



## Donald Bernard Gambrell

February 1, 1973 - August 10, 2018

### The Life and Legacy of Donald Bernard Gambrell

On Thursday, February 1, 1973, the Lord blessed Reverend LaVerne Gambrell and Carolyn Vaughn Gambrell with the oldest of their two greatest blessings, Donald Bernard Gambrell. Bernard was not only the apple of his parent's eyes, he was also the first pride and joy of his beautiful grandmother, Ms. Eddie Mae Vaughn and Aunt Sarah Vaughn Marks. These women played a vital role in the wonderful life he lived! Bernard accepted Christ at an early age, being Baptized at Greater Zion Missionary Baptist Church, by the late Rev. Cloid Adams, Sr. Bernard was a faithful and active member of the Church's Youth Department and the Legendary Blue Bird Choir, under the direction of the late Sister Tessie Bridges, and the late Sister Jeannie Castille, Bernard completed his assignment here on earth on Friday, August 10, 2018. He transitioned to his Eternal Life at The Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas surrounded by his family, friends, and those who held him dear to their hearts. He was preceded in death by his Grandfather Otobe Vaughn, Dear Cousin/Brother Byron Keith Vaughn, and one of his favorite uncles, Donald Ray Vaughn.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories and legacies, his father and mother Reverend LaVerne Gambrell and Mrs. Carolyn Vaughn Gambrell, who he dearly adored, a dear Grandmother, Ms. Eddie Mae Vaughn, Sisters, Gretta Gambrell, Sharika Smith-Dixon, Carla Smith, Ashley Smith, Carl Smith III, and Justin Smith, Niece and Nephew Zoey Gambrell and Zachariah Utley,

all of Huntsville, Texas. A favorite aunt, Sarah Vaughn Marks(Paul) of The Woodland's Texas, a favorite uncle Russell Vaughn (Joyce) Brazoria, Texas, a Godson Chance Spivey of Houston, Texas, who was his pride and joy, a Goddaughter Zoey Shaw of Houston, Texas and a Godmother like no other, Ms. Jessie McCoy Ferguson of Huntsville, Texas. Bernard is also survived by best friends Joni Hall, Houston, Texas, Christy Simmons, Huntsville, Texas Eric Hill(Jessica), Missouri City, Texas. Chris (DJ Bull) Wilkinson, Huntsville, Tx, and Odie Barnard Johnson, Huntsville, Texas.

Funeral Service to be held

11:00am Saturday, August 18, 2018

Greater Zion Missionary Baptist Church

426 Hwy 190 East

Huntsville, Tx 77320

# Cemetery Details

## Northside Cemetery

Huntsville, TX

# Previous Events

## Lie in State

AUG 17. 9:30 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
(936) 291-7300  
belinda@shmfh.com

## Funeral Service

AUG 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

Greater Zion Missionary Baptist Church  
Huntsville, TX  
(936) 295-3016

# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Bernard Gambrell*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Whitney Casey Griffin lit a candle in memory of Donald Bernard Gambrell*



**Whitney Casey Griffin** - December 22, 2018 at 02:48 PM



“ *Ralph Waldo Emerson tells us that "All life is an experiment. The more you make, the better." We should take solace in knowing that we were all part of Bernard's life experiment. For he showed us how to laugh, how to dream, how to fight, while doing all we can to help others. He was one of the most selfless persons I knew. I will fondly miss Bernard's magnetic smile and extraordinary optimism.*

*John Reaves  
Chapter Brother  
Eta Rho Sigma*

**John Reaves** - August 17, 2018 at 11:42 PM

SC

“ *Sandra Carr lit a candle in memory of Donald Bernard Gambrell*



Sandra Carr - August 17, 2018 at 11:24 PM

NA

“ *Rest in peace my friend!*



Nakia - August 17, 2018 at 10:00 PM



“ *Yolanda Cox lit a candle in memory of Donald Bernard Gambrell*



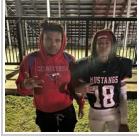
Yolanda Cox - August 17, 2018 at 09:20 PM



“ *Shamanda Palmer lit a candle in memory of Donald Bernard Gambrell*



Shamanda Palmer - August 17, 2018 at 05:20 PM



“ *Reshana Mock lit a candle in memory of Donald Bernard Gambrell*



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**Reshana Mock** - August 17, 2018 at 12:34 PM

AJ

“ *Anjel Johnson lit a candle in memory of Donald Bernard Gambrell*



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**Anjel Johnson** - August 17, 2018 at 10:51 AM

LB

“ *LaVincia Barnett lit a candle in memory of Donald Bernard Gambrell*



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**LaVincia Barnett** - August 17, 2018 at 10:28 AM

