



## Gerald Timoney

January 8, 1957 - July 31, 2025

Colonel Gerald "Jerry" Phillip Timoney Jr., a distinguished US army officer and devoted family man, passed away suddenly on July 31, 2025.

Born on January 8, 1957, to Gerald Phillip Timoney Sr., a naval officer, and Joy Binnion Teeft, Jerry spent his early years in Newport Beach, California, before his family relocated to Rhode Island and later settled in St. Augustine, Florida.

After graduating from Palatka High School in 1975, Jerry embarked on a remarkable 37-year military career that took him to various bases around the world, including California, Korea, Virginia, New Jersey, Panama, Puerto Rico, and Hawaii. He retired as a Colonel in 2010, having served with honor and distinction.

Jerry's military career was marked by numerous achievements, including commanding a Provincial Reconstruction Team in Ghazni, Afghanistan, and serving as Defense Coordinating Officer for the western Pacific region. He also worked with the State Department, training and mentoring military personnel in peacekeeping operations and civil-military affairs. Notably, in 2004, Jerry was awarded the Soldier's Medal for his heroic actions in saving a man from a burning truck, demonstrating his bravery and selflessness.

Those who knew Jerry remember his infectious sense of humor and his joy in meeting new people. He had a gift for making friends everywhere he went, and his warm smile and quick wit could light up a room. His unique, deep laugh was a hallmark of his presence, and those who knew him well will remember it echoing in their memories. Whether in the military or in his personal life, Jerry's ability to laugh and find joy in everyday moments inspired those around him.

After retiring from the US Army, Jerry continued to pursue his passion for learning, earning a Master's degree in Humanitarian Services Administration and a Bachelor's degree in Cultural Anthropology from the University of North Florida. He also hiked the Appalachian and Pacific Crest trails with his son Kirby, walked the Camino in Spain, and traveled through India in 2024.

Jerry is predeceased by his parents, Gerald Phillip Timoney Sr. and Joy Binnion Teeft, and his sister, Susan Timoney.

He is survived by his wife, Guadalupe; his daughter, Katie; his sons, Kirby, Patrick, and Johnny; his ex-wife, Karen Timoney; his brother, Patrick Timoney; and his sisters, Teresa Timoney, Sally Hawkins, and Gay Sharpe.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Thursday, September 4th, at 11:00 a.m. at San Sebastian Catholic Church in St. Augustine, Florida, to celebrate Jerry's life and legacy. There will be a later inurnment with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

Throughout his life, Jerry demonstrated remarkable dedication, leadership, and compassion. His legacy will live on through the countless lives he touched, and his family will deeply miss him.

# Previous Events

## Mass

SEP 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (est)

San Sebastian Catholic Church

1112 FL-16

St. Augustine, FL 32084-8596

(904) 824-6625

# Tribute Wall

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“ More to add from previous post we had a long relationship in our youth:

*After about one year or so, I moved out and headed for Key West. Jerry received his commission and then deployed to Korea. Upon his return from Korea, I was now in the Air Force at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma. Jerry came to visit for a week in 82' and introduced me to Korean cuisine and still loving it to this day. He took me down to Fort Sill, 1.5 hours south of OKC, and spent time visiting the Artillery Museum. He also took me to Geronimo's gravesite which is on Ft. Sill. Therefore, after that visit, it has always been a long-distance friendship, but we always kept in touch. Not until Jerry retired were we able to again meet up when I would return home to visit mom. We had several years to be able to get together, either I going back to Florida or he coming out my direction on one of his multiple adventures hiking out west. He and his son Patrick visited twice, once in June 21' and again in June 23'. That was our last face-to-face, brother-to-brother visit. We kept in touch calling often. I happened to call Jerry just days before he left for Chad and that was our last conversation.*

