



Marion Gray Mills

August 26, 1945 - March 20, 2023

Marion Gray Mills was born on August 26, 1945, in Swift Creek outside of Ayden, North Carolina. He was the seventh of eight boys and one older sister born to Fernando Mills and Alice Carey Mills. All siblings have predeceased Marion. He was the last surviving of the Mills children. At an early age, Marion's Mother passed, and he was raised by Charlie and Mariah (known as Cousin Sang) Darden.

Marion attended school in Chocowinity County, Washington, North Carolina. He graduated from South Ayden High School in Ayden, North Carolina. After high school graduation, Marion joined the United States Air Force where he served four years before receiving an honorable discharge on June 1, 1967.

Shortly after his military service Marion moved to New Haven, Connecticut to start a new life.

He was employed by Pratt & Whitney, AVCO Lycoming Textron, Geometric Tool, and United Aluminum Corporation.

Marion enjoyed playing basketball and watching sports on television. Mills as he was affectionately called by family, had a great sense of humor with an infectious smile and laugh. Mills always had a joke or a story to tell. In his later years, he also became a self-taught guitarist. He would gladly set up his guitar and amplifier and serenade anyone who would listen.

Marion was blessed with two children. He shared a special relationship with his loving and devoted daughter, Shawn Webb, often bragging about her

accomplishments as a bodybuilder. He was equally proud of his namesake, his son, Marion Grant Mills and his rapid advancement to manager at his workplace.

Over fifty years ago, Marion met his love and life partner, Verlene Treadwell. He lovingly called her "Sarge", but he was prompt to let it be known that she was his significant other. Together they shared a loving and welcoming home for a blended family of children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, family and friends.

For many years Marion and Verlene took annual trips to North and South Carolina. He loved his nieces and nephews and extended family members. Marion shared a special relationship with his nephew, William Mills, who frequently came to visit and to check on him.

Mills fought a good fight. He persevered and handled his illness with great strength. His presence will be missed by many.

Marion leaves to cherish fond memories; his devoted companion, Verlene Treadwell, his children; Shawn Webb, Marion Grant Mills, Bruce Bagley, Bernice (Harold) Clark, Bridgette (Bernie) Ford, Melisa Coleman, Felisa Treadwell, James (Aracely) Treadwell. Eleven grandchildren, Rebecca Webb, Edward Webb IV, Bridell (Latisha) Boykin, Sonny (Chakenna) Bagley, Mario Boykin, Emron Treadwell, Jocelyn Johnson, Semaj Treadwell, Jasmine Cornitcher, Kennisa Coleman and Natalia Ford, great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Veteran Memorial Cemetery

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAR 31. 10:00 AM (ET)

Community Baptist Church
143 Shelton Ave.
New Haven, CT 06511

Funeral Service

MAR 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Marion Gray Mills*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *My condolences to the Mills family and Rabbit know that family is always here for u. Him and Uncle Linwood we're two of a kind as far as telling jokes singing and having you laughing at all times. He will be surely be missed. We love him but God love him best.*

Darlene Peaches Witcher - April 02, 2023 at 12:47 AM



“ *Extending my deepest sympathy to you in your loss. I pray that the love of God will comfort your family and give you peace.*



Frances Branch Walker - March 31, 2023 at 10:43 AM



“ *In this age of quick everything, Marion always took the time to write a nice message in his Christmas card, always wishing everyone well. He was a wonderful brother-in-law. My sincere condolences to his family.*

Annie Mills - March 30, 2023 at 11:34 PM

FQ

“ To the family, I am so sorry to hear of Marion's passing. He worked with my father at Geometric Tool back in the day & spent many an evening at my house playing cards with me & my dad & enjoying my mothers cooking. I remember he was a class act, may he Rest in Peace

Frank Quadrino - March 30, 2023 at 09:18 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marion Gray Mills.



March 30, 2023 at 11:41 AM

RP

“ May he rest in peace. Sincere condolences to the family and especially Ms. Verlene. Rev. Victoria Pearsall and family

Rev. Victoria Pearsall - March 29, 2023 at 11:25 PM

RC

“ My heart felt condolences to Verlene and the Mills family. We have been friends for many years. We werre home boys and called each other "JOE" old Air Force buddies.

God Bless and may his soul rest in peace.

"Joe"

Ronald "Joe" Clark

ron clark - March 29, 2023 at 06:58 PM

AJ

“ Rest In Him Uncle Marion. You called last month when my dad passed, just to let us know that you was thinking of us. Give my dad and grandma (your sister) a hug for me.



Alvin Mills Jr - March 29, 2023 at 09:46 AM

WD

“ My condolences to the family.



Wanda Dawson - March 29, 2023 at 03:37 AM

WD

“ My condolences to the family.



Wanda Dawson - March 29, 2023 at 03:28 AM

VT

“ To my Love, Mills
Fifty plus years together; a lifetime of memories. Rest in Heavenly Peace, until we meet again.

Love ❤️,
Verlene



Verlene Treadwell - March 28, 2023 at 09:51 PM

MJ

“ *Cousin Marion was always telling funny jokes. He whispered a funny joke in my ear while we were waiting for the church doors to open at his sister's funeral. It was so embarrassing when the doors opened. All eyes were on us as we marched in. There I was out of place LAUGHING uncontrollably. I looked at Marion who made me laugh even the more because he had put on an appropriate SAD face. He acted like he had done nothing to me. I couldn't help from laughing no matter how hard I tried. I am going to miss him and his FUNNY jokes.*



Mat Nelson-de Jesus - March 28, 2023 at 08:07 AM

CT

“ *Cousin Marion will surely be missed. I will miss talking to him throughout the Year. He was such a humble, kind, loving person. It hurts, but I have to trust God who makes no mistakes. Our prayers go out to the family for strength during this sad time. We love you all. Cousins Carol Teel and family*



Carol Teel - March 27, 2023 at 09:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marion Gray Mills.*



March 27, 2023 at 08:28 PM

MH

“ *With love and deepest sympathy of our cousin Marion you will be missed. Milton Hardy*



Milton Hardy - March 27, 2023 at 06:41 PM

MH

“ *My condolences to our family. Love Melvis Hardy Perkins and the Hardy Family.*



Melvis Hardy - March 27, 2023 at 06:39 PM

TG

“ *To the Family of Marion Mills. Condolences to all of you. Mills was a neighbor from my early childhood on Division St. He and Ms Treadwell were always very kind, and compassionate towards me, but would also tell me if I was out of order, but with love. God will have his arms wrapped around all of you to get thru this difficult process. Praying for strength.*

Tootsie Garner - March 27, 2023 at 06:22 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marion Gray Mills.*



March 27, 2023 at 05:56 PM

BA

“ *Rest in Heaven, Mr Mills*

Barbara Massey Arnold - March 27, 2023 at 05:42 PM

JT

“ *Mill\$ (Dad)*
-"just liked you spelled it -Mill\$"
Love you and miss you Mill\$
Rest In Peace
Your Son JT (Tread)
~For The Good Times~

James Treadwell - March 27, 2023 at 04:33 PM

JT

“ *Mill\$(Dad),*
"Just like you spelled it- Mill\$"
Love you and miss you much "Pops"
RIP IN PEACE
Your Son JT (Tread)
~For The Good Times~

James Treadwell - March 27, 2023 at 04:16 PM

D-

“ *My deepest condolences to the family which I have had the pleasure of knowing for many of years and to Shawn I am praying for you*



Dana Edwards -Rawls - March 27, 2023 at 04:01 PM



“ *RIP Dad. Love you!*

Shawn Webb - March 27, 2023 at 11:29 AM