



Melvin Douglas Gattis

January 28, 1953 - September 24, 2021

Funeral Services For Melvin Douglas Gattis, Age 68, Of Monterey, Tennessee, Were Conducted On Tuesday, September 28, 2021, At 12:00 PM From The Chapel Of Goff Funeral Home. Bro. Roland Smith Officiated. Mr. Gattis Was Born On Wednesday, January 28, 1953, In Knoxville, Tennessee, To The Late Richard Lee And Dorothy Phillips Gattis. Mr. Gattis Passed Away On Friday, September 24, 2021, At His Home. Mr. Gattis Was A Retired Teacher And Coach. He Enjoyed Farming, Which Was His Dream. He Was A Motivated Evangelist And Shared The Gospel Of Jesus Christ With Everyone He Came In Contact With. In Addition To His Love For God, He Was A Family Man And Loved His Family With All Of His Heart. He Was Survived By His Wife, Donna Marie Dillard Gattis Of Monterey, TN; 1 Son, Brad Gattis (Wife, Kristen And Children Ty, John Ryan, And Bella Grace) Of Charleston, SC; 4 Daughters, Shannon Smith (Husband, Ted And Children, Skylar, Lily, And Jenna) Of Merritt Island, FL, Melissa Speas (Husband, Mike And Children, Michael, Parker, And Tyler) Of Yorktown, VA, Jennifer Beach (Husband, Dan Hollinger And Children, Helen And Dani) Of Oakland, CA, Casey Jones (And Children, Colin And Asher) Of Maitland, FL; And 1 Brother, David Gattis (Wife, Clara) Of Winter Garden, FL. The Family Received Friends At Goff Funeral Home On Tuesday, September 28, 2021, From 10:00 AM Until Time Of Services At 12:00 PM. In Lieu Of Flowers, Memorials May Be Given In His Memory To Gideons International, 50 Century Blvd., Nashville, TN 37214. Arrangements And Care Provided By D.M. Goff Funeral Home, Inc., 205 East Cleveland

Avenue, Monterey, Tennessee 38574, Phone 931.839.2311.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **28**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin Douglas Gattis*

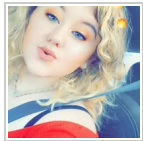
October 08, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Brent Walker lit a candle in memory of Melvin Douglas Gattis*



Brent Walker - October 29, 2021 at 08:52 PM



“ *Mel played baseball for my dad [Hershell Freeman] and he was a part of our family and he instilled so many great memories as we all grew older. HE will be missed but now he is up in heaven playing with so many friends.*

Melinda Freeman - October 15, 2021 at 02:24 PM

MG

“ I was very sad to be informed today that Coach Gattis passed, (very surprised). My sincerest heartfelt thoughts go out to his family. Regards to Shannon and Brad, which I remember during my days at Jackson Junior High (Baseball- 1981). Very sorry I missed seeing him out/the service. It is my honor to be blessed with living a portion of my young life amongst the lessons that Coach Gattis instilled in me- they resonate even today- at 55 yrs old. It was his influence and stories that motivated me to be a baseball coach on a volunteer basis (20+ years now. In 2017 I coached Timber Creek High School to a state championship- and the one special person I attributed that accomplishment to was Coach Gattis. That win was for Coach, his presence was felt, all be it in my own thoughts. I knew it was a small sports objective for him- and he got one!

I remember having a short conversation with Coach during his retirement day at the elementary school in Apopka. He seemed to have joy in his life, and great expectations in TN. It brings me warmth to see the pictures I saw on line. His family provided him with tons of love and good times. I only regret not being able to spend a little time with him in recent years. I have always felt that we shared a special bond during some formative years for us both.

In 1995, when I helped Coach at Colonial Baseball- I will never ever forget one line that he shared with me: I married my Junior High Sweetheart, Victoria, and we were going to have our first baby in 1995. I was nervous and I mentioned such to Coach Gattis, I was also worried about bringing in a newborn into our crazy world— Without a blink of an eye, Coach Gattis assured me that he knew that Victoria and I are good people, and with our own influence and love we couldn't go wrong. My two boys are now 22 and 26, and to this day I remember the strength that conversation gave me. This I share to have you know- that Coach Gattis had his own way of twisting and implementing his love and caring to make the world a little better on his own. We lost a gem in Mel Gattis- but I will cherish having him in my life until the day I can see him again..... Sincerely Miguel Gonzalez- Orlando, FL, Mgonzo9585@gmail.com

