



## Mr. E. Ross Gatlin, Jr.

October 6, 1924 - June 5, 2018

GATLIN, Jr., Edgar Ross

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E. Ross Gatlin, Jr. passed away peacefully at Phoebe Americus Hospital in Americus, Georgia on June 5, 2018. Ross was born in Gulfport, Mississippi, the third and youngest child of Ada Myers Gatlin Guinn and E. Ross Gatlin Sr. He spent his childhood and adolescence in Gulfport, graduating from Gulfport High School in 1942. He enrolled briefly in Perkinston Junior College (now Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College), where he played on the football team.

Ross volunteered to enter the service in 1943, and enlisted in the Army Air Corps. He trained to become a bomber pilot, piloting and co-piloting B-24 and B-25 bombers that were to be assigned to the European Theater. However, by the end of his training period, the European sector needed fewer bomber pilots. As a result, he was then trained to fly B-29 bombers. He was finally assigned to the Pacific Theater in 1945. One of his training stops was Turner Air Field (later Turner Air Force Base) in Albany, Georgia, where he met his future bride, Isabelle Smith. They were married in early 1945 just prior to him leaving for the Pacific. He was stationed in the Philippines and on Tinian Island. When World War II ended in 1945 he returned to the States. He later

retired from the U.S. Air Force Reserves as a Major.

He and his wife Isabelle enrolled at the University of Georgia, where he graduated in 1949 with a degree in Forestry. At UGA he was the editor of his Forestry School newsletter, and was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi, an honor society established to recognize and encourage superior scholarship. He and Isabelle both graduated from UGA, and Ross found a forestry job in Jackson, Mississippi. They spent a short time in Jackson before moving to Albany, Georgia, where he joined Isabelle's father's (Charles H. Smith, Jr.) real estate company.

In 1955 a new opportunity was presented when a group of Albany businessmen asked him to open and manage a new savings & loan association in Albany, Home Federal Savings & Loan Association (which later became Georgia Federal). Ross served as President of Home Federal for 29 years. Upon the acquisition of Home Federal by Georgia Federal, Ross was transferred to Atlanta where Georgia Federal was headquartered, and he served as manager of all Georgia Federal branches in the Atlanta metro area. He and Isabelle retired in 1986, and moved to Florida, where they lived in both Leesburg, FL, Lady Lake, FL and Panama City Beach, FL. Later, he and Isabelle returned to Albany, where they lived for a number of years, until most recently, when they moved to Magnolia Manor, a retirement home in Americus, Georgia.

During his career he was honored by his peers to serve as President of the Georgia Savings and Loan League 1974-75. Ross completed the Graduate School of Savings and Loan at the University of Indiana. He was a senior residential appraiser, a designation of the Society of Real Estate Appraisers, and a long-time member of the Albany Kiwanis Club. He was an Elder at the First Presbyterian Church of Albany, and taught Sunday School. He and Isabelle later became members of the Porterfield United Methodist Church in

Albany, and he sang in the choir. Ross was an avid fisherman and golfer. He was widely respected and loved by friends, customers and employees.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Ada Gatlin Guinn, his father E. Ross Gatlin Sr., and two sisters, Myrl Needham and Lou Campbell. He is survived by his wife of 73 Years, Isabelle, and three children, Charlie Gatlin (Cathy), Peggy Gatlin Rice (Tom) and Cindy Gatlin Edwards (Michael), nine grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at 2 PM on Saturday, June 9, 2018 at Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Home on Dawson Road, Albany, with visitation beginning at 1 PM prior to the funeral. A private internment with immediate family will be at Crown Hill Cemetery, Albany. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Porterfield United Methodist Church, Albany, Georgia.

# Cemetery Details

## Crown Hill Cemetery

1907 Dawson Rd  
Albany, GA 31707  
(229) 883-6600

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 9. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors  
1503 Dawson Rd.  
Albany, GA 31707

## Funeral Service

JUN 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. E. Ross Gatlin, Jr.*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Mr. E. Ross Gatlin, Jr.*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Mr. E. Ross Gatlin, Jr.*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Gina Peak lit a candle in memory of Mr. E. Ross Gatlin, Jr.*



**Gina Peak** - June 22, 2018 at 11:08 PM



“ *Ginny Gatlin sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. E. Ross Gatlin, Jr.*



**Ginny Gatlin** - June 21, 2018 at 03:40 PM

 Ginny  
Gatlin

“ Ginny Gatlin lit a candle in memory of Mr. E. Ross Gatlin, Jr.



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**Ginny Gatlin** - June 21, 2018 at 03:39 PM

CL

“ So sorry for your loss. I was in the Albany Kiwanis Club with your Dad! Big hear, always smiling & always ready to help anyone! He will be missed!!



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**Carole Langley** - June 19, 2018 at 06:58 AM

LT

“ Liz Barfield Tatum lit a candle in memory of Mr. E. Ross Gatlin, Jr.



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**Liz Barfield Tatum** - June 17, 2018 at 06:47 AM

MK

“ Michael, Cindy, Kyle, And Kayla lit a candle in memory of Mr. E. Ross Gatlin, Jr.



