



# Deacon Cecil Gaffney

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## D eacon S. Gaffney Obituary

In the canvassed landscaping and fertile terrain of Clarksville, Texas, a son, Cecil Sylvester Gaffney, was born to LB Gaffney and Winifred Gaffney. Only God could know the “charted destiny and great promise” that was being formed in the heart and mind of this young boy. This young boy shared his childhood with two loving sisters, Mamie Teague and Rose Bradley.

Cecil’s family relocated to Hobbs, New Mexico in 1948 where he enrolled in the Booker T. Washington school system and remained in the system until he joined the US Air Force in October 1956.

During this time he met and fell in love with a young woman named Doris who became his high school sweetheart. In February 1957, he married his childhood sweetheart, Doris Ann Doss, and from that union came four children; Gary Dwon Gaffney, Neressa Lynn Alexander, Sheryl Denise Edwards, and Jeffrey Glen Gaffney, whom he dearly loved.

Following a US Air Force career that expanded over 28 years where he received many medals, citations, and achievement awards; including the Meritorious Service Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster, The Air Force Commendation medal with 3 oak leaf clusters, The Distinguished-Presidential Unit Citation, Air Force Outstanding Unit award with 2 oak leaf clusters, Air Force Good Conduct Medal with 1 silver and 1 bronze oak leaf clusters, Army Good Conduct Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and selected as the Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the year on 3 occasions, he retired as a Chief Master Sergeant, the highest rank that can be achieved as an enlisted member of any branch of the Armed Forces.

Cecil Gaffney’s formal education is inclusive of two Associate degrees, a Bachelor of Science degree, and a Master of Public Administration. He was a licensed Hypno-therapist with an



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emphasis on Marriage and Family Relations. He served as a member of the 'American Association of Christian Counselors' and 'The Association of Christian Psychology'.

During the summer season of 1981, he became a member of True Vine Community Church which proved to be an excellent match. Deacon Cecil Gaffney was known to express the thought that "this is where I will be until the Lord says otherwise!" He faithfully and whole-heartedly served as a member and held several high-level positions such as Chief Finance Officer, Chairperson of the Trustees Board, and Chairperson of the Deacon Board.

During his servant hood, he counseled many families and married couples and conducted seminars, workshops, and marriage enrichment retreats.

Cecil Gaffney, also fondly known as "Paw-Paw, Poppa, Uncle Deacon, Sly, Deke, and Chief," was an avid sports fan and his favorite teams were the LA Lakers and Golden State Warriors. He enjoyed reading, playing Scrabble, photography, and any type of "Do It Yourself" project.

Deacon Cecil Gaffney has authored and published 4 books titled "Married Couples Hierarchy of Needs," "The Plumb Line for Married Couples," "Family Manifesto," "The Old Leadership of Zion," and was in the process of completing his 5th book "Men Do Cry".

Deacon Cecil Gaffney is preceded in death by his parents Winifred and LB Gaffney.

He leaves to celebrate his life; his wife of 66 years, Doris Gaffney, Tacoma, Washington, 4 children; Gary Gaffney Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Neressa Alexander, Tacoma Washington, Sheryl Edwards, Plano, Texas, and Jeff Gaffney, San Antonio, Texas; 12 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, 2 sisters, and a multitude of friends.

By far Deacon Cecil Gaffney's greatest legacy was his love for the Lord, his family, serving others, and his church.



# Events

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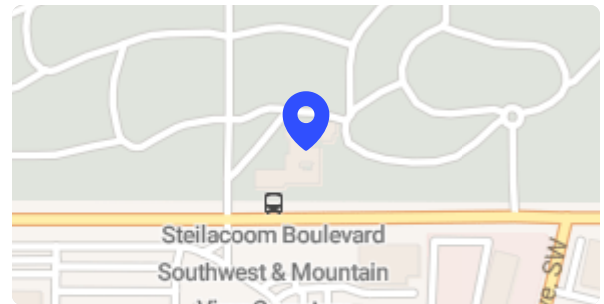
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## Visitation

