



## Gerald Hornbuckle

November 13, 1959 - July 14, 2023

Psalm 119: 49-50

Remember your word to your Servant, in which you have made me hope. This is my comfort in my affliction, that your promise gives me life.

Gerald Jerome Hornbuckle was born on November 13 1959 to the union of Enoch and Luewill Hornbuckle.

From an early age, Gerald was recognized as a gifted athlete, playing football for Delawarr High School and running track. Gerald graduated High School in 1978 and continued his track career under the guidance of coach Cyrus Jones at Lincoln University, Coach would become his lifelong friend and mentor. At Lincoln University, Gerald was recognized nationally for long-distance running.

Gerald attributed his success in sports and later in business to, the formula of 1 part competitiveness, 10 part tenacity multiplied by an infinite amount of grit. He never gave up on anything!

He graduated The Lincoln University in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. At Lincoln, he pledged Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. with a group of men who would become “his band of brothers”. The men of F troop, his line, and his fraternity brothers held a very special place in Gerald’s heart. Their unbreakable bond would be evident for the

remainder of his life. He said that his four years at Lincoln were the best 4 years of his life.

In 1991, his loving union with Robyn Butts produced his son Gerald R. Hornbuckle.

His son became the impetus to succeed and provide. He started Hornbuckle Liquidation and Recovery Services and grew the company to 1 billion dollars in collectibles before he sold it and in doing so built a reputation in the financial world and on Wall Street. He was the Senior Vice President of two banks, Assistant VP of Recovery for Philadelphia Gas Works. As Vice President of Applied Bank he assessed, packaged, and sold enough collateral to fund the building of the Applied Bank Campus in Wilmington. Driving by the campus he would proudly say "That's the campus that I built"! Gerald was a recognized leader in his industry.

Gerald was also an active community member, working with city council members such as Yolanda McCoy on various committees and initiatives. Most recently he was working with Sherry Dorsey-Walker, State Senator for the Delaware assembly, on a committee to develop hydroponic growing in Wilmington to eliminate Food Deserts throughout the state.

Gerald was an avid reader and loved music, he was particular to jazz, and R&B. He loved football and the E A G L E S was his team. He loved spending time with family and friends and backyard barbecues, at his brother Robert's house always found him taking over the grill.

After a long battle against ALS, he transitioned peacefully on July 14, 2023, with his "Sister" Trish by his side. Gerald was preceded in death by his father Enoch Hornbuckle, brother Ernest Hornbuckle and Sister Doris Jean Hornbuckle-Douglas; and followed in death by his brother-in-law Winfield

Cooper. He leaves to cherish his memory his mother Luewill Hornbuckle, and his son Gerald R. Hornbuckle, Stepdaughter Shonda Butts, his spouse Rosalie Hornbuckle, his sisters: Veronica Hornbuckle, Salome Cooper, Bridgett Frazier, and Sister-in-law Lilly Taylor, his brothers: Robert Taylor, Raymond Hornbuckle, and Cyril Hornbuckle; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friend

# Previous Events

## Burial

JUL 31 (ET)

PRIVATE

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Robin Butts** - August 05, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gerald Hornbuckle.



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July 30, 2023 at 12:45 AM



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CB

“ Rest well in Omega Chapter my good Brother, fellow Business major and Lincoln University Class of 1981 member. Thanks for all of the great times, conversation and laughs. 🙏🖤💛



Charles Brown - July 29, 2023 at 05:12 AM

RA

“ Robin, Shonda, Gerald, Alexis purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Gerald Hornbuckle.



Robin, Shonda, Gerald, Alexis - July 27, 2023 at 07:24 PM

RT

“ Robert and Lillie Taylor purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gerald Hornbuckle.



Robert and Lillie Taylor - July 27, 2023 at 06:55 PM

PA

“ To my friend GBuck, the smartest man I know. You will be missed.

Parella - July 26, 2023 at 01:17 PM

TW

“ Gerald Hornbuckle was a good friend and a great track competitor! Going to miss you bruh!

Tony West - July 26, 2023 at 12:02 PM

VA

Sending Sincere Heartfelt Condolences To The Family and Loved Ones Of Our Dear Brother. May Our Heavenly FATHER Continue To Bless 🙏, Comfort and Keep You All. Rest In Peace and Love My Brother.

Val Baldwin-Tucker LU Alumni - July 26, 2023 at 08:31 PM

CP

I remember Gerald fr school, even back then he was so distinguished & just had a presence that didn't speak much but when it was necessary that's the Gerald I remembered 🧸❄️🧸🙏🙏🙏💕🌺❤️🏆  
RIH my classmate 78🌺🌺🙏🙏

Cheris A. Park-Dale - July 29, 2023 at 09:22 PM

NB

“ Nancy Blango lit a candle in memory of Gerald Hornbuckle



Nancy Blango - July 25, 2023 at 08:36 PM



“ I remember Hornbuckle and my brother, Jimmie and their group hanging out at the house. He was a true athlete and all around nice guy. My prayers of peace and comfort go out to the family. Gone but never forgotten. RIH Hornbuckle

Cassandra Haywood-Hawkins - July 24, 2023 at 04:50 PM

RT

“ I remember the day you were born i was happy to have a brother to share my life with, we had a lot of fun together and as we grew we shared a lot of meaningful thoughts. I was very proud of you for graduating and becoming one of the best corporate leader in Delaware, Brother I love you and miss you so much it`s going to be a while to get over the loneliness without you, all i have to say is goodbye and may you rest in peace.

Robert Taylor - July 23, 2023 at 11:45 AM

PB

“ Gerald, my first cousin my friend and my go to guy. There was never a topic that you couldn't shed light on. You help me to decide my retirement plan, your high vibration of energy made me want to know more to grow more and be the best that I could be! You will be missed but I will always cherish your jovial spirit, your wealth of knowledge and your kindness toward my family.  
Patricia Little-Beamon



Patricia Beamon - July 21, 2023 at 08:57 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Gerald Hornbuckle.



July 21, 2023 at 01:39 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gerald Hornbuckle.

July 21, 2023 at 01:39 AM



“ What a wonderful soul! Heaven has gained another Angel. His wife, family, friends, and his fraternity was everything.



**Ethel Mitchell** - July 19, 2023 at 09:18 PM



*Rest in peace Buck! I always loved you!!!!*

**Kim Williams** - September 19, 2023 at 10:16 PM



“ **Earl C. Williams**  
*I was on the varsity Track and Field Relay Team with we always called him Hornbuckle at De La Warr High school. He was one of the top mile runners in the State Of Delaware. He looked so relaxed when he ran. He loved to run the mile. He was a Great Brother to be around and his smile was unique and genuine. You were greatly admired and respected at De La Warr High! Take Your Rest My Brother!*

**Earl C Williams “Chuckie”** - July 18, 2023 at 05:46 PM

NW

“Gerald was a former student and player for me during my DeLaWarr days. He was a hard worker and a good athlete. I am so sorry for your loss! He was a good man!

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**Neil Webster** - July 17, 2023 at 06:48 AM