



John A. Gatlin

March 15, 1929 - January 29, 2013

John A. Gatlin, age 83, of Laurel died on January 29, 2013 at Wesley Medical Center in Hattiesburg.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Fannie Williams Gatlin and Moody Gatlin; six brothers, Isaiah Gatlin, Louis Gatlin, Moody Gatlin, Sam Gatlin, Billy Gatlin and Belva E. Gatlin; and two sisters, Christine Windham and Alma Anderson.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara King Gatlin; two sisters, Fannie Yelverton and Ava Morrison and his beloved dog, Mitzi.

He retired from the Laurel Police Department after 21 years where he was best known for his work as Officer Friendly. Later he worked for Stover Smith Electric. He was a veteran serving in the U. S. Army during the Korean Conflict and active in the formation of the Veterans Memorial Museum. He was an active member of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans. He was an active member of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, February 1, 2013 at 3:30 p.m. at Memory Chapel. Interment will follow at Hickory Grove Cemetery. Rev. Keith Yelverton and Rev. Mike Allen will officiate.

Pallbearers will be nephews, Darell Yelverton, David Yelverton, Glenn Shoemake, Donald Windham, Mike Chancellor and Will Chancellor. Honorary pallbearers will be retired policemen and deacons and elders of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Laurel Animal Rescue or a charity

of your choice.

Visitation will be held from 5 until 8 p.m. Thursday, January 31, 2013 at Memory Chapel which is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

VC

“ *DEEPEST SYMPATHY*

VIRGIL R. COLEY - February 07, 2013 at 10:29 PM

MS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time of mourning.*

Mary(Chancellor) & Hans Schneider - February 07, 2013 at 01:49 PM

KR

“ *Sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Kirk Royals - February 01, 2013 at 04:01 PM

PT

“ *Barbara, I'm sorry about your lost. John and you were so faithful to visit Jerry while he was sick. May God bless and comfort you in days to come.*

patsy taylor - February 01, 2013 at 01:08 PM

LY

“ *May my Uncle John rest in peace*

Lowell Yelverton - January 30, 2013 at 03:40 PM