Deacon Douglas Sylvester Gatling

September 9, 1946 - January 15, 2021

Douglas Slyvester Gatling was born on September 09, 1946, to the late Willie and Naomi Gatling. He departed this life on Friday, January 15, 2021, at Rex Hospital in Raleigh, North Carolina.

He joined Parkers Grove Baptist Church at an early age and remained a faithful member. He later served as the Chairman of the Deacon Board for many years.

He attended C.S. Brown High School. Douglas was a professional Truck Driver for 32 years and retired in 1996 from his profession.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Tiffany Michelle Gatling, and his niece Carla Wood.

He was married to Delonial Gatling and they were blessed with six children.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his loving wife of 55 years, Delonial Gatling; two daughters, Tina Gatling-Edmonds (Phillip) of Chesapeake, Virginia, and Amy Gatling Parker (Melvin C. Parker Jr.) of Durham North Carolina; three sons, Steven D. Gatling (Kim) of Atlanta, Georgia, Cornell M. Gatling (Toni) of Durham, North Carolina, and Darren Gatling of Mapleton North Carolina; twelve grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two siblings, Evangeline Moore (Henry), and McCoy Gatling (Mildred); two nephews, Aqueel Ash-Shakoor (Tanesha) and Bladen Gatling; three great-nephews, Jibril, Dewayne Jr, and Ji'Ri; two great-nieces, Brianna and Jaylah; and a host of other family and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **23**. 3:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Hertford County Undertakers
416 S Main St
Winton, NC 27986
(252) 358-3141

Service

JAN **24**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Parkers Grove Baptist Church
131 Mapleton Rd
Murfreesboro, NC 27855
(252) 398-4930

Tribute Wall

Deacon Douglas Sylvester Gatling

November 09, 2022 at 12:28 PM

RB

Bro.Gatling....You will be missed

Richard Branch - January 26, 2021 at 06:00 PM

JW

Joyce Wiggins sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Douglas Sylvester Gatling

Joyce Wiggins - January 24, 2021 at 03:16 PM

JW

Joyce Wiggins lit a candle in memory of Deacon Douglas Sylvester Gatling

Joyce Wiggins - January 24, 2021 at 03:15 PM

PW

Patricia Wood lit a candle in memory of Deacon Douglas Sylvester Gatling

Patricia Wood - January 24, 2021 at 04:00 AM

BJ

Barbara Archer Manley & James lit a candle in memory of Deacon Douglas Sylvester Gatling

Barbara Archer Manley & James - January 23, 2021 at 12:04 PM

RT

Our sincerest condolences to the Gatling Family. Mr. Douglas will truly be missed by many!

Rodney & Amy Tann - January 23, 2021 at 11:23 AM

TH

Praying for the family I love y'all

Tamreia Holley - January 23, 2021 at 09:12 AM

DV

Mr. Douglas, as I called him, was a kind and uplifting man. He always encouraged me and made sure to ask about my siblings. Many prayers for the family from The Vinson's.

Dr. Shirley Vinson - January 22, 2021 at 06:52 PM

SW

Mrs. Delonial, Steve, Cornell, Tina, Darren, and the rest of the family. My heart broke when I heard about Mr. Douglas. I was so saddened to hear about this. Mr. Douglas was one of the many persons in Mapleton who helped raise me in and out of church. He was a person who always smiled and always showed he cared. My prayers and love goes out to you all. Mr. Douglas left an impression on everyone.

Mapleton and Parker's Grove Baptist Church has lost a great one!!! He will be greatly missed.

I love you all fam!

Sherri WeaverRussell - January 22, 2021 at 02:49 AM

AM

I remember Mr. Douglas as a child coming up and when he would come to the store. Always nice and would share a laugh. I always remembered him as a good father and how he left a wonderful impact on the Mapleton community. Prayers for all of the family and for God's comfort. God Bless.

The Tellie Lawrence Family

Alisia Morris - January 21, 2021 at 08:47 PM

RS

My sincere condolences to the family, Decon Gatling was a great inspiration to my spiritual growth and will be missed by so many Rip.

