



George Gatlin

February 19, 1932 - August 22, 2012

Obituary of George Gatlin

George Ervin Gatlin ("Erv"), Ed. D., 80, committed musician, churchman and family man, of Leesburg, Florida, died Wednesday, August 22, 2012. Dr. Gatlin was born in Tallahassee, FL on February 19, 1932. Dr. Gatlin and his family moved to Leesburg in 1965 when he joined the faculty of Lake-Sumter Community College. He served as Instructor of Music until 1985; he was involved with students in a variety of extracurricular programs, especially the ICTHUS. He received 3 degrees from Florida State University and was a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity of America. He served as Minister of Music in many churches, the longest at First Baptist Leesburg and as a revivalist in several southern states. Dr. Gatlin's involvement in the community was extended through the Kiwanis Club where he served as President in 1998-99 as well as various other offices.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Jean Keaton Gatlin of Leesburg, FL; daughter, Margaret G.(Dale)Smith of Gaithersburg, MD; sister, Mary Etta Sullivan of Panama City, FL and grandson, Darion(Leigh)Smith of Harlan, KY.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, August 28, 2012 from 3:00 " 5:00 PM

in the First Baptist Fellowship Hall, Leesburg.

Rather than flowers, the family requests memorials to extend Dr. Gatlin's commitment to music in Lake and Sumter counties by making contributions in his memory to the Lake Sumter Community College Foundation, Inc. 9501 US Hwy 441, Leesburg, FL 34788.

Tribute Wall



“ George Gatlin

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Margaret and Family, We werwe so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. So glad you got there in time to see him. We are thinking of you at this time and pray for God's blessing , peace and comfort. Love, nancy and Hiugh.

Nancy and Hugh Faulconer - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Margaret, The parting of a loved one is never easy. I pray and hope that our Lord is your peace and comfort during this time, especially since you know that your dad is finally home with our heavenly Father. Blessings, Mary

Mary Hager - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Know you take comfort in knowing you will meet again. We pray you will gain strength and peace knowing he is whole once more.

Jane & Jim Mitcham - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ My love go out to Margaret and her family in reference to the loss of their loved one Dr Gatlin. Great history. Must be playing his music in heaven. May God strenghten and encourage the family at this time. Beulah

Beulah Thorpe - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Margaret, I have been thinking of you and your mom so often since Monday. I was so surprised to get the email from Mary on Thurs. I am so sorry about your dad. I hope you got to tell him of your love one more time. Your mom knew didn't she? You are in my prayers Margaret. Consider yourself hugged. Dawn

Dawn Tashiro - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Dear Jean, I have fond memories of Erv and you from years ago at the Tavares Bapt. Church. Sending my heart felt sympathy and praying the Lord will bless you in your sorrow. " He heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds."Psalms 147:3 IN Christian Love, Cleytus Daily

Cleytus Daily - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Erv brought the joy of music to many and nurtured that gift throughout his life. The hours I spent in choir practice with him from childhood onwards have become the foundation to some of my fondest memories of Leesburg and of The First Baptist Church. His devotion to God, his family and his students helped transform the world into a better, kinder, more melodious place. He will be sorely missed.

Stephen and Tina - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ My deepest sympathy to Erv's family. He was a wonderful man and always very special to me. His voice is going to make an amazing addition to the heavenly choir!

Ali Dickson - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Jean and Family... We were sorry to learn of Erv's passing. Dr. Gatlin will long be remembered as one of Lake Sumter Community College's early founding professors--a man of trust and integrity. Jean, both you and Erv were always among the College's greatest supporters. The students and community were the primary benefactors. We will remember Erv, his music, and contributions in making LSCC a great College! We know that you always shared in his work and profession. May you and the family continue to share in the memories of a life well lived. {Robert Palinchak, Ph.D., Former President}

Bob and Pat Palinchak - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ During the years when we were active members of FBC in Leesburg, "Erv" became a dear friend because of our joint love of praising God through music. He was a wonderful man and will be sorely missed, but Heaven's choir is even richer because he's a part of it now. We will rejoin him when we are called. God's comfort & peace to those he left behind. Anita // Thank you for the music lessons you gave me as I sat by you in the choir, Erv. Tom T.

Tom & Anita Tomlin - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Mrs. Gatlin (Jean); Such fond and fun memories of one of my first college professors and friend. May the Lord grant you peace.

Bob Haines - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VJ

“ Jean, I was so sorry to read of Erv's passing. I didn't know him very well, but Harold loved you all very much. Again, I am so sorry. Verna Johnson,(Mrs. Harold Johnson)

verna johnson - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ A wonderful man of the Lord has left this Earth and gone onto better places. Many blessings to his daughter, Margaret, who I work with. She carries his legacy into the future - and she does so very well.
-Lissa Allen, Rockville Pregnancy Clinic Rockville, Maryland

Lissa Allen - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ I remember Erv from our days at FSU and singing in the FSU Male Quartet. My condolences to his family and friends.

Herman Bekemeyer - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM