric Gale Sr.*



**Deborah Gates** - February 06, 2025 at 04:09 PM

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“ Calvin&Sheila Harmon Sr. And Family lit a candle in memory of Jeffery Eric Gale Sr.



Calvin&Sheila Harmon Sr. and family - February 06, 2025 at 02:59 PM

CF

*Rest in peace my brother.Amen*

Calvin&Sheila Harmon Sr. and family - February 06, 2025 at 03:01 PM

TC

“ This is a hard one for me. I will remember all the days we spent behind the lenses of our cameras shooting anything from landscapes to weddings. Photography took us places outside ourselves and the troubles of the world washed away. There were many laughs and many lessons learned. I'll definitely miss those moments. He was a good man, a great father and the best friend. Michelle, Erica and Nakisha, I am praying for your comfort through this difficult time. Take as much time as you need to heal. This loss is profound. May God bless and keep you all. Always here if you need me.

Tanya Carroll - February 06, 2025 at 01:56 PM

DC

*Mr gale whenever we saw him he would be in his truck are doing his bus route with the puppy happy all the time so rest on my friend God bless you*

Dorothy Corbin - February 06, 2025 at 03:37 PM