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**Michael, Cindy, Kyle, and Kayla** - June 16, 2018 at 10:41 PM

CE

*Best Daddy in the World, and wonderful Pop to all of his grands and great grands! Devoted husband to our momma!! We miss you daddy, but we know you are starting your Eternal Life, with the Lord! I sure wish heaven had a phone!! I miss and love you, daddy! I will always carry you with me, in my heart, for all of my days!! Your baby girl, Cindy Boo* ❤️🥺🙏🌹

**Cindy Gatlin Edwards** - June 24, 2018 at 03:54 AM

RH

“*Rick/Alice Hall lit a candle in memory of Mr. E. Ross Gatlin, Jr.*



**Rick/Alice Hall** - June 16, 2018 at 10:31 PM

DL

“*Deane Lamb-Ellis lit a candle in memory of Mr. E. Ross Gatlin, Jr.*



**Deane Lamb-Ellis** - June 15, 2018 at 11:56 AM

SJ

“*Gatlin Family, I have many fond memories of your family during my youth in Albany. Your father opened our first savings accounts for my sister and me on Pine street in Albany in the 50s. Our parents were friends through the years. You are so fortunate to have your father to this point in your life. We are never ready to say good-bye, but through our Faith in God we know we will meet again. God Bless You All. I am sorry I was unable to attend the service but I have been out of town for the last week. Stanley L. Jones*

**Stanley L. Jones** - June 11, 2018 at 11:10 AM

LF

“ Cindy and Peggy and family,so sorry for the loss of your Dad! I just saw this this morning! God will give you the strength to get through this loss!!! Your Dad was a wonderful man! I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers!

*Lawana Sherrill Friddell*

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**Lawana Sherrill Friddell** - June 11, 2018 at 06:42 AM

MV

“ Peggy. Very sorry to hear about you father. I have very fond memories of him while growing up at First Presbyterian. Condolences. Mike Veasey.

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**mike veasey** - June 09, 2018 at 12:00 PM

CD

“ Peggy. So sorry to hear about your sweet dad. I enjoyed talking to them while they were still at Porterfield. Peace to you. Chuck Darsey.

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**Chuck Darsey** - June 09, 2018 at 06:14 AM

WM

“ Wanda Middlebrooks lit a candle in memory of Mr. E. Ross Gatlin, Jr.



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**Wanda Middlebrooks** - June 08, 2018 at 06:35 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. E. Ross Gatlin, Jr..*



June 08, 2018 at 04:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. E. Ross Gatlin, Jr..*



June 08, 2018 at 02:50 PM



“ *Our sympathy goes out to Pop's family. Heaven has gained a real angel , who will be greatly missed here on Earth.. We love you so much Cindy, Michael, Kayla, and Kyle. We are praying for you to get through this difficult time.*



**Teresa Brookins** - June 08, 2018 at 01:42 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. E. Ross Gatlin, Jr..*



June 08, 2018 at 09:30 AM

LP

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of "Pop". You are in our thoughts and prayers as you celebrate a life well lived!!  
*Lee and Polly*

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**Lee and Polly** - June 08, 2018 at 08:44 AM

DP

“ In reading the obituary, Mr. Gatlin was an amazing, gifted and caring man!! Our thoughts and prayers are with the family as he transitions from his home on Earth to his everlasting Heavenly Home!



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**Darlene and David Peaster** - June 08, 2018 at 07:49 AM

LT

“ Liz Barfield Tatum lit a candle in memory of Mr. E. Ross Gatlin, Jr.



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**Liz Barfield Tatum** - June 08, 2018 at 07:29 AM

KM

“ Mr. Gatlin was one of the sweetest people I've met. I enjoyed my time I spent with him at Magnolia Manor. He will be greatly missed. Prayers for all the family.

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**Kayla Myers** - June 07, 2018 at 09:22 PM

LD

“ Len and Vickie Dorminey purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. E. Ross Gatlin, Jr..



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**Len and Vickie Dorminey** - June 07, 2018 at 06:29 PM

AT

“ Sending love and prayers to the family during this difficult time!



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**Angie Trussell** - June 07, 2018 at 11:13 AM

DS

“ Cindy and Family, So sorry about your Dad, he was such a good man! When I first worked at Georgia Federal he was my boss. He was kind and always looked out for his employees. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Debbie TenHagen Sutton

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**Debbie Sutton** - June 07, 2018 at 08:45 AM

NR

“ Many great memories of this family as our parents were friends as well as the Presbyterian connection.!  
Nancy Reimer

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**Nancy Reimer** - June 07, 2018 at 07:36 AM

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“ 379 EAMXS / 7 AMU -- Team JSTARS  
purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of  
Mr. E. Ross Gatlin, Jr..



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**379 EAMXS / 7 AMU -- Team JSTARS** - June 07, 2018 at 06:14 AM

SB

“ Saye Kearce Butler lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. E. Ross Gatlin, Jr.



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**Saye Kearce Butler** - June 06, 2018 at 08:43 PM

JR

“ So sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. I know he was  
absolutely your hero! Please know that I am saying extra prayers for  
you all during the upcoming days!!

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**Jan Robinson** - June 06, 2018 at 06:10 PM