



## Gaines Tatum

April 17, 1926 - March 5, 2009

Mr. Gaines Harry Tatum, age 82, of Richlands, Virginia, passed away Thursday, March 05, 2009 at his home. He was born in Steelesburg, Virginia and was the son of the late Ernest G. and Vera Ida Harrison Tatum. He had made his home in the Richlands, Virginia area all of his life and was the former owner and operator of B&G Motors in Richlands, Virginia for over forty years. He was a graduate of Richlands High School and was a U.S. Navy World War II Veteran. He was a member of the West Fork Presbyterian Church and was a 50 year member of the Richlands Masonic Lodge #318 AF & AM. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Edward Tatum. Survivors are: His Wife: Virginia Puckett Tatum Two Daughters: Pamela Killen and husband, Ronald of Richlands, Virginia Donna Davis and husband, Adolphus of Pounding Mill, Virginia Two Sisters: Helen Steele of Rosedale, Virginia Jennie Tatum of Steelesburg, Virginia Four Brothers: Cecil G. Tatum of Barboursville, West Virginia McKinley Tatum and wife, Lee of Steelesburg, Virginia Joe Tatum of Pounding Mill, Virginia Doug Tatum and wife, Della G. of Paintlick, Virginia Four Grandchildren: Rochelle Branton, Ursula Spackman, Bryan Killen, and Gaines Davis; and Four Great Grandchildren: Derek Meadows, Brianna Meadows, Bowen Spackman, and Parker Spackman also survive. Funeral services for Gaines Harry Tatum will be conducted Saturday, March 7, 2009 at 2:00pm at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Chapel in Richlands, Virginia with the Dr. Terry Morris officiating. Entombment will follow at the Greenhills Memory Gardens Mausoleum at Claypool Hill,

Virginia. Pallbearers will be: Randy Tatum, Bob Tatum, Jerry Tatum, Harry Meade, Tim Branton, and Bill Spackman. Friends may call after 6:00pm Friday evening at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia. Members of the Richlands Masonic Lodge #318 AF & AM will conduct Masonic services at 7:00pm Friday evening. Members of Casey-Shortt VFW Post #9640 will conduct military graveside rites. Memorial contributions may be made to the West Fork Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 305, Cedar Bluff, Virginia 24609.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gaines Tatum*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *Gaines Tatum*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *To the Family,*

*I am so sorry to hear of Uncle Gaines passing.. Please know that you all are in our prayers. May God's grace comfort you during this difficult time. I love you all very much..*

**Ginger (Tatum) Chapman** - March 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *A grateful and respectful "Thank You, Sir," on behalf of all America to a Member of The Greatest Generation for your courageous sacrifice and honorable service in the defense of our Country in Time of War. Veterans of our Armed Forces such as yourself have preserved and maintained the dignity and freedom of our Nation and have kept our Flag flying high, proud, and free. God bless your family and God Bless America.*

**Grace Justice** - March 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NG

“ *Mr Joe + Family  
Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Tatum Family MY  
condolences to you an all. Know tears no sorrow everyone will be  
happy over there. Inever had a chance to meet your brother but iam  
sure we will meet someday were the gates never close. To all who  
dont Know me i am JAMES I TATUMS (BUD) DAUGHTER*

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**NORMA Grace** - March 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ *Aunt Helen, So sorry to hear about your brother. We won't be able  
to come because of work times but will be thinking of you and the  
whole family. We would love to hear from you but I can't find your  
phone number. Ours is still the same and is in dad's name so  
please give us a call sometime. Love and prayers Peggy and family.*

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**Peggy Johnson** - March 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *Mrs. Tatum, Pam and Donna I will old you close in my prayers as  
you traveler this road of sorrow. I was sorry to hear of  
Gaines passing.*

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**Martha Lowe** - March 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Once again, I'm not going to be able to be there. I worked from 11  
pm to 9 am last night & have to work again tonight & tomorrow  
night. Know that we are thinking of all of you in this time of sorrow. If  
there is anything we can do, just give us a call. We will do our best  
to help. We love all of you.*

*Judy*

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**Judy Smith** - March 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Virginia, Pam and Donna and families - I am so sorry to learn of Gaines passing. He was so special to the Harrison family. My late father (Warren) talked about him so much and Gaines was so good to help him out so many times. He was a good person.

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**Shirley Harrison Smith** - March 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time. My parents, Warren and Hazel Harrison, were fond of Gaines and enjoyed his company. He and my husband shared the interest of being sales. Gaines always talked about how important it is to be honest with customers. I always thought that said alot about his character.

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**Patricia Harrison Davis** - March 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ So sorry for your loss, Prayers and thoughts for you and your families.

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**Ronnie Pinkerton** - March 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ To all the family we send our thoughts and prayers in this time of great loss. We will be thinking of you all and will miss Gaines.

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**David and Nathan Robinette** - March 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Donna, Pam and Mrs. Tatum,  
We are so sorry to hear about Gaines. Please know that we are praying for your family. You all seem like family to us, we have known all of you most all our life, from a little girl going to church together at the Methodist Church, Jerry working for Gaines for several years, Hunting trips and our kids growing up together, you both seem like sisters. We love you. May God grant each of you much peace and many blessings and comfort in knowing Gaines is strolling the streets of Heaven. If there is anything we can do, please call. We would love to be there. Love, Jerry, Pat and Family.

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**Jerry & Pat Warner** - March 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Mrs. Tatum, Pamla & Ronnie & Donna & Dolphus & Grandchildren we want to say we are sorry to hear about Gaines and to let you know we are here if you ever need anything & we send our deepest Sympathy out to the family. Gaines was a good man always there to give a helping hand when needed..Mr. Tatum will always be missed & loved by all that knew him

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**Gary & Debbie McGhee** - March 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Dear Aunt Gin,

*I am sorry Sarah and I are unable to be with you and the family this weekend. But I am glad Jeane can come up with Joyce Lynn.*

*I will always remember Uncle Gaines for his kindness and warmth toward me and the family. Sarah said he "hugged" a lot.*

*Our prayers are for you and your family now as you come to terms with his passing. May the good outweigh the bad and may your memories of your life and marriage to Gaines be a support and comfort to you.*

*Love,*

*Jim and Sarah Philpott*

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**Jim Philpott** - March 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Donna & Pam, so sorry to hear about your dad. We just went through this with Bobby's mom and as you know I have lost both of my parents, so we know the pain and sadness you are experiencing now. Just wanted to let you know you are in our thoughts & prayers.

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**Karen & Bobby Dye** - March 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Everyone

*I want you all to know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Uncle Gaines was a very special part of my life and I will always cherish the time I spent with him.*

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**Michael G. Tatum** - March 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM