



## Richard Edward Getty

October 10, 1921 - September 10, 2010

Memorial service for Richard Edward Gettys, who died September 10th, 2010, will be held Sunday at 7:30 pm, September 12th, 2010, at First Presbyterian Church. Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home is serving the family.

Mr. Gettys was born October 10, 1921, in Lugoff, SC, the son of the late Benjamin Wylie Gettys and Kate Bell Gettys Ewart. He was educated in the Camden public schools, obtained his B.S. in Agronomy from Clemson College in 1942 where he was a member of Phi Kappa Phi honorary society. He was awarded the Anderson Scholarship from Clemson and was a member of Alpha Zeta honorary fraternity. He received his M.S. in Plant Breeding and Genetics from Iowa State College in Ames, Iowa, in 1943.

Mr. Gettys was employed by Coker's Pedigreed Seed Company in 1943 and became Director of Hybrid Corn Breeding in 1945, a position he held until retirement in 1988. From their inception, he was an active Director of S.C. Crop Improvement Association and S.C. Foundation Seed Association. He was an active member of American Seed Trade Association Hybrid Corn Division, serving on the Program Committee and Basic Research Committee.

Mr. Gettys pioneered the first successful winter hybrid corn nursery in the Homestead, Florida, area and developed early weevil resistant hybrids for the south.

He is survived by his wife Ann Henson Gettys, daughters Dr. Katherine Louise Gettys of Canton GA, Elizabeth Ann of Santa Monica CA, Margaret McAlpine of Hartsville, and son Richard E. Gettys, Jr., of Hartsville; sisters and brother-in-law, Martha Gettys (George) McClure of Otto NC, Louise Gettys of Columbia. He was predeceased by his brother, Benjamin W. Gettys, Jr.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Richard G. Wilson Scholarship Fund at First Presbyterian Church, 213 W. Home Avenue, Hartsville; Robert E. Moore Jr. Scholarship Fund at Clemson University, 1032 Bentwood Road, Hartsville; or charity of one's choice.

# Tribute Wall



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the whole Gettys family. I will always have fond memories of Mr. Gettys from growing up in Hartsville at First Presbyterian Church. He was also a good and faithful friend to my father and my uncle, as well as the rest of the McDonald family. Richard Gettys was a fine man and will be fondly remembered always.

*John McDonald##imported-begin##John McDonald##imported-end##*

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September 17, 2010 at 01:57 PM



“ I was proud to share in your lives and always looked forward to Mr. Getty's visits. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Chad Rubin, MD##imported-end##

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September 12, 2010 at 03:12 PM



“ Mrs. Ann, so sorry about your loss. You will be in my prayers.##imported-begin##Pat James##imported-end##

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September 12, 2010 at 01:54 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. It has been such a blessing to have you all as neighbors for so many years. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. Please let us know if there is anything we can do at this difficult time. Much love, The Geries Family##imported-begin##Cyndie, Rus, Sid, and Mary Helen Geries##imported-end##

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September 12, 2010 at 01:37 AM



“ TO MRS. ANN AND FAMILY. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY I HAVE ENJOYED WORKING WITH MR RICHARD. HE WILL BE MISSED A LOT. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR LETTING ME TAKE CARE OF HIM. LOVE JAY TEDDER C.N.A. AGAPE HOSPICE##imported-begin##JAY TEDDER C.N.A. AGAPE HOSPICE.##imported-end##

September 11, 2010 at 05:56 PM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss. What a great man! My thoughts are with you in this time of grieving.##imported-begin##Tom Howle##imported-end##

September 11, 2010 at 04:59 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Richard's passing. We know he has fought a long and courageous battle with his sicknesses. He will be missed.##imported-begin##William and Dot Jones##imported-end##

September 11, 2010 at 10:46 AM



“ Kathy and Family---Sorry to hear about your Dad. I hope that you remember me from THA. Lots of prayers and thoughts for the day ahead. Love--Sarah##imported-begin##Sarah O'Neal Wint##imported-end##

September 11, 2010 at 01:57 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.  
Tim & Anne##imported-begin##Tim & Anne Taylor##imported-end##

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September 10, 2010 at 07:38 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with all the family during this difficult time. I have fond memories of you from my days at THA. You will remain in my prayers in the days ahead as you journey through grief. Love, Rebecca##imported-begin##Rebecca Skinner-Fulmer##imported-end##

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September 10, 2010 at 07:29 PM



“ You all are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Love,  
Beth##imported-begin##Beth Stanzione##imported-end##

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