Reginald t wiggins sr - January 21, 2021 at 06:53 PM

JG

Jeffrey Gatling lit a candle in memory of Deacon Douglas Sylvester Gatling

Jeffrey Gatling - January 21, 2021 at 03:15 PM

HP

My Prayers and Condolences go out to the Gatling family. There are great memories as to high school and church visits.

Hazel Hicks Pierce

Hazel Hicks Pierce - January 21, 2021 at 01:15 PM

PR

Protolabs purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Deacon Douglas Sylvester Gatling.

Protolabs - January 21, 2021 at 10:30 AM

WC

My deepest condolences to the family

Westelle Cherry - January 20, 2021 at 06:30 PM

BM

Barbara Melton lit a candle in memory of Deacon Douglas Sylvester Gatling

Barbara Melton - January 20, 2021 at 02:29 PM

SS

Hearing of the passing of Uncle Douglas was so surreal. He helped raise me so he will always have a special place in my heart. His work here is done but he will not be forgotten! God has spoken. Amen.

Love, Stephanie, Anthony, Kasei & Kyraan

Stephanie Sessoms-Midgett - January 20, 2021 at 01:27 PM

TS

Big Doug. My cousin. Damn! Didn't get to tell him what he meant to my childhood. Such a great example of a man, father and husband. What a gentle giant. Leaves behind a still beautiful wife and some fantastic kids and grandkids! Love You Cousin! Rest in POWER! Don't worry Steve will be the man of the family now. He's more than capable. Live and condolences from my clan to the family and extended family.

Tony 'Dookie' Smalls - January 19, 2021 at 11:02 AM

JF

To the Gatling family much comfort to the the time to come .God will do the Rest. James and Carolyn Farrow

James Farrow - January 19, 2021 at 09:57 AM

DE

Mr. Gatling was not only a father to my best friend Tiffany, but also a father figure to me and so many others. He always had a cheerful spirit. I have so many fond memories of growing up around Mr. Gatling and his entire family. I will cherish those memories forever. I give my condolences to the family and my Godson Jamar.
Derri Lassiter Young, Esquire

Derri Lassiter Young, Esquire - January 19, 2021 at 09:33 AM

TW

Terica Williams lit a candle in memory of Deacon Douglas Sylvester Gatling

Terica Williams - January 19, 2021 at 08:44 AM

TW

Our deepest condolences to family from Ronald and Terica Williams

Terica Williams - January 19, 2021 at 08:42 AM

TP

My condolences goes out to the family...Mr. Douglas was like a grandfather to me. To know him was to love him. He was a wonderful man. He always kept me laughing. When my grandfather passed away he told me my grandfather told him to look after us and he kept his word. He will truly be missed by many. S.I.P. Deacon Douglas Gatling...

Tamara Porter - January 18, 2021 at 08:50 PM

Tomica Porter lit a candle in memory of Deacon Douglas Sylvester Gatling

Tomica Porter - January 18, 2021 at 08:31 PM

JR

John G Retsios lit a candle in memory of Deacon Douglas Sylvester Gatling

John G Retsios - January 18, 2021 at 07:59 PM

JP

My heartfelt Sympathy goes out to the family of the late Deacon Douglas Gatling. May God Bless you all. Jean Pierce Parker

Jean Pierce Parker - January 18, 2021 at 07:10 PM

BH

Billy And Lisa Hooks sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Douglas Sylvester Gatling

Billy and Lisa Hooks - January 18, 2021 at 07:06 PM

B-

Billy & Ueritta Grant -Crocker lit a candle in memory of Deacon Douglas Sylvester Gatling

Billy & Ueritta Grant -Crocker - January 18, 2021 at 06:36 PM

FG

Our condolences to the Gatling Family. Mr. Douglas was a wonderful man. I remember how he often came by to visit my father after he was not able to attend church. How those visits brightened my father's day. Rest in Peace...Falicia Gatling

Falicia Gatling - January 18, 2021 at 02:18 PM

VR

Victor Ross sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Douglas Sylvester Gatling

Victor Ross - January 18, 2021 at 02:01 PM

GN

So sorry for your loss we were neighbors for so many years and friends The Reddick Newsome Family

Geraldine N.Freeman - January 18, 2021 at 01:28 PM

GS

Gloria Simmons lit a candle in memory of Deacon Douglas Sylvester Gatling

Gloria Simmons - January 18, 2021 at 11:19 AM

VG

From Robert Lee Gatling family ,we send our prayers and deepest sympathy. Douglas was there through out my dad's life, the late Robert Lee Gatling and Douglas was like a dad to me after we lost my dad.Bob Cat is what Douglas called him.I know they are looking down on all of us smiling.🙏he will truly be missed.