Miguel Gonzalez - October 05, 2021 at 12:04 AM

VC

“ *My sympathy to Mel’s family for your loss. Mel was a great colleague of mine back at the junior high school. I would like to share a now humorous moment about Mel, as he could be a mischievous guy. I had just been appointed the first female Athletic director at our school and Mel was the football and baseball coach. For the teams to get their gear for the season, they would have to check it out thru me. So, football being the first sport, Mel came and checked out all the things they would need, including the uniforms and practice jerseys. At the end of the season, all items were returned, counted and stored. Come spring I was in the storeroom and noticed a very pungent odor in the room. Had to clean and empty the entire room and find the source! Well, when I asked Mel what it could be, he said probably the practice jerseys we used for two months- he never had them washed! And with his devilish smile he walked away. I spent three days getting them cleaned! Hope this makes you smile and may God be with all of you.*

Verna Carre

Verna Carre - October 02, 2021 at 09:30 PM

TO

“ Pops (Mel), was a man who lived his beliefs and did good works every day of his life. His love of Jesus, his wife Donna, family, and community guided his time on this earth. He enriched our lives and will forever live in our hearts and his words will help to guide us through good times and bad. He is greatly missed by us and we are happy to know he is in Heaven with Jesus watching over us. Sending love and prayers to all his family and friends.



Tania Ottaviano - September 28, 2021 at 08:09 AM

DI

“ Coach Gattis was my husbands coach in Jr High and then our daughters coach in Elementary school. Then he became all of our friend. What an amazing influence he has on so many and we are blessed to call him friend. Thank you so much. So much love and respect!



diane - September 27, 2021 at 11:23 PM



“ RIP Coach Gattis. I'm proud you were there coaching me on one of the best night's of my life. Thank you for letting the little guy at the end of the bench pinch hit into one of the greatest baseball game's ever played. God Bless You and your family!



Lee Fouraker - September 27, 2021 at 10:05 PM



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D.M. Goff Funeral Home, Inc. - September 27, 2021 at 08:31 PM



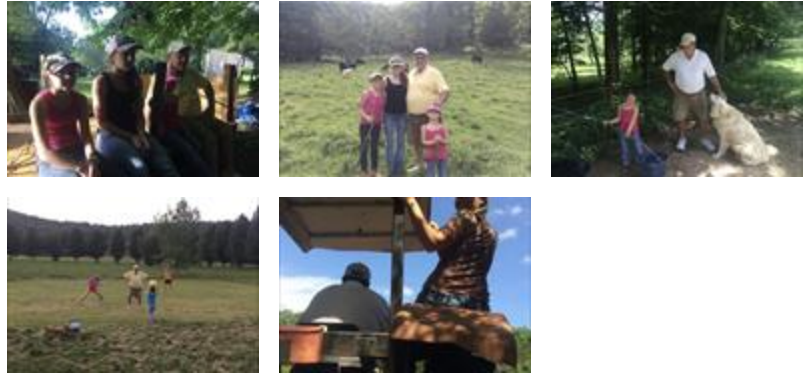
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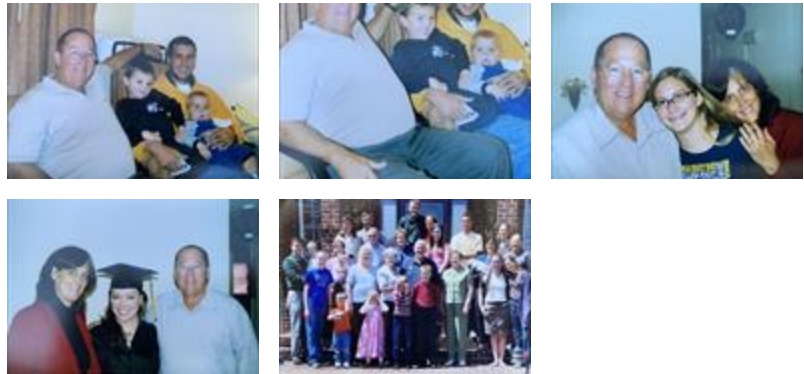
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Shannon - September 27, 2021 at 01:24 PM



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Casey Jones - September 27, 2021 at 12:40 PM

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Donna Gattis - September 27, 2021 at 12:27 PM

MS

“ Forever in our hearts. ❤️



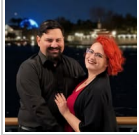
Melissa Speas - September 27, 2021 at 12:21 PM

DG

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Donna Gattis - September 27, 2021 at 12:16 PM



“ We love you Dad ❤️



Casey Jones - September 27, 2021 at 11:48 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Melvin Douglas Gattis.



September 27, 2021 at 10:24 AM



“ It is a comfort to know Melvin was busy doing the thing he loved when the Lord called him home. Now Melvin is beholding face to face his Savior and I am sure he heard Jesus say "well done, good and faithful servant." My prayers are with you, Donna and with your family in the days ahead. Such a loss this side of glory but a blessing to know Melvin is with his Master.

Cindy McHaffie - September 27, 2021 at 10:10 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melvin Douglas Gattis.* ”



September 27, 2021 at 09:15 AM