**Tuesday**, August 15, 2023

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM PT

**Office - Mountain View Funeral Home**  
4100 Steilacoom Blvd SW , Lakewood WA  
98499

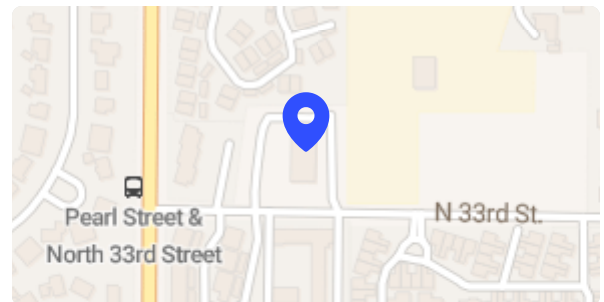


## Funeral Service

**Wednesday**, August 16, 2023

12:00 PM PT

**True Vine Community Church**  
5715 N 33rd St, Tacoma WA 98407

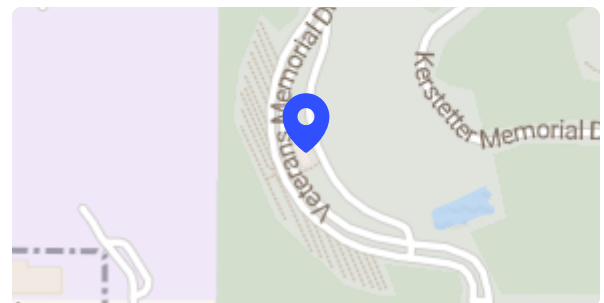


## Graveside Service with Military Honors

**Thursday**, August 24, 2023

1:30 PM PT

**Tahoma National Cemetery**  
18600 SE 240th St., Kent WA





# Tribute Wall

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**Ladedria Stallworth** lit a candle in honor of Cecil.



August 16 at 11:06 AM



**Ladedria Stallworth** August 16 at 11:07 AM

Safe in the arms of Jesus. May God Himself comfort and bless you during this difficult time Sister Gaffney.



**Lajuana, Kendall & Cierra Cotton** lit a candle in honor of Cecil.



Our deepest condolences for your loss! Uncle Cecil was a wonderful human being & his life reflected that. He will be missed but know that we will see him again!LaJuana, Kendall & Cierra

August 15 at 1:05 PM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Cecil.



August 15 at 11:27 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Gaffney family.



August 15 at 11:27 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Treasured Lilies Spray to the Gaffney family.



August 15 at 6:01 AM



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**Gala Jordan** lit a candle in honor of Cecil.

August 15 at 2:39 AM



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August 15 at 2:22 AM



**Ladedria Stallworth** August 16 at 11:05 AM

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**Gala Jordan** August 15 at 2:42 AM

To the family, with love. Our hearts are open, let grace, love, & peace flow out to you.



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Gaffney family.

August 14 at 2:46 PM



**Calvin Anselmo** posted:

May the peace and love of GOD be with all of the family. Dorothy my love goes out to you. GOD give you comfort at this time. Calvin

August 14 at 7:32 AM



**Renee Williams** posted:

Uncle Cecil you will be missed, even though we did not see you often. When we did, we felt your love for us and we loved you dearly. I thank the Father he saw fit to place you in our family. You were a great role model. I will see you again. Love Renee & family

August 13 at 11:57 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Gaffney family.



August 13 at 11:16 AM



**Deandra Emanuel** posted:

Paw Paw this is a whole lot to take in. The greeting of "hey Dear". Just know your great legacy will live on and on.-Deandra Emanuel

August 12 at 10:54 AM



**Dorohty Hills** August 15 at 7:31 AM

Condolences to The Gaffney Family. Deacon Gaffney legacy and kindness will live on. Prayers are with the Family.



**Neressa Alexander** August 14 at 2:38 AM

Dad, how do we go on? You are my hero, my mentor and my friend. As long as I can remember you led by example. You never asked more of us than you gave. When John passed on, you became the anchor in our lives. I love you Dad, and miss you so much. I know you are in a better place now, no more pain. You will live on through your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. So many lives were touched and made better because of your kindness, and humility. Rest in Peace. Love you!!! Neressa Lynn Gaffney-Alexander



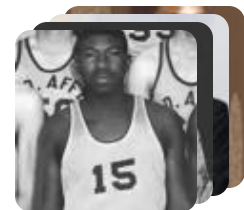
**Karron Brown** posted:

My Condolences to The Gaffney Family. Lynn, I remember your Father as a very Upstanding and Wonderful Man, who My Brother Johnnie loved dearly. May The Peace and Comfort of GOD cover you and your family. GOD's Blessings and My Love Always 🙏

