



Col. (Ret.) Jerry Wesley Ginn

February 16, 1942 - December 14, 2024

Colonel (Retired) Jerry Wesley Ginn, age 82, of Sharpsburg, Georgia passed away Saturday, 14 December 2024. Jerry was born February 16, 1942, in Albany, Georgia the son to the late James Wesley and Marjorie Porter. Jerry spent his youth with his brother and sister in Sasser, Georgia. After graduating High School he would attend North Georgia College in Dahlonega, Georgia where he would graduate and commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army. Jerry spent 30 years in service to his country as both an Infantry and Aviation officer retiring at the rank of Colonel. He served in many locations in the US and overseas, include two combat tours in Vietnam. His decorations include the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Bronze Star among other awards. Following a distinguished military career, Jerry worked alongside his brother to build a successful Defense Contracting business where he continued providing service and support to the Army. Jerry was a kind and caring individual who had a knack for connecting with people and he touched many lives. Always willing to help others, Jerry would often go to extraordinary lengths to ensure others received support or assistance. He knew how to pool and distribute resources to those that needed it most. His desire to help others did not stop with people and Jerry was known to have many four-legged friends at his home. Jerry spent his later days constantly surrounded by those that needed his attention and support. Along with his parents Jerry was preceded in death by his sister Helen Christie. He is survived by his brother Colonel (Retired) James P Ginn; wife

Dorlene Ginn; son, Patrick Ginn; son, John Ginn; daughter, Dana Rollins; stepson, Michael Marsau; stepson, Ryan Marsau; stepson, Garrett Jordan Ginn; nine (9) Grandchildren and three (3) Step-Grandchildren.

The military honors to commemorate the life and service of Colonel (Retired) Jerry Wesley Ginn will be Friday, 31 January 2025 at 1:30pm at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, Georgia.

Cemetery Details

Georgia National Cemetery

1080 Scott Hudgens Dr
Canton, GA 30114
(770) 479-9300

Previous Events

Interment Services

JAN 31. 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Hello, my sincere condolences to your family on the loss of Colonel Jerry Wesley Ginn, retired. I was going through some old military records today and came across a formal letter on Department of the Army letterhead, addressed to "To Whom It May Concern," written by my brigade commander at the time, Jerry W. Ginn (dated June 15th, 1992). Colonel Ginn was kind enough to write a strong letter of recommendation for me as I was nearing the end of my 12-year Army career. He was my Recruiting Brigade Commander based in Atlanta. I managed one of his companies out of Albany, Georgia—a place he visited on several occasions to meet with my company, my soldiers, and me.

I cannot express enough how sincere I am when I say Colonel Ginn was truly an extremely caring man. Before the letter was written for me, my company and I went through some pretty turbulent times, and at one point, things looked quite bleak (especially for me). Colonel Ginn's Albany Recruiting Company was one of the top 10 recruiting companies in his brigade at that time.

If it hadn't been for Colonel Ginn's belief in the soldiers and me under my command, I am sure things would have turned out much worse, and it would have been a stain I would have sincerely regretted for his recruiting brigade. Long story short, we were given the benefit of the doubt in the circumstances we faced, and I was able to complete my command successfully. I attribute that entirely to Colonel Ginn.

I should have done more to thank Colonel Ginn personally at the end of my command, but life got in the way. I regret not having taken the opportunity to personally drive from Albany to Atlanta to shake his hand and thank him profusely.

So I am taking this opportunity to reach out to anyone in his family who may be surviving to let them know he was unquestionably the most respected brigade commander I ever had the pleasure of working for and knowing. I can only imagine how great the loss

must have been for your family.

I am no longer in Georgia or in the Army; however, if I ever find myself in a position where I can go and lay a reef at this great man's grave, I would do so without hesitation.

COL Ginn even listed his number (703) 339-7411 at the bottom of this letter—just one more reason I kept it. It stands as one of the best endorsements I received during my twelve years on active duty. I am former CPT Michael N. Murray, Company Commander of the Albany Recruiting Company, Albany, GA (1987-1991).

My prayers and best wishes to the Ginn family.

Michael Murray - March 27 at 11:55 AM