



Mr. Charles D. Gatlin

March 7, 1947 - November 1, 2020

Mr. Charles Gatlin(73) of Greenville, NC departed this life on November 1, 2020 at Vidant Medical Center.

Charles Douglas Gatlin was born on March 7, 1947 to the late Eddie and Carrie Lee Brown Gatlin. He departed this life on Sunday, November 1, 2020. Charles was the 9th of 13 children born and reared in Downtown Greenville at 202 Reade Street prior to urban renewal. Charles attended the Greenville City Schools first at Fleming Street and graduated from C. M. Eppes High School in the Class of 1968. He furthered his education in culinary arts and catering at Pitt Community College. Charles was the neighborhood paper boy and he was instrumental in contributing valuable resident address locations and Downtown historic landmarks as a part of the recent East Carolina University “Beyond Bricks and Mortar” Project.

Charles Douglas Gatlin united with Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church at an early age and remained faithful. As a youth he participated in the Youth Choir and the BTU. Charles joined the tenor section of the Senior Choir as a teen under the direction of the late Arthur “Bud” Norcott, noted choir director and organist. Old hymns were Charles’ favorite and he was encouraged to sing the melodious songs often as soloist. Without God I Can Do Nothing and Some Day were two hymns that he cherished. In addition, Charles served as a member of the Young Adult Choir and he directed the Youth Choir at the 8th

Street Site. In recent years, he loved the fellowship and witness of the Noon Day Prayer Service and he would carry on in song another verse or two or sometimes “take over the song” when the spirit hit. He was known to bear witness to the goodness of the Lord – “SHO-NUFF.”

Charles leaves to cherish fond memories four sisters – Ellis Brown, Caledonia Norfleet, Allie Gatlin and Mary Gatlin all of Greenville, NC; one brother John Gatlin and his wife Mary of Tucson, Arizona; two sisters-in-law Lauraetta Gatlin and Barbara Gatlin both of Greenville, NC. A host of wonderful nieces, nephews, cousins and friends including devoted cousins Willard Gatlin of Hampton, Va. and Valerie Gatlin Walker of Greenville, NC mourn his passing and carry on his legacy.

Viewing for Mr. Gatlin will be held wednesday November 11, 2020 from 2pm-6pm at W.E. Flanagan Memorial Chapel.

A celebration of Life will be held on Thursday November 12, 2020 @1pm. By invite only.

Due to the Covid 19 restrictions, mandated by Gov. Roy Cooper, funeral services will be by invitation only. Social distancing directives shall be followed, in addition, masks are required for all those in attendance of services including all viewing and funeral service.

Funeral service will be livestream beginning at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, November 12, 2020 from our Facebook page at W.E Flanagan Memorial Funeral Home and Cremations.

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/MHRX76PB2WC4WCXP>

Services entrusted into W.E. Flanagan Memorial Funeral Home & Cremations

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV **11.** 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

W E. Flanagan Memorial Chapel

1026 W. 5th Street

Greenville , NC 27834

(252) 752-3530

weflanagan1921@gmail.com

<http://www.weflanagan.com>

Funeral Services

NOV **12.** 1:00 PM (ET)

Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church

1001 Hooker Rd

Greenville, NC 27834

Tribute Wall



“ *W.E. Flanagan Memorial Funeral Home and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin*



W.E. Flanagan Memorial Funeral Home & Cremations - November 11, 2020 at 02:37 AM

SP

“ *Sarah Pritchard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin*



Sarah Pritchard - November 21, 2020 at 04:40 PM

JF

“ *Charles was always there for everyone. He was gracious, selfless and a good friend. Everyone who knew him respected him and what he stood for - a gentleman and a man of his word. Rest in Peace dear Charles*

Janey Ferguson

Janey Ferguson - November 18, 2020 at 11:36 PM

RC

“ To the Gatlin’s, my family sends our heartfelt sympathy to you. If you knew Charles, you knew how deeply he loved his family. His legacy will live on through the generations of your family I hope that someday after covid is over we can gather and have some of charles’ biscuits and cheesestraws and celebrate him as the strong Christian, businessman, and friend that he was. We mourn with you for your loss of Charles and his sister. Ruth Taft Cecil



Ruth Taft Cecil - November 12, 2020 at 07:21 PM

BG

“ I will truly miss my dearest cousin Charles. He was so full of life.