August 12 at 6:34 AM



**Jeffrey Gaffney** shared 11 photos to the **Cecil G** album.



August 11 at 2:44 PM



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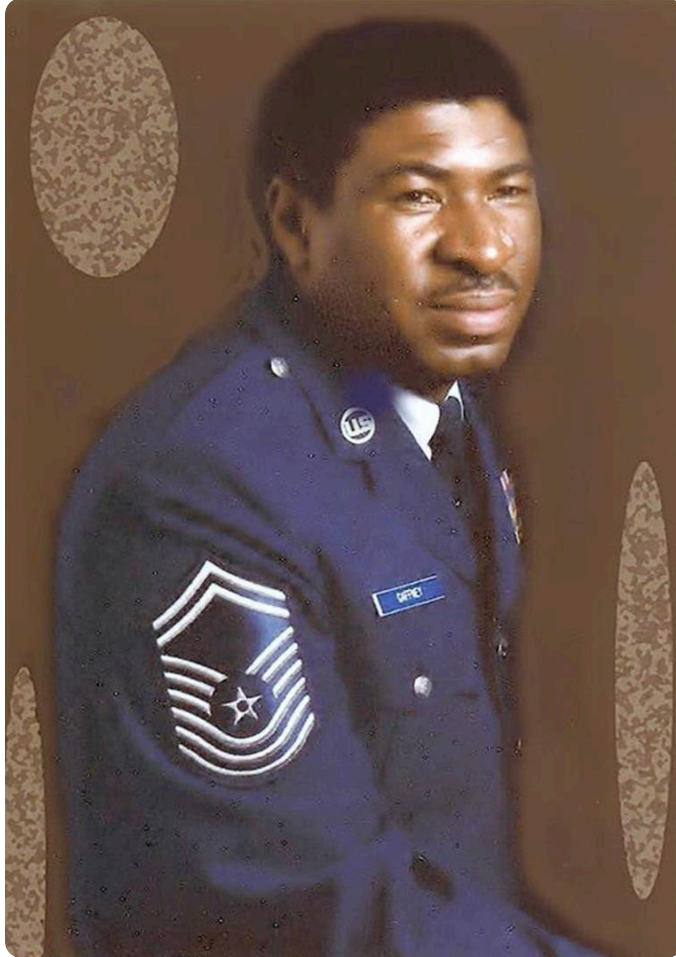
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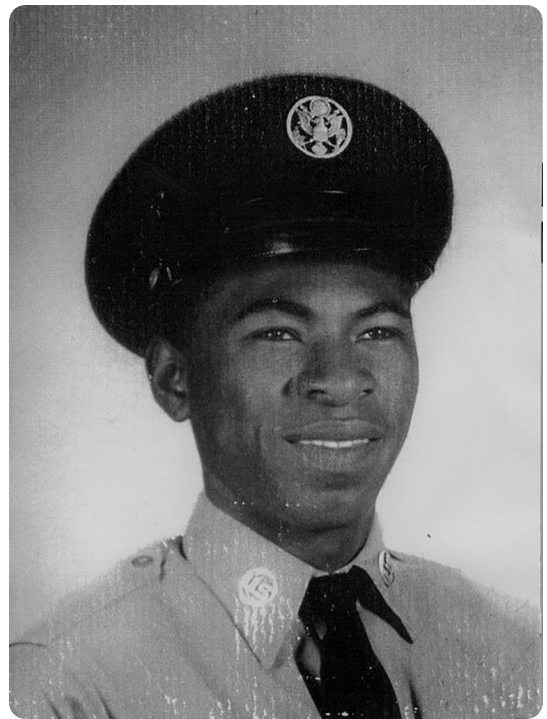
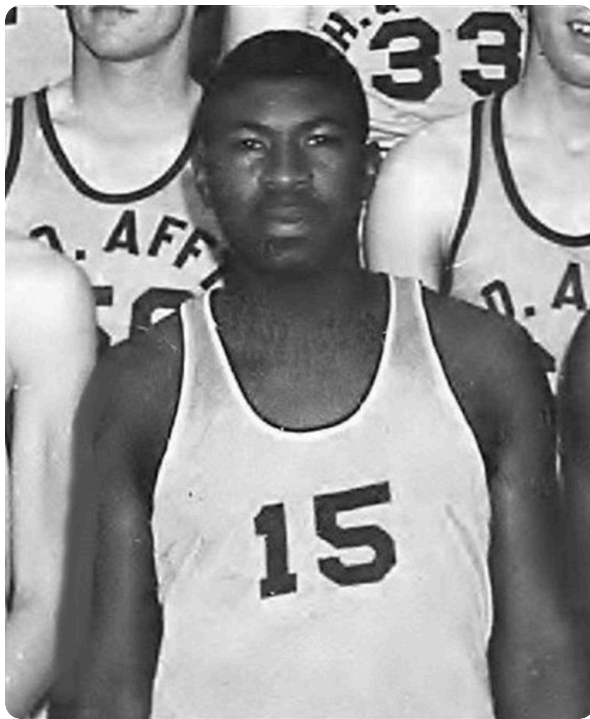
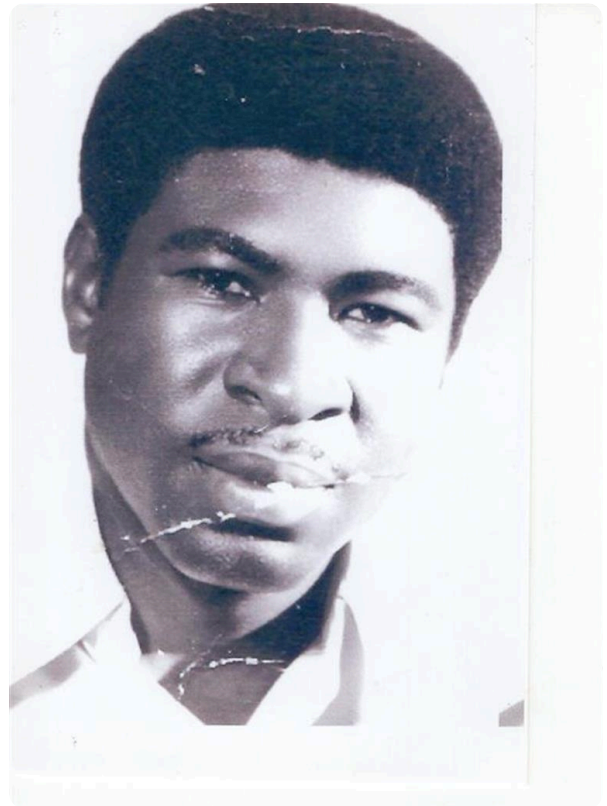
