



Douglas M. Gatlin

April 19, 1942 - March 4, 2014

Douglas M. Gatlin, 71, of Heidelberg, born April 19, 1942, died Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at South Central Regional Medical Center.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, March 7, 2014, at Memory Chapel with burial to follow at Bethel Cemetery. Rev. Gene Douglas will officiate.

Doug was a wonderful, devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He loved his family with his entire heart, but first and foremost he loved his Savior Jesus Christ. He loved everyone and he never met a stranger. He was a deacon and an active member of Highland Baptist Church. Doug retired from Masonite after 46 years of employment. He worked hard all of his life. He was a member of the Cattlemen's Association. After retirement, he enjoyed spending time with his family, farming, and serving at the church he loved so much, Highland Baptist.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Eddie Lee Gatlin, Sr. and Claudia Gatlin.

He is survived by his wife of over 52 years, Glenda Gatlin; children: Brad (Ginger) Gatlin, Brian (Kim) Gatlin, and Heather (Chad) Gilbert; grandchildren: Courtney Gatlin, Shelbi Waller, Kayla Purvis, Laken Gatlin, Breanna Waller, Lexi Gatlin, Bradley Gatlin, and Mallory and Madelyn Gilbert; great grandchildren: Marina and Cypress Purvis and Brooklyn Marine. He is also survived by his siblings: Eddie Lee Gatlin, Jr., Clayton Gatlin, Angie Byrd, Janet Smith, Donald Gatlin, Keith Gatlin, and Ricky Gatlin; sister-in-law, Rita

Goldsmith; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Jonathan Pankowski, Fred Barron, Blaine Thatch, Sonny Saul, Randy Wall, and Ricky Smith. Honorary pallbearers will be J. W. Holder, Bart Terry, and the Men's Senior Adult II Sunday School Class of Highland Baptist Church.

Visitation will be held from 5 until 8 p.m. Thursday, March 6, 2014, at Memory Chapel which is in charge of the arrangements. To view and sign the family guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Tribute Wall

DR

“ To all of my cousins and Glenda. I send you my love and sympathy today. It had been a long time since seeing Doug, but I remember it well. We ran into each other at the hospital in Laurel. He and I had a wonderful visit and catching up to do. I had to tell him who I was, because it had been several years since we had seen each other. He was charming, polite and talkative, as the last time we had visited. I know how close all of you were to him. The Gatlins and the Rustins are not only relatives, but also friends. Doug will be missed by you all the most, but by so many others, like your Rustin family. Please know that I love you all very much and will be down in Laurel soon to see you all. With love and prayers for your grieving hearts.
Donna

Donna Rustin Riles - March 08, 2014 at 10:57 AM

JL

“ We were so sorry to hear about Doug. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. Bodie & Jackie Leggett

JACKIE LEGGETT - March 07, 2014 at 10:27 PM

MM

“ To the family of Doug Gatlin: I am sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Doug Gatlin. For the short time that I personally knew him at Highland Baptist Church, he made me feel that he had known me all of my life having worked with my father. I thought so much of Mr. Gatlin, he was a very good man and a very good Christian man who love God and his family, along with his church. I only found out about out about this at a late hour and was not able to attend the visitation last evening nor the funeral today, but if there is anything I can so do help any family member please let me know. I will be more than happy to do what I can. God Bless and have peace in the fact that Mr. Doug has reached his destination as Bro. Gene's says "We are just pilgrims passing through". We will miss Brother Doug. Again, God, Bless!!! Mike Myrick.....

Mike Myrick - March 07, 2014 at 11:17 AM

BS

“ Bonnie Solomon has sent this Expressions of Sympathy card.

Bonnie Solomon - March 07, 2014 at 10:24 AM

JD

“ Our sympathy is with your family during this time and please know our thoughts and prayers are with each of you. May God bless you all. Sincerely, Jerry and Leah Doggett.

Jerry Doggett - March 06, 2014 at 08:53 PM

TJ

“ Brian you and your family have been and be in our prays in the days to come. May Gods love, grace, and mercy be with you all. God Bless

Tony & Kim Johnson - March 06, 2014 at 07:18 PM

JL

“ *Our sympathy is with you at this time. Doug was a wonderful person, and he will be greatly missed.*

Jeff and Celine Luker - March 06, 2014 at 05:34 PM

CS

“ *Dear Glenda & family, We love you and we loved Doug Gatlin. What a mighty man of valor!! He personalized Christ Jesus in the flesh to all he encountered. I do not know of anyone who didn't love him. Men, women, and children alike were drawn to him because of his attitude, demeanor, and the agape love he showed to everyone. Ralph will miss stopping by to see Doug. We have been praying for all of you and will continue. Much love from Ralph & Carolyn Shedd & family*

Carolyn Shedd - March 06, 2014 at 04:49 PM

WM

“ *I am praying for each of you during this difficult time. Mr. Doug was such a special man. He will be missed very much. May the love of your family and friends bring you all the comfort you need in the days ahead. God bless you all. With deepest sympathy, Wendy*

Wendy McGinnis - March 06, 2014 at 12:26 AM

DH

“ *Douglas M. Gatlin*

Dennis Henley - March 05, 2014 at 10:45 PM

SC

“ I was so sorry to hear about Doug. Our families have been neighbors and friends for as long as I can remember. Just know that we love yall and know the sorrow that yall are feeling. Love, Suzie and Bill

Suzie and Bill Chisholm - March 05, 2014 at 10:03 PM

RL

“ DEAR GLENDA, BRAD, BRYAN, AND HEATHER,
WE JUST WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT OUR ENTIRE FAMILY IS DEEPLY SADDENED BY THE SUDDEN LOSS OF DOUG. DOUG GATLIN WAS ONE OF ONLY A HANDFUL OF MEN THAT I KNEW WITH THE COURAGE TO TELL OTHERS HOW HE REALLY FELT. MORE OFTEN THAN NOT IT WAS A SIMPLE BUT SINCERE "I LOVE YOU." SOMEONE ONCE SAID "IF YOU WANT TO BE RESPECTED; BE RESPECTABLE. IF YOU WANT TO BE HONORED; BE HONORABLE. IF YOU WANT TO BE LOVED; BE LOVABLE." DOUG GATLIN WAS ALL OF THE ABOVE AND THEN SOME.

ROD, TINA, AND ALLISON LOWERY - March 05, 2014 at 07:05 PM