



Mr. James Rayford 'Sam' Gatlin

August 27, 1921 - November 7, 2013

Funeral services to celebrate the life of James Rayford 'Sam' Gatlin, 92, of Nacogdoches, will be at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 16, 2013 at First United Methodist Church of Mt. Enterprise. Judge Seth Stein, a cousin and also representative for the Methodist Church, will open the Life Celebration with a prayer and obituary reading, and Reverend Joe Orr will be officiating. Burial will follow at the Gatlin/Matlock Historical Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 16, 2013 at the church before the service.

James Rayford 'Sam' Gatlin died November 7, 2013. He was born in Mt. Enterprise, Tx on Aug. 27, 1921 to Lawrence Gatlin and Elizabeth 'Lizzie' Reeves Gatlin, both deceased. He had been happily married to his wife Sarah, living in Palestine and Longview until her death; then they moved to Nacogdoches soon after to be closer to family. His older sister Hazel, and his stepmother, Nancy Ybarbo Gatlin are also deceased. He was educated through Mt. Enterprise schools; then volunteered in the U.S. Navy, serving through World War II and afterward for over 20 years; then went into trucking.

Survivors are: Hazel's daughter, Betty Gatlin/Craycraft Rogers; niece and her two sons, Jon and Jeff of Austin; brother, L.V. Gatlin and wife Pat of Nacogdoches; their son Larry Gatlin, and daughter Sueanne and her husband

Vikas Agarwal, all of Austin, and three close cousins, Jon Gatlin of Mt. Enterprise, Joyce Gatlin Odom of Henderson, and John T. 'Tom' Furlow of Whitehouse.

Condolences may be made online at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Gatlin

Mt. Enterprise, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 16. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church of Mt. Enterprise
West Rusk Street
Mt. Enterprise, TX 75681

Service

NOV 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ He was the BEST neighbor I ever had, Will miss him greatly. Paul Stoker & Family

Paul Stoker - November 15, 2013 at 08:18 PM

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“ I send my condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Gatlin, we were neighbors for many years at Independence Manor Apts. I really enjoyed talking with him, and I'm going to miss him. RIP Mr. Gatlin, your watch here is done, We have the deck now.....

Bobby Marshall

Bobby Marshall - November 15, 2013 at 09:57 AM