*Jerry's spirit and ambitious drive was infectious. Always laughing, smiling, and cutting up. He had many stories of Army life to share as well as his many travels across the globe. Jerry lived his ambition which came true. He knew what he wanted to do and he achieved it more so than any other person I have known. He just left this world all too soon and too suddenly, which has left a void in so many of his family and friends. I still cannot come to terms of his loss as we often spoke of so many plans to get together and enjoy a long, overdue adventure. I am just grateful of the time we did spend together and the many long-distance conversations.*

*Please continue prayers for his wife Lupe' and his children Kirby, Katie, Patrick and John as well as his younger brother and sister, Patrick and Teresa. This has been a huge shock to them as well as all who ever had the pleasure to know or meet Jerry. Everyone will always miss you my Brother, my friend. We love you. I pray you are right where you wanted to be in your Spirit Chapter. I pray to see*

*you there again when my time comes to leave this world.*

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**David Forster** - September 11, 2025 at 11:02 PM

“ Jerry My Brother, you will be profoundly missed by so many people whose lives you have touched. I am awed at all the beautiful comments from friends near and far. Jerry you are loved and admired by so many. Certainly, you have had many closer, personal, relationships with family, co-workers and neighboring Florida friends over the years, which we never did as deeply in our senior years as we did in our youth. I certainly have known you longer than any others besides your siblings. I often think of the times we spent together both as adolescent kids and growing up as young bucks until we both took different paths serving in the military, Jerry Army, myself Air Force.

For those reading this, Jerry, his younger brother Patrick, and sister's Teresa and Susan, all became family in back in 1968 when living in North Kingstown, Rhode Island when our divorced parents dated. I was 10, Jerry 11. I had two brothers fourteen and fifteen. It was almost like a Brady Bunch situation. We were either all together at his father's home or at my mother's home. The crazy, fun, adventurous things we did at that age. We were all (the boys) juvenile delinquents but in the good sense. Jerry and I were in the Boy Scouts together, Hawk Troop! We were full of mischief but avoiding serious trouble, we could run really fast. It was always about curious adventure and doing daring things as kids do. Jerry's dad, Gerald Sr., would often refer to us as "Little Shit-birds". Of course, none of us could drive so we were always on foot or bike exploring the forest, building forts, climbing trees, swimming and digging Quahog clams in the ocean right across the street from his home, or trekking over to Quonset Point Naval Air Station going to the pool or the .25 cent movies. On base we would go into (explore) un-occupied places we should not have but did so anyway just to see what was inside or find something militaristic looking to take home as a souvenir. So many silly, youthful, fun, stories to share of the times we had together along with his brother Patrick. I cannot leave Brother Patrick out of these antics. Both Patrick and Jerry have the same infectious humor and laughter. If so many people in this world had their attitudes, the world would be such a better place to live in.

*My first encounter with Jerry, at his father's home on Shore Acres at age 11, I noticed all the cool military relics Jerry had in his room, primarily given to him from his Uncle John who served as a Marine. He had a WWI helmet, WWII American & German Nazi helmets, several French bayonets, a Civil War bugle, various insignia patches, more than I can remember. That was so cool for pubescent kids that road banana bikes and engaged in BB Gun fights when the opportunities arose. It was then, that very first encounter with Jerry at his home, he said he was going to join the Army when he turned eighteen. We all know the rest of the story. That sticks with me more than anything does. Jerry knew his future at age 11 and then rose to Rank as a Full-Bird Colonel. So amazing, so remarkable. "Hooah" Bro Jerry!*

*In 1972 or early 73' the Timoney family moved to Palatka Florida. But by the grace of God, my mother, who worked as a civilian for the Navy at Quonset Point, was offered a position in Jacksonville Florida at NAS JAX when BRAC shutdown Quonset Point. So here, we are once again, all now living in Florida and now of driving age. An hour or so apart at first but soon the Timoney family moved to St. Augustine only 25-30 minutes away from Fruit Cove where I lived. It was a quick drive back in the 70's to come or go. It wasn't long after that move to St. Augustine Jerry enlisted in the Army and was off to Boot Camp, then went to Ft. Sill for artillery training. After his enlistment was up, we were apartment roommates together while we both went to college in Jacksonville. After about one year or so, I moved out and headed for Key West. Jerry received his commission and then deployed to Korea.*