Vashtie Gatling - January 18, 2021 at 10:04 AM

BT

My deepest sympathy goes out to the Gatling family.

Rest In Peace,
Betty Myrick Thompson & Family

Betty Thompson - January 18, 2021 at 08:45 AM

1 file added to the album Memories Album

Hertford County Undertakers - January 17, 2021 at 09:25 PM

Cynthia Gatling lit a candle in memory of Deacon Douglas Sylvester Gatling

Cynthia Gatling - January 17, 2021 at 08:48 PM

Douglas was my classmate and life long friend.He was a true man of God not only in words but in deeds.I will miss our talks! Dr.Melvin C.Lawrence

Melvin Lawrence - January 17, 2021 at 07:42 PM

My sincere condolences to the Gatling Family.

Jackie Boone - January 17, 2021 at 07:24 PM

DG

Daphine Grant sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Douglas Sylvester Gatling

Daphine Grant - January 17, 2021 at 07:13 PM

TF

Tonya Pearson Faison lit a candle in memory of Deacon Douglas Sylvester Gatling

Tonya Pearson Faison - January 17, 2021 at 07:06 PM

JS

So sorry for your loss Douglas will truly be miss and i will miss him saying to me we are truly bless to be here

Jacqueline Stephenson - January 17, 2021 at 09:33 PM

LG

Our prayers and condolences are sent to the Gatling family.

Love,
Julian and Lehoma Grant

Lehomer Grant - January 17, 2021 at 03:28 PM

DG

We are very sorry for your loss. Praying for the family.
William & Daphine Grant

Daphine Grant - January 17, 2021 at 05:33 PM

P-

P-Nut sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Douglas Sylvester Gatling

P-Nut - January 17, 2021 at 12:59 PM

BH

Billy And Lisa Hooks sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Douglas Sylvester Gatling

Billy and Lisa Hooks - January 17, 2021 at 12:26 PM

CF

I am sorry for your loss, my condolences to the Gatling family.

Clifton Freeman - January 17, 2021 at 10:00 AM

EF

Elder D.G. Jackson And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Douglas Sylvester Gatling

Elder D.G. Jackson and family - January 17, 2021 at 06:54 AM

MJ

Mildred Jordan lit a candle in memory of Deacon Douglas Sylvester Gatling

Mildred Jordan - January 17, 2021 at 01:40 AM

SF

1 file added to the tribute wall

Sharon Chappel & Family - January 17, 2021 at 01:27 AM

My deepest condolences to the Gatling Family.

Cynthia Gatling - January 16, 2021 at 06:20 PM

PS

My condolences to the Gatling Family

Patrick and Elvira Spiers - January 16, 2021 at 04:56 PM

WJ

Wallace & Susan Monger Jordan lit a candle in memory of Deacon Douglas Sylvester Gatling

Wallace & Susan Monger Jordan - January 16, 2021 at 03:30 PM

JW

Joyce Wiggins sent a virtual gift in memory of Deacon Douglas Sylvester Gatling

Joyce Wiggins - January 16, 2021 at 02:48 PM

JW

Joyce Wiggins lit a candle in memory of Deacon Douglas Sylvester Gatling

Joyce Wiggins - January 16, 2021 at 02:47 PM

CS

Condolences to the Gatling family on the loss of your love one.

Gilbert and Charmont Hall Stephen

Charmont Hall Stephen - January 16, 2021 at 02:37 PM

TF

The Tann Family lit a candle in memory of Deacon Douglas Sylvester Gatling

The Tann Family - January 16, 2021 at 12:32 PM