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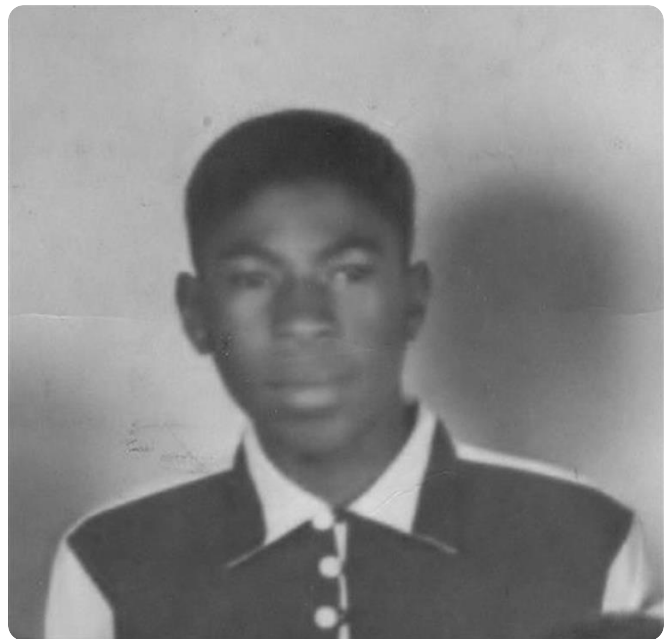




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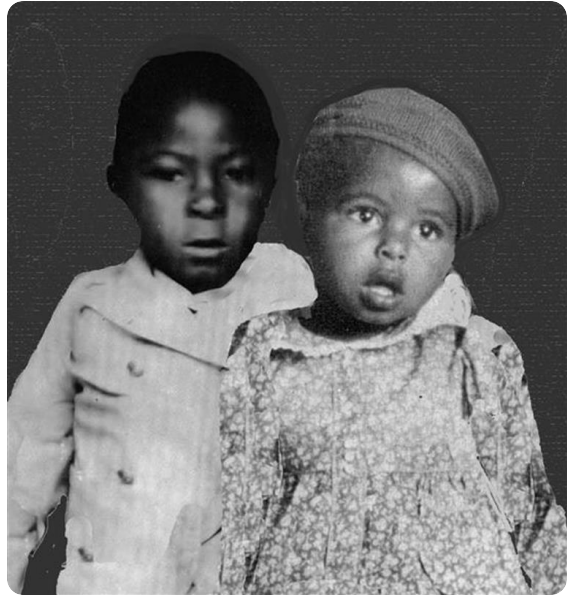




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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Cecil by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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