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**David Forster** - September 11, 2025 at 10:57 PM

GJ

“ My condolences to Gerry's family. Gerry and first met in Afghanistan in 2004/2005 in Ghazni Afghanistan. However, it wasn't until we met again in Uganda that we became very close friends. I am still in Chad right now and it is still very difficult for us here. Gerry was a true friend and professional soldier. We worked together during every rotation in the Operations Center and the soldiers always came first. He not only trained and instructed but took the time to personally work with each and every individual in order to bring out the best in them. I miss you my friend and cherish every moment that we shared together.

*My heartfelt condolences are with the family and Gerry will live forever in our hearts.*

*With deepest sympathy,*

*Gill Colon Jr.*

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**Gill Colon Jr.** - September 04, 2025 at 03:13 PM

RH

“ I am the leader of Team Chad. Jerry and I first crossed paths in Afghanistan in 2005 but we did not get to know each other until he joined the Uganda team. We have worked in several countries together over the years and having him on the team always gave me confidence. He was more than a friend and colleague; He was a brother in the true military sense of the word. I will always miss his company and conversation but most of all I will miss his friendship.

All of us on Team Chad, send our deepest sympathy to Jerry's family, friends, and to all of the people whose lives he made better.

With deepest sympathy,

Ralph Huber

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Ralph Huber - September 04, 2025 at 09:59 AM

RH

“ Ralph H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald Timoney.

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Ralph H. - September 04, 2025 at 09:44 AM

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“ Love ,Catherine,Jackie,Lane,Noelle&Adam. purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Gerald Timoney.



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Love ,Catherine,Jackie,Lane,Noelle&Adam. - September 02, 2025 at 09:01 PM

OT

“ I had the opportunity to meet Gerry three months ago in Chad. I will always remember him for the funny stories he brought to every conversation we had over dinner. When I first joined the team, he generously and cheerfully shared all his knowledge and experience with me on every topic I struggled with, tirelessly and without expecting anything in return. What impressed me most was his deep respect and unconditional love for every member of the group. I cannot possibly feel the depth of the loss as much as his family does, but if it brings you any comfort, I share your grief deeply.  
Osman TAS  
Retired infantry colonel from the Turkish army  
Gerry's teammate in Chad.

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Osman TAS - September 02, 2025 at 03:37 PM

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“ The Hatcher Family, Jeff & Doug. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald Timoney.

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The Hatcher Family, Jeff & Doug. - September 02, 2025 at 12:32 PM

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“ The Hatcher Family, Jeff & Doug. purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Gerald Timoney.



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The Hatcher Family, Jeff & Doug. - September 02, 2025 at 12:32 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Gerald Timoney.*



August 28, 2025 at 07:22 PM



“ *From Aunt Dolly and the Nix Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Gerald Timoney.*



**From Aunt Dolly and the Nix Family** - August 25, 2025 at 07:18 PM



“ *From Aunt Dolly and the Nix Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerald Timoney.*

**From Aunt Dolly and the Nix Family** - August 25, 2025 at 07:18 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald Timoney.*



August 25, 2025 at 05:53 PM



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

August 25, 2025 at 05:53 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald Timoney.



August 25, 2025 at 09:47 AM



“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



Katie Timoney - August 25, 2025 at 09:25 AM

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“ 14 files added to the tribute wall



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**Katie Timoney** - August 25, 2025 at 09:20 AM

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“ *I love you, Dad. I don't know how to live in a world without you, but I'll try my best.*  
-Katie



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**Katie Timoney** - August 25, 2025 at 09:18 AM