



Olin Gaines, Jr.

December 25, 1948 - May 19, 2025

Gaines, Jr., 76 of Apopka, Florida, passed away peacefully on Monday, May 19, 2025 with his family by his side.

Born and raised in Hartford, Connecticut, Olin was the cherished son of Olin Gaines, Sr., and Katie Patrick Gaines. Affectionately known by many as “JB” or “Junie Boy”, he grew up in the Bellevue Square neighborhood, an environment that deeply shaped his character and spirit.

In 1994, Olin relocated to Florida, where he continued to make lasting connections and memories. Prior to that move, he worked for the State of Connecticut as a Civil Engineer until 1982, when he won his case against the state on the basis of racial discrimination. That courageous victory would go on to inspire his 2017 autobiography, *Colored Boy*, in which he shared his life story in an authentic and inspiring way. He became passionate about real estate, building a sizable portfolio of properties, a pursuit he loved for nearly 40 years after his career with the State of Connecticut.

He was known for his naturally comedic spirit and generous heart. Known for his loving, uplifting, and animated personality, he always had a funny story to tell. He brought joy and laughter to everyone around him. He loved to travel, shop, enjoy food, and most of all, spend time with his family. His kind heart and infectious nature will be deeply remembered and missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, father, Olin Gaines, Sr., and mother, Katie Patrick Gaines; brother, Marshall Gaines; brother-in-law, Oliver Williams; and nephew, Todd Wilson.

Olin was a loyal friend to many and is survived by his devoted wife of 51 years, Ruth Constance Kimber Gaines; his sons: Michael Gaines (Iris) of Newton, Massachusetts, Tyrone Kimber (Gina) of Windsor, Connecticut, Derrick Kimber (Meghan) of Winter Park, Florida, Jamahl Hosendove of Hartford, Connecticut, and Darren Kimber (Antoinette Lewis) of Apopka, Florida; his three sisters: Mae Williams of Leesburg, Florida, Katherine Gaines of Hartford, Connecticut, and Dorothy Wilson of Hartford, Connecticut; four grandchildren: Christian Gaines of Newton, Massachusetts, Sebastian Gaines of Newton, Massachusetts, Tyrell Kimber of Windsor,

Cemetery Details

Edgewood-Greenwood Cemetery ~ Apopka

141 South Edgewood Drive
Apopka, FL 32703

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Zanders Memorial Chapel
232 W. Michael Gladden Blvd.
Apopka, FL 32703
(407) 886-3388

Service

JUN 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church
1012 South Park Avenue
Apopka, FL 32703

Tribute Wall

TN

“ *TAKISHA NAZARIO lit a candle in memory of Olin Gaines, Jr.*



TAKISHA NAZARIO - August 12, 2025 at 12:48 PM

NS

“ *OG will be dearly missed by us at Pinch A Penny. We always looked forward to seeing him come in to do his shopping. I loved his book. I was hoping for a second book and a movie. My husband and I and all our employees will miss you OG.*
Nancy and Troy Serres

Nancy Serres - June 17, 2025 at 08:37 AM

NM

“ *May Olin rest in peace...we were in 7th grade together at Barnard Brown Elementary School..Hartford,Ct Long time ago..always a gentleman he was...Naomi Crawford Mckoy & Family!!!*

Naomi Mckoy - June 09, 2025 at 08:44 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Olin Gaines, Jr..*



June 05, 2025 at 12:21 PM

BB

“ Bernard & Bonnie purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Olin Gaines, Jr..



Bernard & Bonnie - June 04, 2025 at 09:10 PM

CM

“ Charles & Carole Martin. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Olin Gaines, Jr..



Charles & Carole Martin. - June 03, 2025 at 03:46 PM

LJ

“ Love Jordan purchased the Divine Light for the family of Olin Gaines, Jr..



Love Jordan - June 02, 2025 at 12:41 PM

LJ

“ Love Jordan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Olin Gaines, Jr..

Love Jordan - June 02, 2025 at 12:41 PM

DK

“ Daryl King and Gloria King purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Olin Gaines, Jr..



Daryl King and Gloria King - June 01, 2025 at 11:09 AM

BF

“ BJ Gordon and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Olin Gaines, Jr..



BJ Gordon and Family - June 01, 2025 at 10:00 AM

SR

“ RIP Junie you were a friend to everyone and loved by everyone. You always made everyone laugh and have fun when we were among your presence. You will be missed by all who knew you. May God give my cousin Connie , their children - family and his family the strength to get through these upcoming days of his services. Remember God never makes a mistake. Love Aways- Cousin Sandra J and Family



Sandra Rumph - May 30, 2025 at 04:29 PM

CM

“ *Carole & Charles Martin lit a candle in memory of Olin Gaines, Jr.*



Carole & Charles Martin - May 28, 2025 at 09:19 AM

YO

“ *Your Spectrum Family - Team Orangio purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Olin Gaines, Jr..*



Your Spectrum Family - Team Orangio - May 27, 2025 at 10:22 AM

GK

“ *Poppop will be truly missed. He was jovial, energetic and the life of every celebration. I will cherish the wonderful memories and the long funny chats at the breakfast counter. He did well: A wife he cherished (Mama Connie), wonderful children, and authored a book, "Colored Boy". Journey well my Father-In-Law!*



Gina Kimber - May 26, 2025 at 09:34 PM

MC

“ *Mary C. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Olin Gaines, Jr..*



Mary C. - May 26, 2025 at 04:02 PM

CJ

“ This is very hard for me .I been knowing Junie for over 50 years.Its very hard to say goodbye.I’m glad you called me that night when you was in the hospital I know you was trying to tell me goodbye.Connie I’m here like I always was.My condolences and asking for God to give you comfort and strength.Love you girl.

Caseia Johnson - May 25, 2025 at 10:06 PM

OO

“ Oliver O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Olin Gaines, Jr..

Oliver O. - May 25, 2025 at 05:52 PM

MS

“ MONICA DENISE SCOTT lit a candle in memory of Olin Gaines, Jr.



MONICA DENISE SCOTT - May 24, 2025 at 03:00 PM

DN

“ Dot Newsome lit a candle in memory of Olin Gaines Jr.



Dot Newsome - May 24, 2025 at 12:46 PM

VJ

“ Sending my sincere condolences to the family of Olin Gaines. I met Olin (Junie Boy) when he lived in Bellevue Square. I am sorry that I never had the chance to see him whenever he would come to CT, but he always would ask about me when running into one of my sisters. SIP my childhood friend.



Valerie (Jones) Jennings - May 23, 2025 at 11:03 PM

SJ

I was saddened to hear of Junie Boy's passing. I have known him seems like forever. Went to high school with him, partied with him. Saw him and Connie wgenvfhey would come back to Hartford. I will remember him as the funny crazy guy he was. Take your eternal rest my friend. May Almighty God provide the family with peace and comfort.

Sharon Jenkins - May 24, 2025 at 10:05 PM

TD

“ Terric & Candace Durden lit a candle in memory of Olin Gaines, Jr.



Terric Durden - May 23, 2025 at 07:53 PM