Beryl Gatlin - November 12, 2020 at 11:55 AM

DE

“ God be with you all today as you embark on a new journey in this life without the physical presence of Charles. I am praying that God’s abiding love sustain you today and the days ahead. It is my belief that Charles recognized a long time ago that Jesus was his Savior and no matter what he would praise His Holy Name!!! Let us all hold to God’s Unchanging Hand and that we can say Good night for now until that Great Getting Up Morning where we shall see Him and that We will understand it better!!!
Love you all,
Deborah Hall Ebron

Deborah Hall Ebron - November 12, 2020 at 08:54 AM

JR

“ *Janice Spain Reid lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin*



Janice Spain Reid - November 11, 2020 at 05:36 PM

PB

“ *I had the pleasure of dining on Charles Gatlin's gourmet fare in Geneva, New York at the home of Montrose Streeter and in Greenville at Charle's beautifully appointed home. He was an amazing cook and a marvelous host! On one of his trips to Geneva someone made mention of how much they enjoyed his shrimp and grits. I said "oh that sounds good". The next morning I received a call summoning back to Dr. Streeter's home. Charles had cooked an enormous breakfast and an incredible amount of shrimp and grits. I did the best I could -- it was excellent.*

I was so saddened to hear of Charles' passing. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Peace and blessings to the Gatlin family and all of Charles friends.

Patrisha Blue - November 11, 2020 at 01:09 PM

SJ

“ *Sylvia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin*



Sylvia Johnson - November 11, 2020 at 09:15 AM



“ 37 files added to the album Memories Album



W.E. Flanagan Memorial Funeral Home & Cremations - November 11, 2020 at 01:56 AM

MA

“ I met Charles through Montrose Streeter and was immediately welcomed by Charles as friend of his. I could tell that he cherished good relationships and spending time with people he cared about. My time in Charles' presence was sporadic, because I lived in different cities during the time we knew each other. But without fail, each time we were reunited, there was no lapse in time. He was as glad to see me as I was to see him.



He used to make me laugh out loud by his pronunciation of Montrose's name. He pronounce it "Moncrow" and we smiled together like we shared an inside joke amongst each other. I will indeed miss him so much and offer my sincerest condolences to his surviving family members. Rest easy, my friend.

Mark Anderson - November 11, 2020 at 01:09 AM

AM

“ *Annette Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin*



Annette Moore - November 10, 2020 at 10:01 PM

DT

“ *Delores Tilley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin*



Delores Tilley - November 10, 2020 at 10:00 PM

CW

“ *Crystal Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin*



Crystal Williams - November 10, 2020 at 08:40 PM

CW

To the Gatlin Family my sincere condolences to you all, praying for strength during this time .

Crystal Williams - November 10, 2020 at 08:44 PM

TG

“ Thank you to all the Gatlin family, for sharing Charles with us. I cannot remember my life before Charles! He was a part of all the major events in my life: birthday parties, high school graduation, wedding, raising children, moving from apartments to houses all across the country. He even drove all the way out to Arkansas to be there for my daughter's wedding! He showed me how to make biscuits and 7 minute dressing and even taught my children how to fry chicken! Plus, he converted his recipes so he could cook gluten free for us! He loved me and my children unconditionally. He was full of life and his laugh would brighten my darkest days. We all miss him so much but know he's with all his loved ones sitting on the right hand of God.

From Tori Clement Garret, Little Rock, Arkansas

Tori Garrett - November 10, 2020 at 06:39 PM

CJ

“ Colette Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin



Colette Jackson - November 10, 2020 at 04:41 PM

DW

“ I do not remember at whose home when I first tasted his ham biscuit..... I do know I wanted a second.... my goodness he could cook.

