



## Gerald V. Foday

April 8, 1965 - February 20, 2018

Gerald Vincent Kayonga Foday, age 52, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, died on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, at his home.

Gerald was born on April 8, 1965, in Bo, Sierra Leone, West Africa, the son of Anthony and Margaret (Koneh) Foday. He graduated from Christ the King College in Sierra Leone and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from Huntington University in 1992, where he was a member of the men's soccer team, track team, and volleyball club. Gerald enjoyed sports, great conversations, literature, and music, especially singing and playing the guitar and piano. He received his Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law in 1999 and worked as an attorney in Fort Wayne. Gerald was a member of both the Indiana State and Allen County Bar Associations and served as President of the International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies and the Indiana Consortium of State and Local Human Rights Agencies. He served as legal counsel and Executive Director of the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission in Fort Wayne and was an adjunct professor at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne. He was a member of St. Francis Immaculate Mary Cathedral in Bo, Sierra Leone.

Survivors include Jamie Hoffman Foday of Huntington; a daughter, Aisha (Zack) Kaylor, of Minneapolis; a son, Kai Foday, of Grand Rapids, Michigan;

sons Gerald Foday, Jr. and Anthony Foday of Bo, Sierra Leone; brothers Gabriel Foday, Tom Foday, and Abraham Gamanga Foday of Bo, Sierra Leone; sisters Dorothy Nana Foday and Augusta Foday, both of Freetown, Sierra Leone; and his mother, Margaret Foday, of Bo, Sierra Leone. His father precedes him in death.

Interment will take place at a later date in a private family ceremony. A memorial service will be held this summer for family and friends in the United States. Plans for a memorial fund project in Gerald's home country of Sierra Leone are still being solidified. Those interested in contributing to this project once it is confirmed or wanting information for the memorial service should visit the Gerald V. Foday Memorial Page on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1743506199021627/>

for more information, or contact Jamie Foday in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary.

# Tribute Wall

ID

“ *Rest In Peace Gerald. I still cannot believe that you are not with us physically. Your memory leaves on.*

Isatah Mary Duarte - February 17, 2021 at 01:51 AM

TF

“ *Tom Foday lit a candle in memory of Gerald V. Foday*



Tom Foday - February 20, 2019 at 12:07 PM

TF

“ *A year has gone by but your memories still linger in our minds. The Lord called you home when we most needed you; but who am I to judge our creator. You are sorely missed elder brother and will ever hold on to the wonderful memories of you till we meet again. May eternal rest grant unto you oh Lord and let perpetual light shine upon you; may your soul and those of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God continue to rest in perfect peace!*

Tom Foday - February 20, 2019 at 11:59 AM

MW

“ *Gerry as we used to call him back home, was a great role model and a very amiable relative of mine. Someone that everyone looked up to in many ways. He was loved, respected and admired by everyone who knew him. He was always all smiles when talking to each one of us. Gerry, you will always be in our hearts and memories. You will be sorely missed.*

Michael Williams - March 30, 2018 at 11:20 AM

TF

Thanks coz

Tom Foday - February 20, 2019 at 12:17 PM

MQ

*I'm really shocked to read this in the internet today . Omg . Gerry has always been someone we admired and loved back in the days of Bo . We love you but God loves you best . Rest in perfect peace and may God Almighty comfort the family you left behind .*

melrose kargbo from QRS - June 07, 2019 at 04:45 AM

TF

Amen my dear sister 😊

Tom Foday - February 14, 2021 at 11:00 PM

JH

“ *I hadn't seen Gerald (or Gee as a lot of us called him) for many years, but I remember him dearly! That laugh - I'll never forget it! It makes me smile just remembering it! I loved being around him, always ready for an adventure and so much fun to be around. And he LOVED his kids! He was so proud of them and would show me pictures if I asked. And I especially loved hearing him razz Buddy and vice versa. Those two going back and forth...so entertaining and funny, and so much love and history between them! He was also so intelligent, and one thing that surprised me was when he told me he read his Bible every day. Love that about him. Gee was a good friend, a great father, and will be so missed. My condolences and prayers for his family near and far, and especially to Aisha and Kai. I know I'm a stranger to you, but that was my biggest take away in knowing your dad is how much he loved you guys!*

*Jill Helfrich  
Fort Wayne*

Jill Helfrich - March 14, 2018 at 11:19 AM

MA

“ *Mandy lit a candle in memory of Gerald V. Foday*



Mandy - February 28, 2018 at 01:33 PM

BK

“ *Gerald was a great friend; always a joy to be around, he offered me a place to stay when I needed and enjoyed regaling me with tales of his native Sierra Leone. He is already dearly missed. I pray that the Lord blesses and comforts his family as they mourn the loss of our loved one.*

Ben Keirn - February 27, 2018 at 12:00 PM

TF

*Thank you Ben*

Tom Foday - February 14, 2021 at 10:53 PM

DB

“ *Donna Brooke lit a candle in memory of Gerald V. Foday*



Donna Brooke - February 26, 2018 at 11:35 AM

DS

*Gerald was on my men's volleyball team and was my doubles partner in beach volleyball. Lots of great memories I will cherish. Rest in peace brother.*

David Schroeder - February 27, 2018 at 07:59 PM

TF

*Thanks for the memories David...they are still fresh in me. He was a loving and caring big brother. Missing him dearly...may he continue to rest 🙏*

**Tom Foday** - February 14, 2021 at 10:58 PM

DB

“ *G was a lovely man with a great sense of humor and love for life. I always got a smile, a joke, or a hug from him whenever I saw him. He was a bright light and will be missed by many. Thanks, Gerald, for your zest and love for life and friendship to all.*

*Donna Freistroffer Brooke*

**Donna Brooke** - February 26, 2018 at 11:35 AM

TG

*Gerry Fo! My Senior prefect. A man that had many talents-sports, music, oratory etc. A big loss to our generation! RIP*

**Tom Gbonda(TToT)** - May 10, 2018 at 04:17 AM

MQ

*Tom Tommy Gbonda of Towarma . Where is Delma ?*

**melrose kargbo from QRS** - June 07, 2019 at 08:44 AM

MQ

*We will forever miss big bro Gerry Fo . May his soul Rest In Peace*

**melrose kargbo from QRS** - June 07, 2019 at 08:44 AM

FS

*Worked for Gerald at Metro Human Relations but left Indiana in 2011. So sorry to hear of his passing.*

**Fernando C Suarez** - February 28, 2025 at 01:29 PM

FS

*Just found this, worked at Metro with Gerald. Condolences to his family*

**Fernando Suarez** - February 13 at 02:47 PM