RC

“ *Rophelia "Red" Carroll lit a candle in memory of Donald Bernard Gambrell*



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**Rophelia "Red" Carroll** - August 17, 2018 at 09:25 AM

SR

“ *Sharon Rummels lit a candle in memory of Donald Bernard Gambrell*



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**Sharon Rummels** - August 17, 2018 at 08:37 AM



“ *Sharron Travis-jones lit a candle in memory of Donald Bernard Gambrell*



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**Sharron Travis-jones** - August 17, 2018 at 06:50 AM

PI

“ *Pamela Ivory lit a candle in memory of Donald Bernard Gambrell*



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**Pamela Ivory** - August 17, 2018 at 06:36 AM

CD

“ *Connie Dickey lit a candle in memory of Donald Bernard Gambrell*



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**Connie Dickey** - August 17, 2018 at 06:11 AM

BM

“ *My sincerest condolences to the Gambrell family. May God bring you comfort today and in the days ahead.*



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**Barbara Jan McKee** - August 16, 2018 at 08:33 PM

LC

“ *Rest In Peace my dear friend/Classmate. Those big eyes and bright smile will be truly missed.* ❤️

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**LaTonya Cole** - August 16, 2018 at 06:33 PM

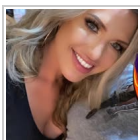
MM

“ *Melinda Pace Montjoy lit a candle in memory of Donald Bernard Gambrell*



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**Melinda Pace Montjoy** - August 16, 2018 at 05:53 PM



“ *Miss you so much brother..* 💔



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**Ashley Smith** - August 16, 2018 at 04:48 PM

SH

“ To the family of Bernard Gambrell, please know that Boris and I are praying for you all. Bernard was they type of person who always greeted with a hug and a selfie. I will miss that. I will miss him. His job here on earth is finished and I'm sure Bernard has taken a selfie with our Lord and King already!

Soror Q. Hamilton  
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc  
Lambda Eta Chapter  
SHSU

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**Soror Q. Hamilton** - August 16, 2018 at 03:51 PM

JA

“ I am deeply saddened by the news of your loss. I pray that God will grant you strength during these times. My most sincere condolences.

James Laurence Alexander  
Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc.  
Eta Rho Sigma Chapter

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**James Alexander** - August 16, 2018 at 03:14 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald Bernard Gambrell.



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August 16, 2018 at 02:40 PM

MH

“ *Michelle Hamilton lit a candle in memory of Donald Bernard Gambrell*



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**Michelle Hamilton** - August 16, 2018 at 02:19 PM

  
Charlotte  
Efird

“ *Nard you left us way too soon brother.*



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**Charlotte Efird** - August 16, 2018 at 01:36 PM

LR

“ *Lateel Richardson lit a candle in memory of Donald Bernard Gambrell*



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**Lateel Richardson** - August 16, 2018 at 01:30 PM

SD

“ *Rev. and Sis. Gambrell, Greta, and the entire family..... Just know that each and every one of you are in our thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time. We pray that God will give you strength to endure your loss.*

*We love you.....*

*Shirley Rolling & Shirlette Deveraux*

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**Shirlette Deveraux** - August 16, 2018 at 09:33 AM

AI

“ Mrs. Carolyn, My heart and prayers go out to you and your family! Thank you for the gift that you have shared with all that loved Benard! Be Blessed!



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**Adam Idlebird** - August 16, 2018 at 08:48 AM

AH

“ Annette Massie Hunnicutt lit a candle in memory of Donald Bernard Gambrell



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**Annette Massie Hunnicutt** - August 16, 2018 at 05:13 AM

CS

“ I would like to send my thoughts and prayers to the family, I'm so sorry on the loss of your love one.

*Cherolyn Stubblefield*

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**Cherolyn Stubblefield** - August 15, 2018 at 03:52 PM

DS

“ Carolyn, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Deborah Sledge** - August 15, 2018 at 03:41 PM

SO

“ *Shaunte O'Bryant lit a candle in memory of Donald Bernard Gambrell*



Shaunte O'Bryant - August 15, 2018 at 11:18 AM

JT

“ *Joyce Helen Tucker lit a candle in memory of Donald Bernard Gambrell*



Joyce Helen Tucker - August 14, 2018 at 09:50 PM

KD

“ *Katie Davison lit a candle in memory of Donald Bernard Gambrell*



Katie Davison - August 14, 2018 at 09:03 PM

HJ

“ *My sincere condolences, thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of Bernard. May God surround you all with His Peace and Love during this time. God Bless You All*



H Jones - August 14, 2018 at 10:48 AM