

## Mr. Harry Lee "Doodle" Gainey

July 22, 1937 - April 26, 2021

Mr. Harry Lee "Doodle" Gainey, 83, entered into rest on Monday, April 26, 2021. A graveside celebration of the life of will be held at 2 o'clock on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, in Gainey Family Cemetery, 1240 Mainsail Drive, Hartsville, SC. The Rev. Steve Winburn will officiate, and the family will receive friends following the service. Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Directors are caring for the family.

Memorials may be made to hospice in his honor.

Mr. Gainey was born in Hartsville, SC. He was the son of the late Lawrence and Docia (Hendrix) Gainey. Mr. Gainey married Carolyn Abbott of Darlington, SC. They had three children, Ed, Susie, and Melissa (Ken).

Harry was a devoted Christian, member, and Deacon of Fourth Street Baptist Church. He was a loving father and friend. He loved his family so much that he built homes for his two girls right next to one another and one house over from his. The two of them thought he walked on water. Harry was a self-made man, and began at an early age, making brooms, and going door-to-door to sell them, and for 25 cents, he would also sweep your yard!

He was a sweeper at the Hartsville Cotton Mill when he was approached with a job offer that began his big career. Harry retired twice from Vamatex out of

Italy. This job took him to many places all around the world before he retired as Vice President of Sales for this international company. Later he became a consultant to give him more time to be with his family and be personally involved in his rental company back home. He also developed two local neighborhoods, providing homes for his community.

Harry was an avid jogger, ran a 10K in his 50's, and could do a one-handed pushup. As he grew older, he continued walking every day in his neighborhood that his family still resides in.

He was an honest, fun-loving, charismatic ham-bone. He was fair and gave credit where credit was due. He was often sought after for his advice, and his brutally honest words of wisdom rang true. He was respected for the advice and help he gave whether you had to agree or disagree. You would still remain friends.

He kept his jovial personality throughout the years and took it to heaven with him! He loved life and believed that it was the quality of life that was truly important.

He is survived by his sons, Ed Gainey; daughters, Susie Carol Gainey, Melissa "Missy" Lee Gainey Myers; honorary daughter, Nicky Hopkins Edwards; grandchildren, Harley Hawkins, Kenzie Myers, Isabella Gainey, Taylor Gainey, Kaitlyn Gainey; His only great-grandchild, Nathan Alexander Hawkins; His closest friend, Alfred O'Neal, and had a special place in his heart for Patsy Abbott (Schofield), Evelyn Chisholm (Crazy Gal), Shirley Hall, Joyce Compton, and Louie Hauser, Tara Fields, and Ann Hedgepath.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his spouses, Carolyn A. Gainey, and Kat Gainey; brothers, Billy Gainey, Bobbie Gainey; sister, Edna Gainey; granddaughter, Jessica Davis.



# Cemetery Details

## Gainey Fmaily Cemetery

1240 Mainsail Drive  
Hartsville, SC

# Previous Events

## Graveside

MAY 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

Gainey Fmaily Cemetery  
1240 Mainsail Drive  
Hartsville, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown - Pennington - Atkins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Harry Lee "Doodle" Gainey*



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**Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home** - May 05, 2021 at 03:59 PM

SL

“ *Sending hugs, prayers, and thoughts Missy, and Harley. As well, as the rest of the family.*



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**Sherri Lambert** - May 05, 2021 at 11:46 PM

TF

“ *The Lee Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harry Lee "Doodle" Gainey*

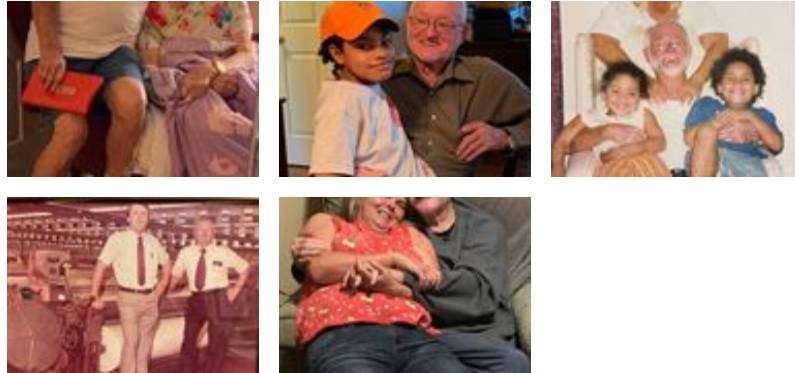


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**The Lee Family** - May 05, 2021 at 02:12 PM



“ 45 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home** - May 05, 2021 at 01:15 PM