Charles had legions of friends in both the black and white communities . In fact, he likely was one of the first “ color- blind” friends that I know. Bless you Charles, you will be missed.
Don Wilkerson Sr

Don Wilkerson - November 10, 2020 at 10:22 AM

TF

“ Teresa Fleming lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin



Teresa Fleming - November 09, 2020 at 10:23 PM

JM

“ Joyce Barrett Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin



joyce Barrett moore - November 09, 2020 at 09:26 AM

GH

“ Gayle Hardy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin



Gayle Hardy - November 08, 2020 at 08:03 PM

CH

“ To The Entire Gatlin Family, praying that God will grant you with His comfort,peace,love and strength. I will keep fond memories of Mr.Charles in my heart,thanks for sharing your flowers with me, and giving me pointers , I will name my sweet potato flowers after you, and thanks for teaching me how to cook lamb chops, I will miss blowing my horn at you 6am,telling you to don't be out here all day, your yard is already beautiful, miss you very much,love your neighbor Carolyn

Carolyn Harrell - November 08, 2020 at 02:10 PM

BC

“ My friend words can't explain how I feel about the lost of my friend, daddy, mentor, if he said he got your back believe that I sit here thinking of all the laughter we shared up and down the highway going to catering my heart goes out to my family the Gatlin from Bo Clemons and family love ya'll dearly

Bo Clemons - November 08, 2020 at 07:07 AM

RG

“ You will be surely miss my friend. God has call you from labor to reward. Family look into the hills from which cometh you help. Love you all. Robert Gatling and Family.

Robert Lewis Gatling - November 07, 2020 at 04:11 PM

CW

“ Clifton And Virginia Woods lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin



Clifton And Virginia Woods - November 07, 2020 at 01:56 PM

AN

“ Anne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin



Anne - November 07, 2020 at 01:54 PM

JF

“ Johnny And LaVette Ford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin



Johnny and LaVette Ford - November 07, 2020 at 09:20 AM

JJ

“ Gatlin Family,

I am so sorry to learn of Charles' passing. My family and Charles go back decades. There was hardly ever an event that Dad or Uncle Charlie held, that involved food, where Charles & crew weren't present to handle the catering. And he was the best! We all thought the world of him. Professional, a great cook, and as nice as he could be.

Prayers for strength during this sad time.

John Howard, Jr.

John Howard, Jr. - November 07, 2020 at 05:19 AM

CL

“ Chanda Lloyd lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin



Chanda Lloyd - November 06, 2020 at 07:50 PM

CM

“ Charles A & Sybil Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin



Charles A & Sybil Moore - November 06, 2020 at 04:18 PM

EN

“ Evangeline W. Norfleet lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin



Evangeline W. Norfleet - November 06, 2020 at 03:04 PM

CD

“ To Ms. Ellis and the entire Gatlin family, please accept my sincere sympathy and prayers for the loss of Mr. Charles. I will never forget all he did for me and my family during the deaths of my mother and grandmother. He was truly a God send. I am honored and blessed to have known him.

Chauncey Dixon, daughter of Mary Viola Dixon

Chauncey Dixon - November 06, 2020 at 01:57 PM

WG

“ 3 files added to the album Gatlin Moore Morris Family Reunion



Wanda Gatlin - November 06, 2020 at 02:14 AM

WG

“ Cousin Charles you will truly be missed! Love Willard and Wanda Gatlin of Hampton, VA Keeping our family in our prayers.



Wanda Gatlin - November 06, 2020 at 01:53 AM



Charles Phillips

“ I am so sorry to hear of his passing. I knew him as a patient, but thought of him as a friend. My condolences to his family.

Charles Phillips - November 05, 2020 at 09:31 PM

RJ

To my Adopted Family: May God Bless and sustain each of you during these trying times in your lives. May the love and sweet memories you shared continue forever. I will miss Margie and Charles and their warm smiles and kind hearts. Love and Sympathy: Jean Jenkins

Ruby J. Jenkins - November 10, 2020 at 03:59 PM

AF

“ My condolences and sincerely prayers for the Gatlin family 🙏❤️



Annie Fields - November 05, 2020 at 04:44 PM

JM

“ I met Mr. Gatlin many, many moons ago. His food, oh my God, yes. You will truly, truly be missed sir. Sincere condolences to the family.

Jacquelyn McClaud - November 05, 2020 at 02:38 PM

LC

“ To. The Gatlin family my condolence to my family will miss you. From your cousin Lekenda Gatlin Crawford.

