



## Irvin H. Gatlin

November 14, 1929 - June 18, 2022

Irvin Gatlin born was born November 14, 1929, and passed over into the arms of Jesus June 18, 2022, at the age of 92.

Visitation will be held on Friday, June 24th from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. at Memory Chapel Funeral Home, 3100 Audubon Dr., Laurel, MS. Funeral services will follow at 11 a.m. The burial will be at Hickory Grove Cemetery in Laurel. Rev. David Fedele will officiate. Memory Chapel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. 601-428-5835

Mr. Gatlin was raised in Laurel, MS and started working at the age of 12 to help support the family. By the age of 16 he had joined the Army Air Corp and shipped off the Pacific theater to serve in WWII. He later decided that he would rather serve in the US Navy, and worked his way up to Chief Yeoman before retiring in 1966. While on active duty he finished high school and obtained his AA college degree. He traveled the world in the Navy and would be quick to share a story with anyone who might ask. During one of his Navy duty assignments in Kentucky he met Ireta Wallace, and they were married for 64 years until her death in 2018. Upon his retirement from the Navy, he moved back to Mississippi and bought a 72-acre farm and became a gentleman farmer raising cattle and teaching his son the trade. He worked for the Laurel Post Office for 3 years and then went to work for the city of Laurel serving as the building and zoning administrator until his retirement in 1989. He was a

deacon and active member of Freedom Baptist Church, active in the masonic lodge, and active skeet shooter until he entered the retirement facility.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank Gatlin and Leona (Thompson) Gatlin; two brothers, Laverne Gatlin and Joseph (Joe) Gatlin; and two sisters, Erma Nell West and Ethel Merle Doss.

Mr. Gatlin is survived by his son, Tim Gatlin (Debbie) of Colorado; and grandchildren, Stephen Gatlin (Andrea) and Heather Gatlin both of Colorado Springs. He is also survived by multiple nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to Freedom Baptist Church.

Deacons of Freedom Baptist Church will serve as pallbearers.

To sign the online guest book, visit [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Hickory Grove Cemetery

Corner of Old Bay Springs Rd and 15th Street  
Laurel, MS 39440

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 24.** 9:00 AM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home  
3100 Audubon Drive  
P. O. Box 674  
Laurel, MS 39440  
(601) 428-5235  
memorychapel@comcast.net  
<https://www.memorychapellaurel.com/>

## Service

**JUN 24.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

CA

“ I worked with Irv and met Tim, and our families hung out while they were in MD we stayed with them in Mississippi on their farm. Irv was a true friend. We lost touch over the years. Just heard of his passing. Carl and Toni

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**carl** - November 12, 2023 at 06:30 PM

MJ

“ We are praying for you and your family today and the rest of the week to come. We thought a lot of Mr Gatlin always so nice and happy to see you.

Love

Norma Jean Scruggs

Melvin Scruggs jr

Jason Scruggs

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**Melvin Scruggs jr** - June 22, 2022 at 07:28 AM

JC

“ I was privileged to consider Irvin a friend, and compatriot. He was a fine Southern gentleman, and a credit to his community throughout his long life. He will be missed.



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**John C. Cox** - June 20, 2022 at 12:59 PM