



Mr. Gerald H. Schiele Jr.

September 9, 1946 - October 24, 2025

“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.”
2 Timothy 4:7

Gerald Herbert Schiele, Jr. was born on September 9, 1946, in Kansas City, Missouri, to the late Gerald Herbert Schiele, Sr. and Mildred (Goss) Schiele. He was preceded in death by his loving wife Mary Schiele; his parents, Gerald and Mildred (Goss) Schiele; sister Carolyn Jones; and great-grandson Alejandro De’Leon.

Gerald was educated in the Kansas City Public School System and proudly graduated from Lincoln High School. After graduation, he answered the call to serve his country, enlisting in the United States Navy and later continuing his service in the Naval Reserves. Gerald served honorably and carried with him throughout life the discipline, pride, and devotion instilled by his military experience.

Upon returning home, Gerald pursued a career marked by integrity and dedication. He worked for Sears & Roebuck, Allstate Insurance, Crown Center, and the Hereford House in downtown Kansas City. No matter where he worked, Gerald was known for his dependability, integrity and warm spirit.

Gerald also lived a life grounded in faith. He was a devoted member of the

Grace Baptist Church of Greater Kansas City, Missouri, where he served as a deacon and remained committed to uplifting others through prayer, encouragement, and quiet acts of service.

In 1965, Gerald united in marriage with his lifelong partner and best friend, Mary L. Cowthran. Together they shared 53 wonderful years of love, laughter, and family. Their union was blessed with four children, Gerald III, Kenton, Marcus, and Jenell. Gerald's love for his family was deep and unwavering—he found his greatest joy in being a husband, dad, granddad, and great-granddad.

On October 24, 2025, Gerald peacefully departed this life at Research Hospital, surrounded by the love of his family.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his children Gerald H. Schiele III, Kenton Schiele, Sr. (Karren), Marcus Schiele, and Jenell Watts (Christopher); his grandchildren: Breonna, Kailah, Gerra, Unique, Gerald IV, Tamia, Kelcie, Ke'Auna, KJ, Taylor, Elijah, and Phillip; along with a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends who will forever treasure his memory.

Gerald's legacy is one of faith, love, humility, and strength. He lived his life with quiet dignity, finding purpose in family, service and kindness. Though his earthly journey has ended, his spirit continues to live on in all of those who were blessed to know and love him.

“Well done, thou good and faithful servant...enter thou into the joy of thy Lord”
Matthew 25:21

Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday November 5, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Grace Baptist Church 8524 Blue Ridge Blvd. KCMO 64138. Interment:

Leavenworth National Cemetery at 1:30 p.m. Visitation: 10 – 11:00 a.m. at the Church. Arrangements entrusted to Lawrence A. Jones & Sons Funeral Chapels. Condolences may be shared on our website lawrenceajones.com

Cemetery Details

Leavenworth National Cemetery

150 East Muncie Road
Leavenworth, KS 66048

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Baptist Church
8524 Blue Ridge Boulevard
Kansas City, MO 64138

Funeral Service

NOV 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JD

“ I first met Mr. Sheile and his family when his granddaughter Kelsey was preparing to go to the prom with my son. I never will forget how welcoming he and his wife made us feel. He had a beautiful smile and a humble spirit. Each time I saw him after that first impression he was the same. I am very happy for the opportunity to have met and known him. The world would be a better place with more men like Gerald in it. To the family I am so sorry for your loss. Jolene

Jolene Davis - November 06, 2025 at 07:05 AM

JD

Correction please forgive me Schiele

Jolene Davis - November 06, 2025 at 07:07 AM

GR

“ Gina Ross lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald H. Schiele Jr.



Gina Ross - October 31, 2025 at 11:13 AM

JT

“ John A. Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald H. Schiele Jr.



John A. Taylor - October 30, 2025 at 04:02 PM



I am so sorry for your loss. Sometimes there are no words for a loss so great. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

John A. Taylor - October 30, 2025 at 04:09 PM