Lekenda Gatlin Craeford - November 05, 2020 at 11:20 AM

CO

“ COLETTE lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin



COLETTE - November 05, 2020 at 08:47 AM

RB

“ *Rosalind Brewington lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin*



Rosalind Brewington - November 05, 2020 at 07:05 AM

GT

“ *Gina Dawson Tucker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin*



Gina Dawson Tucker - November 05, 2020 at 06:24 AM

GT

“ *Gina Dawson Tucker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin*



Gina Dawson Tucker - November 05, 2020 at 06:22 AM

HT

“ *Hina Dawson Tucker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin*



Hina Dawson Tucker - November 05, 2020 at 06:19 AM

SD

“ *Mr. Charles was one of a kind. His caring nature for his passion of cooking will be missed. He always had something to say, whether about God, his family or just business in general. His presence will surely be missed in the city he loved so much. I pray that God will sustain you through this difficult time.*

Sharon Brown Dixon

Sharon Brown Dixon - November 04, 2020 at 05:36 PM

PS

“ *Pam Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin*



Pam Smith - November 04, 2020 at 05:30 PM

TF

“ *Tucker & Streeter Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin*



Tucker & Streeter Family - November 04, 2020 at 01:25 PM

TF

“ *The Tucker And Streeter Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin*



The Tucker and Streeter Family - November 04, 2020 at 01:22 PM

RG

“ Regina Greene lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin



Regina greene - November 04, 2020 at 10:40 AM

BN

“ Bishop Joe N.Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin



Bishop Joe N.Dixon - November 04, 2020 at 10:10 AM

MH

“ Monique Duncan Hutcheson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin



Monique Duncan Hutcheson - November 04, 2020 at 10:09 AM

LS

“ Lea Sparkman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin



Lea Sparkman - November 04, 2020 at 10:00 AM

MH

“ *Muriel Jones Hines lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin*



Muriel Jones Hines - November 03, 2020 at 06:16 PM



“ *Charles rip my dear cousin I will miss u & I know a lot of other people will too.*

Jake Henry - November 03, 2020 at 03:30 PM

SE

“ *S. Early lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin*



S. Early - November 03, 2020 at 03:07 PM

WB

“ *WALTER BOLDEN lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin*



WALTER BOLDEN - November 03, 2020 at 02:43 PM

CP

“ *Craig Parker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin*



Craig Parker - November 03, 2020 at 02:43 PM

RF

“ *Rosemary Forbes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin*



Rosemary Forbes - November 03, 2020 at 01:08 PM

MJ

“ *Mike Best, Jr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin*



Mike Best, Jr. - November 03, 2020 at 12:52 PM

PF

“ *What an inspiration, you will be missed so much. Such a great spirit, always keeping us together in our family reunions, because family was so important to you. We will miss your guidance, your smile, and your wonderful food, everything made with love. We love you and miss you, but know you are safe with the Heavenly Father. I know they're eating good in Heaven tonight!! Love you.*

Pam Frye Gatlin/Moore/Morris Family Reunion



Pam Frye - November 03, 2020 at 12:49 PM

WG

Especially that Barbque and Coleslaw, with those lemon chess pies

Wanda Gatlin - November 06, 2020 at 01:55 AM

M(

“ *Keeping fond memories of Charles in my heart and praying for the family's strength at this time. Margaret (Margo) Hassell*



Margaret Hassell (Margo) - November 03, 2020 at 12:07 PM

CR

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. Charles was the brother of a dear friend, Margie, who taught my mom, Lillian Norville, everything she knew about flowers, as well as a friend of my late husband, Sam Register. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Carol N. Register

Carol N. Register - November 03, 2020 at 11:44 AM

AC

“ *Agnes P Clemons lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin*



Agnes P Clemons - November 03, 2020 at 09:33 AM

JC

“ *Jimmy Brown (Ray Brown): Branford, CT lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin*



Jimmy Brown (Ray Brown): Branford, CT - November 03, 2020 at 09:22 AM

JC

*We will miss you Charles ...
Our Deepest Condolences To The
Family 🙏🙏❤️❤�*

Jimmy Brown (Ray Brown): Branford, CT - November 03, 2020 at 09:24 AM

GC

“ *So sorry to hear that Charles passed away. May God bless your family to have His comfort, peace, love & strength throughout this difficult time. You are all in my prayers. Gertha Crumpler*

Gertha Crumpler - November 02, 2020 at 11:29 PM

DD

“ *Dianna Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin*



Dianna Daniels - November 02, 2020 at 10:00 PM

NC

“ *Nettes Chilcare sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin*



Nettes Chilcare - November 02, 2020 at 09:51 PM

BM

“ *Brenda Morris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin*



Brenda Morris - November 02, 2020 at 09:16 PM

DP

“ *Donna Pierce lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin*



Donna Pierce - November 02, 2020 at 06:04 PM

PP

“ Gatlin/Brown Family, I am so very sorry to hear of Charles' passing. Our families have been connected over 60 years. The "downtown family" bond will never be broken. Please know that I will keep you in prayer that the loving arms of our Heavenly Father will comfort you as only He can.

