



## Gerald McGarrahan

January 11, 1944 - December 18, 2019

Millersville, Md. Mr Gerald McGarrahan, 75, a resident of the Brightwood Community for over 40 years, died Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at home, after a brief illness. Born in Niskayuna, N.Y. , January 11, 1944, he was the son of the late Gregory P. and Virginia M (DeCoursey) McGarrahan. He was raised in Schenectady, NY, and was a member of the first graduating class at Bishop Gibbons High School in 1962. He attended St. Bonaventure University, SUNY Albany, and later received his degree from University of Maryland. He served in the US Air Force from 1965 to 1969. He attended language school at the Presidio of Monterey, and spent most of his Air Force career in Taiwan, with the 6987th Security Group. Upon receiving his Honorable Discharge, he moved to Maryland, where he began his 40 yr career with the National Security Agency at Fort Meade. During his time at the NSA, Jerry's work was acknowledged with numerous awards and accolades. After retiring in 2006, he volunteered for Meals on Wheels. Jerry enjoyed engaging in lively political discourse, researching his ancestry, spending time with his grandchildren, spending time at his winter home in Winter Haven, Fl., and was an avid fan of the Orioles and Ravens. Survivors include his wife Rosanna (Kunkel) McGarrahan, daughter Amy T. McGarrahan, son Timothy P. McGarrahan, step-son Kyle C. Bacon and his wife Rosie, brother Michael McGarrahan and his wife Jo Ann of Bennington, Vt., 6 grandchildren, and multiple nieces and nephews. Mr. McGarrahan was pre-deceased by his first wife Mary (Hyde) McGarrahan who died in 1991. At his request, there are no services planned.



# Tribute Wall

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“ *Gerald McGarrahan*

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**Isaac Tiani** - October 13, 2020 at 01:09 PM

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“ *Hi, Im Isaac. I was a friend of Gerald's grandson TJ(Timothy Jr.) I remember when i would visit TJ at Gerald's house back in 2015. He was such a genuinely nice man who invited me into his house. I'll never forget this man. Rest In Peace Pop Jerry*

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**Isaac Tiani** - October 13, 2020 at 12:58 PM

RB

“ *Was so nice to know Jerry, even for the little time that we did. Loved his grumpy smiles and sense of humour. He will surely be missed in SV. Love to Rosie and family* 💕💕

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**Robin and Dave Barnes** - December 27, 2019 at 06:32 PM

MR

“ *Our thoughts & prayers be with you always Rosie & Family.*💕💕 *Until we are all together again.. Peace & Love, Mel & Kay*

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**MEL ROSS** - December 27, 2019 at 06:19 PM

JM

“ *Jerry was a classmate, and an engaging personality who could involve everyone in a discussion, observation or a debate that never led to contention. He had a sense of humor that set all at ease, even when contending certain issues. May he Rest In Peace ( even though that's not his style) He will be missed.*

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**Jerry Millett** - December 27, 2019 at 03:33 PM

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“ For some reason even though I knew him well, whenever I think of Mr. Jerry it's always when I worked at Target. For some reason I can't remember no one could come pick me up after we closed. I called around and got Jerry who came immediately. And at 16 years old we talked politics all the way home. I still can remember the conversation about how America needs a third party and the reason to vote green (in the year 2000) is to have a third federally funded party. I'll miss him.

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**Scott Newman** - December 27, 2019 at 10:59 AM

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“ Jerry always had a smile and was a friendly man didn't know him really well but sorry to see him gone

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**Connie. Olson** - December 27, 2019 at 09:52 AM