



Mr. Rufus Earl Gatlin

July 7, 1934 - January 24, 2025

Deacon Rufus Earl Gatlin was born on July 7, 1934 and called to eternal rest on January 24, 2025. He was the 6th son of the late Willie and Hattie Gatlin of Tylertown, Mississippi.

As a young man, he set out for Louisiana with big dreams and a determination to build a successful life. Through hard work and perseverance, Rufus established a meaningful career as a Director of Plant Maintenance. A self-taught craftsman, he had the extraordinary ability to fix anything and could even build a house from the ground up.

Rufus' faith was a guiding force in his life. His journey with Christ began at Mesa Mt. Olive Church in his youth. He later became a member of Stronger Hope Baptist Church and went on to serve as a deacon at Cypress Grove Missionary Baptist Church under Pastor Fred T. Porter. Upon relocating to Folsom, Louisiana, he continued his faith walk at Midway Church of Christ Holiness under the direction of Bishop Leroy Divinity.

The Bible says, "He who findeth a wife findeth a good thing." Rufus found his blessing in Arbezeen, and on January 29, 1955 they entered into matrimony.

Rufus left to mourn his wife Arbezeen Gatlin of 69 years. 1 daughter Denise Beverly(John). Two granddaughters Denita Forges(Whitne) Jennifer

Harding(Kevin) 2 great grandsons Carter Harper and Langston Forges. He also leaves to mourn two sisters Emma Clark, Anna Stewart(Brian Williams) and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He also leaves to mourn our "FRAMILY", "friends who became family", Craig, Melissa, CJ, Mary, and Trent Paretti.

He is preceded in death by both his parents, three daughters, Janice, Jacqueline, and Gwendolyn Gatlin, six brothers, Toy, LJ, Percy, Stennis, Lucious and Bang Gatlin. Two brothers in law Sylvester Brister and Victor Clark.

Deacon Gatlin's legacy of love, faith, and craftsmanship will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

Homegoing Celebration

Relatives and friends are invited to honor his life at the following services:

Louisiana Service

Midway Church of Christ Holiness (under the direction of Bishop Leroy Divinity)

83359 LA-25, Folsom, LA 70437

Friday, February 7, 2025

Visitation: 10:00 AM

Service: 11:00 AM

Repass to follow

Mississippi Service

Mesa Mt. Olive Church (under the direction of Pastor John Dillon)

12 Mesa Mt. Olive Rd., Tylertown, MS 39667

Saturday, February 8, 2025

Visitation: 10:00 AM

Service: 11:00 AM

Interment: Tylertown Cemetery

Repass to follow

May he rest in eternal peace, knowing he was deeply loved and will never be forgotten.

Cemetery Details

Tylertown Cemetery

Tylertown, MS 39667

Previous Events

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Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Uncle Rufus was a legend to me. He treated me like one of his daughters. I stayed with them when I went to Cosmetolog school. If ever a true uncle, he was that and more. I live you forever Uncle Rufus. San to you*

Cassandra Wiley - February 06, 2025 at 01:24 PM

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“ *My Favorite Uncle. My Dad's last Brother RIH Uncle Sir we'll meet again somewhere around the Throne Sir. I cannot put into words how much i Love you and what a inspiration you ❤️ were to me.*

Bishop Tyrone L Seals - February 01, 2025 at 01:58 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Rufus Earl Gatlin.*



January 30, 2025 at 01:34 PM