



Ave Dean Butler Gatlin

October 11, 1937 - February 27, 2015

Ava Dean Butler Gatlin, 77, of Laurel, chose to be buried in her nightgown signifying that she has just gone to sleep in this world on Friday, February 27, 2015, but has awakened in heaven in the presence of God.

Visitation will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, February 28, 2015 at Memory Chapel with funeral services to follow at 4 p.m. Rev. Gene Douglas will officiate. Burial will be at Sharon Cemetery.

Mrs. Gatlin was a homemaker. She was a member of Highland Baptist Church, Eastern Star, Southern Heritage Garden Club, and Republican Women. She also served as PTA President, Sunday School Teacher and WMU President.

She was preceded in death by her first husband and the father of her children, Burl Butler; her father, Arthur V. Clark; and brother, Jerry Clark.

Survivors include her mother, Dertha Irene Clark; husband, Eddie L. Gatlin; daughters, Gloria Butler Baldwin, Kathy Butler Ellzey (Guy), and Melanie Butler Dixon (Eddie); grandchildren, Brittany Harris Sherman (Blake), Natalie Harris Nichols (Josh), Mason James Dixon (Laura), Morgan Butler Dixon, and Patrick Butler Baldwin; step-granddaughters, Lauren Ellzey Scott (Grant) and Katelyn Ellzey Bryant (Landon); great grandchild, Aubrey Alise Sherman; step-great grandson, Charlie Guy Bryant; brother, J. Sherriel Clark; and sister, Dorothy Lou Gatewood.

Pallbearers will be Cliff Tucker, Sonny Saul, David Dill, Fred Barron, Ben Howse, and Brian Gatlin. Honorary pallbearers will be Joe Johnson and

Marvin Gavin.

Memory Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. To view and sign the family guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Tribute Wall

DC

“ *Ava was one-of-a-kind and a special lady. Sending my thoughts and prayers to all of you.* ”

Dorothy Clark - March 03, 2015 at 06:18 PM

GB

She was truly an angel, too precious for this world. Those who shared her life were truly blessed by her love, dedication, sense of humor and tenderness. God relieved her of all her hurts and is blessing her faithfulness and love.

Gloria Dean Butler - February 09, 2017 at 11:09 AM

GB

She was truly an angel and too precious for this world. Those who shared her life miss her tremendously her unconditional love, her sense of humor, her tender but strong spirit, her wisdom and her beauty inside and out. God has healed her hurts and is rewarding her unconditional faithfulness to him. She was truly the best mother who ever existed and a treasure for all who loved and spent time with her .

Gloria Dean Butler - February 09, 2017 at 11:12 AM

TJ

“ *So sorry for your loss. Your family are in our thoughts and prayers.* ”

Tony and Kimberly johnson - March 02, 2015 at 05:56 PM

GB

Thank you so much. For some reason we are just now seeing this and she's been gone two years this month. The pain is still very very great every single day. Thank you for your kind comments

Gloria Dean Butler - February 09, 2017 at 11:14 AM

DW

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your sweet Mama. She always had a smile on her face and was full of life. I often think how blessed we were growing up at Highland, so many adult Christians setting examples for us. I saw your Mama a few years ago and she was just as pretty as I remembered. Prayers for peace and comfort for her girls.

Debbie Hinton Ward-Ewen - March 01, 2015 at 12:47 PM

GB

Thank you so much Debbie! You are so right. Never in all my life did I see her angry at anyone. She always did have a precious sweet spirit and a beautiful smile. She was truly an angel among us . It hurts every single day that she's gone

Gloria Dean Butler - February 09, 2017 at 11:16 AM

MH

“ Ave Dean Butler Gatlin

Mark Holifield - February 28, 2015 at 09:35 PM

LM

“ So sorry I could not be there. I loved your mother dearly. She was a wonderful mother, room mother, Girl Scout leader and helper during my elementary school years. I used her unspoken but living example of parenting skills with my two boys. Her life left a lasting impression on me. Love you All, Lisa W. Maples

Lisa Wooten Maples - February 28, 2015 at 01:25 PM

GB

Lisa, I don't know why I'm just now seeing this and she has been gone two years this month. But thank you for those sweet memories of her. I miss her more every single day. There are no words to say how precious she was. Thank you, my dear friend.

Gloria Dean Butler - February 09, 2017 at 11:18 AM

NK

“ We extend to each in the family our love and prayers as you experience the loss of such a special loved one in your family. Please know that distance alone prevents us from being with you in person. We will be with you in our thoughts and prayers and we send much love to each of you.

Norman and Sue Koonce - February 27, 2015 at 09:18 PM

GB

Thank you so much! For some reason I'm just now seeing your sweet comments but it is just a special to me now as it would've been that day. Thank you for loving her and thinking of us .

Gloria Dean Butler - February 09, 2017 at 11:20 AM