



Gerard P. DeVeaux Sr.

January 27, 1933 - March 13, 2025

Proud Korean War veteran, jazz musician and world traveler, Gerard ("Rod") DeVeaux Sr., passed away peacefully at Jersey Shore University Medical Center on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at the age of 92. He was born in the family residence on Kearny Avenue, Jersey City, NJ, on January 27, 1933. Rod married Clementine (nee Davis) in February 1958, whom he leaves behind, along with three sons, Gerard DeVeaux, Jr. (Karen), Edmund DeVeaux (Dawn) and Sheldon DeVeaux (Nicole); and two granddaughters, Bryana and Abrielle.

Following his private sector experience, Rod's work for the US Department of Defense took him, again, to South Korea, then Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and Frankfurt, Germany, where his son Sheldon graduated high school and embraced the culture. His pleasure travels took him to the former Soviet Union, Australia, Cuba, Iceland, multiple countries in Africa, including Egypt, and the Amazon. Of all his trips, Rod's favorite excursion was to Vietnam, Cambodia, and the Mekong Delta.

After Saturday night gigs at Asbury Park's Blue Note nightclub and other venues, he always picked up comic books and sweets on the way home, which the boys would enjoy weekend mornings – usually butterscotch, as well as other confections – so he could enjoy coffee and his beloved Daily News at the kitchen table.

Rod is also survived by two sisters, Jacqueline DeVeaux and Jessie Showers-Moore; and sister-in-law Barbara DeVeaux. He was predeceased by parents Estelle J. Showers and Edmund DeVeaux, of Beaufort, SC; brothers Sherman DeVeaux, Edmund DeVeaux, Jerome DeVeaux, Gerald DeVeaux, Wesley Showers and Louis Showers; and sisters Estelle Waters, Marilyn Calloway and Frances ("Penny") Showers.

Memorial arrangements are with Bongarzone Funeral Home, Tinton Falls, NJ, on Friday, March 21, 2025. Visitation is from 10 AM - 11 AM, with a memorial service from 11 AM to noon, followed by military honors at Monmouth Memorial Park, Route 33, Tinton Falls, NJ.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Soldier On (<https://donate.wesoldieron.org/default.aspx?tsid=18026>) and WBGO (<https://wbgo-web.memsys.com/donate/>)

Cemetery Details

Monmouth Memorial Park

4201 Hwy 33
Tinton Falls, NJ

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

MAR 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home
2400 Shafto Road
Tinton Falls, NJ 07712
(732) 918-6200

Funeral Service

MAR 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *My sincere condolences family. 🙏🌸. Love Toni Marie* ”



TM - March 21, 2025 at 04:21 PM

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“ *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"* ”

Rev. Dolores (Dee) Davison - March 17, 2025 at 06:47 PM

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“ *Rev. Dolores (Dee) Davison lit a candle in memory of Gerard P. DeVeaux Sr.* ”



Rev. Dolores (Dee) Davison - March 17, 2025 at 06:46 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gerard P. DeVeaux Sr..* ”

March 17, 2025 at 04:40 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gerard P. DeVeaux Sr..* ”



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“ *Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Gerard P. DeVeaux Sr.*



Bongarzone Funeral Home - March 15, 2025 at 08:27 AM