“ *Sending prayers for all the family*



**Carolyn Gainey Sullivan** - May 04, 2021 at 09:00 PM



“ *My sincere sympathy to his family. I knew and thought a lot of Mr. Gainey.*

**David Edenburn** - May 02, 2021 at 10:16 PM



“ *David Edenburn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harry Lee "Doodle" Gainey*



**David Edenburn** - May 02, 2021 at 10:15 PM

RR

“ Regina Atkinson Revels lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harry Lee "Doodle" Gainey



Regina Atkinson Revels - May 02, 2021 at 07:11 PM

MF

“ Manuel And Ivy Flowers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harry Lee "Doodle" Gainey



Manuel and Ivy Flowers - May 02, 2021 at 06:49 PM

RS

“ I have known Mr Harry for many many years - in fact I bought my house from him in 1993 - always a gentleman and would give you the shirt off his back - he will be truly missed



Rae sessoms - May 01, 2021 at 03:55 PM

CD

“ Carolyn Dixon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harry Lee "Doodle" Gainey



Carolyn Dixon - May 01, 2021 at 11:00 AM

AB

“ I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Harry. As a young salesman at Draper in the mid 70's Harry was a great role model. He really helped me in those early days. He lived his business, and personal life so well. Hard worker and so smart. I really enjoyed being around him and learning from him. One trip I will always remember was a 4 day trip all over Texas calling on our accounts. Such fun memories. RIP Harry Gainey.

Allen Burr - April 30, 2021 at 09:38 AM

JV

“ Johnny Valentine lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harry Lee "Doodle" Gainey



Johnny Valentine - April 29, 2021 at 11:42 PM

VP

“ Vickie Ingram Parker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harry Lee "Doodle" Gainey



Vickie Ingram Parker - April 29, 2021 at 08:42 PM

SM

“ Sandy Morrison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harry Lee "Doodle" Gainey



Sandy Morrison - April 29, 2021 at 05:41 PM

TF

“ *I have the sweetest memories of you! You are already missed! Rest in peace!* ”



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**Tara Fields** - April 29, 2021 at 05:26 PM

HE

“ *Heather Easterling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harry Lee "Doodle" Gainey* ”



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**Heather Easterling** - April 29, 2021 at 02:12 PM

EF

“ *Loved Doodle very much. Praying for the family. The girls of Eliza Gainey Myers. Deborah, Becky and Anna.* ”

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**Eliza Myers Family** - April 29, 2021 at 01:56 PM

LL

“ *Lori Lesieur lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harry Lee "Doodle" Gainey* ”



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**Lori Lesieur** - April 29, 2021 at 01:03 PM

TK

“ Prayers & love to the family. When my Mom was alive they were really close-"Lillian Johnson". I will forever hold sweet memories of Doodle. 🙏

Teresa Kinsey - April 29, 2021 at 12:59 PM

KG

“ I'm sorry we weren't able to spend more time before you were gone. Me and dad love you wish we could have seen you before anything happened. We love you.

Kaitlyn Gainey - April 29, 2021 at 10:21 AM

KS

“ Kathy Sheffield sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Harry Lee "Doodle" Gainey



Kathy Sheffield - April 29, 2021 at 10:18 AM

JB

“ Sending Love and prayers for you all during this time .



Judy Bryant - April 29, 2021 at 09:15 AM

SG

“ *Dad,  
Words will never be able to express how I feel at this moment. I  
would give anything to hear you walk around my house and say  
HELLOooooooo.  
Love you 4 ever.  
Your daughter  
Susie*

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**Susie Gainey** - April 29, 2021 at 08:03 AM

SG

“ *Susie Gainey lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Harry Lee "Doodle" Gainey*



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**Susie Gainey** - April 29, 2021 at 07:47 AM

JY

“ *JULIAN LEON YATES lit a candle in memory  
of Mr. Harry Lee "Doodle" Gainey*



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**JULIAN LEON YATES** - April 29, 2021 at 07:14 AM

SH

“ *Sending our condolences..*



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**Shelia and Larry Hicks** - April 29, 2021 at 12:01 AM

RM

“ Rodney. And. Kathy McFarland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harry Lee "Doodle" Gainey



Rodney. and. Kathy McFarland - April 28, 2021 at 10:58 PM

TS

“ Eddie Susie Missy and Family I am so sorry to hear about Doodle ! Your Dad was always a joy to be around! He will truly be missed! I love you guys! Praying for y'all!

Terry Boseman Smith - April 28, 2021 at 09:34 PM

LE

“ Leigh sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Harry Lee "Doodle" Gainey



Leigh - April 28, 2021 at 06:51 PM



“ Karen Gainey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Harry Lee "Doodle" Gainey



Karen Gainey - April 28, 2021 at 05:28 PM