*Phyllis Taft Price (downtown family)
Charlotte, NC*

Phyllis Taft Price - November 02, 2020 at 05:54 PM

BB

“ Gatlin Family, we share our heartfelt love and condolences. God be with you all during this difficult time and during moments to come.

Barbara (Waller) Bryant and Family

Barbara Bryant - November 02, 2020 at 05:37 PM



LF

“ LaVette Lang Ford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin



LaVette Lang Ford - November 02, 2020 at 03:52 PM

RJ

“ Rhonda Grant Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin



Rhonda Grant Jordan - November 02, 2020 at 03:18 PM

MM

“ When I think of Charles, I'm reminded of our Family Reunion. He made sure we had plenty of food and great fellowship. Lord, my heart is so heavy, but I know God is a burden barrier and a heavy load carrier. I thank God for his life and the joy he brought to so many. His joyful attitude and his ability to care deeply. I remember when our brother passed, Charles literally carried me, because I was so overcome with grief, and now during Covid, I say farewell at a distance, with all my love that is forever!!!!
Rest In Peace Charles 🥺🌹💕

Mary Mason - November 02, 2020 at 01:57 PM

MM

“ Mary Mason lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin



Mary Mason - November 02, 2020 at 01:36 PM

MB

“ *Mary Barrett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin*



Mary Barrett - November 02, 2020 at 01:30 PM

IW

“ *Ilene Wooten sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin*



ilene wooten - November 02, 2020 at 11:57 AM

BW

“ *Ben WOOTEN lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin*



Ben WOOTEN - November 02, 2020 at 11:56 AM

JP

“ *Jakie Pollard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin*



Jakie Pollard - November 02, 2020 at 08:33 AM

AR

“ *Anitra Rodgers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin*



Anitra Rodgers - November 02, 2020 at 07:28 AM

RK

“ *Charles was one of a kind. Whatever task he was doing, he took it seriously. He loved to cook and at Christmas he would pass out tasty goodies. When he came to prayer service and praised God. His favorite saying was, " Sho' Nuff". Family not only will you miss him, his Church Family will also. Sho' Nuff, we will. My prayers are with you. God will give you strength to go through.*

Rev. Joyce A. King - November 01, 2020 at 11:27 PM

PS

Paula Shannon
Charles was a great neighbor. When my husband died, he brought alot of food to my house. He will be missed greatly as a neighbor and a friend.

Paula Shannon - November 10, 2020 at 08:05 PM

TP

“ *Sending our deepest sympathies. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Gatlin Family during this very difficult time.*

Tammy Pollock - November 01, 2020 at 10:43 PM

RC

“ This is so heartbreaking. You too , Charles , were family . You’ve been knowing me since a little girl . The last time seeing you and Marjorie together we gave each other the biggest and brightest smile . You also will be known as a legend who made history in Pitt county . Rest on Charles .

Richaunda Carr - November 01, 2020 at 07:54 PM

LK

My heart is broken I love myself some Charles@ Marjorie I am in shocked.Sleep on family's rest on

Lillian Kornegay - November 02, 2020 at 08:29 AM

PT

“ Pansy Taft-Butkowski lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin



Pansy Taft-Butkowski - November 01, 2020 at 06:11 PM

BN

“ Betty Nurse lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin



Betty Nurse - November 01, 2020 at 05:47 PM

RG

“ I'll never forget Thursday night dinners with Charles and my grandparents when I was teaching in Kinston. Charles had the kindest soul and the biggest heart. I will miss him dearly and am so thankful I got to experience his love and his food 💕💕

Rachel Garrett - November 01, 2020 at 05:13 PM

AM

“ Alvin Mills lit a candle in memory of Mr. Charles D. Gatlin



Alvin Mills - November 01, 2020 at 04:51 PM