



Walter Dennis Gatewood

August 27, 1934 - June 13, 2016

Walter Dennis Gatewood, born August 27, 1934, to W. L. and Louise Harper Gatewood left this earth on June 13, 2016, to be with our Lord.

He grew up in Jones County and attended Soso Elementary and Ellisville/Jones County Junior College where he graduated with honors. He majored in Medical Technology and did his internship at Mercy Hospital in Vicksburg, MS. He worked at Forrest and Wiggins hospitals before returning to Jones County. He was employed at Boone Clinic/Westridge Clinic for 52 years where he retired as a Medical Technologist and a Lab and X-ray Technician.

He was very active as a member of the Laurel Jaycees serving in different capacities for many years. Fishing was his favorite past time as long as he was able, but his greatest accomplishment in this life was at the age of 14 when Bro. Tommy Fant led him to the Lord and he accepted the Lord as his personal savior at his favorite fishing spot.

He was a very active and faithful member of Plainway Baptist Church where he taught Sunday school for 44 years. He never missed a Sunday morning, Sunday night or Wednesday night service until about two years ago when his health started to decline. He also served in the capacity as Church Clerk/Church Secretary for 30 years. You could always find him doing

something for the Lord and the Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, W. L. and Louise Harper Gatewood; brother, Billy Ray Gatewood; daughter, Mary Elizabeth "Liz" Rainey; uncles, Kimble Harper and Wilford Harper; and nephews, Robert "Bobby" Tucker, and Randy O. Tucker.

He is survived by his daughter, Ouida (Ellis) Hester of Ellisville; sister, Linda (Robert) Tucker of Altamont, IL; four grandchildren, Kim (Aaron) Evans of Brandon, Brian Floyd of Laurel, Wayne (Toni) Rainey of Big Creek, and David Rainey of Laurel; four great grandchildren, Lauren Evans of Brandon, Lexi Evans of Brandon, Alex Rainey of Big Creek, and Piper Rainey of Big Creek; a special caregiver, Tricia Teneyck of Sandersville; and a host of other relatives.

Funeral services will be Friday, June 17, 2016, with the Rev. Robert Tucker and Rev. Chaise Herrington officiating. Visitation will be from 12:30 until service time at 2:00 p.m. at Memory Chapel Funeral Home in Laurel. Burial will be at Union Line Cemetery, Soso.

Pallbearers will be Brian Floyd, Aaron Evans, Van Long, Renee Murphy, Trevor Shows, and Tommy McGee.

Cemetery Details

Union Line Cemetery

Corner of Jefcoat Road and Union Line Road
Soso, MS 39480

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 12:30 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
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Tribute Wall

LJ

“ I remember Mr Dennis many years ago at Dr. Boones clinic. Then some years later we became neighbors. I really enjoyed talking with you. I will surely miss you.

Lynette Jefcoat - June 17, 2016 at 11:33 AM

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“ I remember Mr. Dennis at Dr. Boones office many years ago. Then years later become my neighbor. I really enjoyed our talks. I thought alot of you, I will surely miss you.

Lynette Jefcoat - June 17, 2016 at 11:19 AM

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“ Many memories of visits to the store for a Cold coke. We lived across the highway. Rachel & CLARESE TODD . Sorry. For your loss. Rachel

Rachel Guthrie (Todd) - June 16, 2016 at 12:02 PM

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“ Dad, I waited 60 years for you to finally say the words, "I Love You". I waited 61 years for you to say that you were sorry for everything you ever said or did to me. And I got the chance to say I forgive you. I am so glad that the Lord gave us that chance before it was too late. I tried my best to take care of you the best I could. Being assured by you that you were saved I will see you again one day. And the next time I see you there will be no more tears, pain nor sorrow. Just worshipping our Lord together for all eternity. I love you. Rest in Peace.



Ouida Hester - June 16, 2016 at 12:01 AM

AM

“ *Sorry to hear of your loss. I am thinking about. Ann Merritt*

Ann Merritt - June 15, 2016 at 12:16 PM

OH

Thank you Ms Ann.

Ouida Hester - June 16, 2016 at 08:15 AM

RA

*He was a sweet man. I'm so sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace!
Rachel & Allan Schoen*

Rachel - June 16, 2016 at 10:32 AM