



Myrtle B. Gatlin

April 3, 1919 - August 7, 2015

Myrtle, 96 years young and a lifelong resident of Baptist, went to be with her Savior on Friday, August 7, 2015. She was born on April 3, 1919 to Edd and Ollie Ellazene Randall Bankston. Myrtle was a retired school teacher with over 3 decades of service to Hammond High School. She was a graduate of Southeastern Louisiana University and Louisiana State University. As a devout witness for Jesus Christ, Myrtle was a lifelong active member of New Beulah Baptist Church. She volunteered for over a decade at Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center and a long standing active member of Delta Kappa Gamma, an educators' sorority.

She is survived by numerous nieces, nephews, as well as a host of great and great-great nieces and nephews.

Myrtle is preceded in death by her parents; a stepmother, Kate White Bankston; husband, Sammy Gatlin; four sisters, Juanita Bankston, Alma Tate, Nora Rogers, Idee Bankston; and a brother, Earlo Bankston.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, Hammond, on Saturday, August 15, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Visitation will continue on Sunday, August 16, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. until the funeral service at 3:00 p.m. Interment will follow in New Beulah Baptist Church Cemetery and Bro. L.C.

Lord will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to New Beulah Baptist Church, 44641 S. Baptist Rd, Hammond, La 70403, for their year-round mission contributions to state, national and international missions.

Condolences and other information are available online at www.thompsoncares.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

New Beulah Baptist Church Cemetery

Hwy 190 West
Baptist, LA

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 15. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Hammond, LA
12012 Highway 190 W
Hammond, LA 70401
(225) 567-1884

Visitation

AUG 16. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

AUG **16**. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MS

“ *Myrtle Steele lit a candle in memory of Myrtle B. Gatlin*



Myrtle Steele - August 07, 2016 at 08:23 PM

MM

“ *When I think of Hammond High, I always think of Mrs. Gatlin. She was my shorthand teacher and I remember a lot of it today! She was a very caring person.*

Marleen Mocsary - August 14, 2015 at 04:30 PM

IR

“ *---When I think of growing up in Hammond, Mrs. Gatlin always comes to mind. She was one of my teachers at Hammond High and a Lady you could count on seeing at New Beulah every Sunday. I know she will be greatly missed by a great number of people. -----
Yvonne King Rauanheimo*

Ivy Rauanheimo - August 13, 2015 at 08:23 PM

MS

“ *Wonderful and God loving/honoring person!*

Michael T. Stewart - August 13, 2015 at 01:05 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Myrtle B. Gatlin.*



August 13, 2015 at 11:11 AM



“ *For my Myrt, will miss you more than words can say.*



Donna Achord - August 13, 2015 at 07:52 AM



“ *A precious soul God connected us with when we first arrived in Hammond. I miss our car adventures visiting people who did not attend church regularly. Ms. Myrtle drove me down every rock and dirt road, pig trail and backroad in Hammond to avoid driving on the interstate. I "learned" Hammond, and we had wonderful times together. We have remained close throughout the years. My husband certainly will miss his "Big Sister".*

Cynthia Armit - August 12, 2015 at 11:47 AM

BM

“ I spoke with Mrs. Gatlin on June 5, 2014 for the first time since my 1960 Hammond High graduation and told her I remember the very first day I sat in her typing class. "You seemed to be all hung up on something called *THE HOME KEYS* and I'm glad you were. I use them every day!" She was a precious soul that none of us will forget.

Bobby Martin - August 12, 2015 at 11:35 AM

JM

“ Ms. Gatlin was a wonderful teacher and wonderful person who will be missed. She must have been a good teacher because to this day I still remember the sounds of shorthand.

June J Martin - August 11, 2015 at 05:57 PM

HC

“ Mrs. Gatlin had many roles in my life. At New Beulah she was my Sunday School teacher, Training Union Leader, YWA leader, and probably taught me in VBS as well. She served in many capacities during my time as church secretary there. She was my Homeroom teacher (Clerical Practice) my senior year at Hammond High. I remember her as being a stickler for rules, but she was also fair and later became a good friend.
When I would see her after I had moved away she always asked about my children, even remembering their names. Ernie and I will never forget her.

Hilda Chapman - August 11, 2015 at 03:23 PM

PJ

“ Mrs. Gatlin was such a beautiful person. She was never my teacher but we had time to visit every morning as I set up the coffee in the teachers lounge each morning, at one time we were neighbors. Will always remember her. God bless her and the family. We will all miss her.



Peggy Monistere Johnson - August 11, 2015 at 10:34 AM



“ Mrs. Myrtle adopted me as her missionary shortly after I came to the field over 13 years ago. She always let me know that she was thinking about me and praying for me. She made sure that her church prayed for me regularly. Those prayers are felt and much appreciated. I will surely miss seeing her on my next trip stateside, but I'm so glad we'll see each other whenever we want for eternity. I look forward to it.

Selena Bedwell

Selena Bedwell - August 11, 2015 at 09:51 AM

RM

“ Mrs. Gatlin was my teacher at Hammond High and taught me Typing and Shorthand which I used in all my years as a secretary/adm.asst. I saw her all the time at Church meetings and when I visited her Church. We will miss her, but Heaven has gained a virtuous woman. Goodby Mrs. Myrtle! Ruth Martin

Ruth Martin - August 10, 2015 at 11:13 PM

JB

“ Have many fond memories of Mrs. Myrtle. She was one of my favorite teachers at Hammond High. While saddened at her passing, I also rejoice knowing she is now with our Lord in glory.
Janice L. Brewer

Janice L. Brewer - August 10, 2015 at 10:33 PM

JD

“ Mrs. Gatlin was my teacher and my mentor. She taught me valuable skills and life lessons and she had a "forever" positive impact on my life. RIP, Mrs. Gatlin. Heaven is richer and brighter today because you are there.

Jana O'Connell Dickerson - August 10, 2015 at 09:07 AM

GA

“ So sorry for the loss of one of our favorite hammond high school teachers. It won't be the same without miss Gatlin. Many good memories.

Gordon and Eloise Anderson - August 09, 2015 at 07:13 PM

DJ

“ Aunt Myrtle was always the most thoughtful person. Just like clockwork every Christmas, Birthday, or Special Event in our lives was always recognized and remembered by her. Sometimes it was a card and other times it was a telephone call; but it would always put a smile on my face or comfort me in the loss of a loved one. She will always have a special place in my heart and I will remember her always.

Duval Arthur Jr. - August 09, 2015 at 11:25 AM

JS

“ *Mrs. Myrtle will be fondly remembered by me. She was a familiar face at church and in the community of Baptist as well as a blessing to many.*

Jean Sandifer Stewart - August 09, 2015 at 09:38 AM