



## Mr. William Howard Gainey

November 6, 1930 - October 28, 2024

It is with deep sorrow that the Gainey family announces the death of her beloved father, Mr. William Howard Gainey, 93.

Mr. Gainey, the widower of Barbara Lou Hawkins Gainey, entered into rest on Monday, October 28, 2024. The Directors of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home & Crematory are caring for the family.

A graveside funeral service to honor his life will be held at 3 o'clock on Friday, November 1, 2024, in Magnolia Cemetery, with The Rev. Lin Kirkman officiating. The family will receive friends immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his honor to the Darlington County Humane Society, P.O. Box 1655, Hartsville, SC 29551.

Mr. Gainey was born on Thursday, November 6th, 1930, in Chesterfield Co., South Carolina. He is the son of Avender M. Gainey and Lillie Polk Gainey. He moved to Hartsville when he was a child. His Sonoco nickname was "Dog." He retired from Sonoco Products after 42 years of service and was the Supervisor of the Paper Mill Department.

He served 15 years in the Army National Guard and was a member of South Hartsville Baptist Church and the Masonic Lodge of Cheraw, SC. He also

served as a Shriner in his community. He was a hard worker and a giver. He loved to grow things in his garden and gave most of it away each year. He was known to many as the Collard and Peanut Man on the 151 Bypass. He loved the outdoors, fishing, gardening, quail hunting, and he loved the Atlanta Braves. He never met a stranger.

He loved entertaining and having cookouts at his home with family and also with his buddies from Sonoco. His motto was, "Come early, and stay late!" He was also a member of the Sonoco Old Timers Club. He cherished his family and lived an abundant, long life. He was an awesome father and grandfather.

He is survived by his daughter, Georgia G. Robinson of Hartsville, SC; granddaughter, Brianna Burch Truett of Hartsville, SC; great-granddaughters, Elizabeth BelvaAnn Truett, Rylee GeorgiaLou Truett, and Bridgette RudyGrace Truett.

In addition to his parents and his loving wife, Barbara Lou Harkins-Gainey, he was preceded in death by his sons, William Gregory Gainey and William Scott Gainey, and his son-in-law, Rudy Robinson; brothers, Ward Gainey, Bernard D. Gainey, and Julian B. Gainey; grandson-in-law, James Truett.

Special thanks to Margaret Raines for the great home-cooked meals and care.

# Cemetery Details

## Magnolia Cemetery

140 South Cedar Lane  
Hartsville, SC 29550  
(843) 383-3004

# Previous Events

## Graveside

NOV 1. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

CC

“ *Carol Ciccone lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Howard Gainey*



Carol Ciccone - November 04, 2024 at 06:26 AM

JC

“ *Jeri And Jim Cox lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Howard Gainey*



Jeri and Jim Cox - October 31, 2024 at 09:58 PM

PW

“ *Philip Whichard lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Howard Gainey*



Philip Whichard - October 31, 2024 at 09:31 PM

CM

“ *Georgia ,Sorry for the loss of your father. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Carolyn Millsaps*



Carolyn Millsaps - October 31, 2024 at 01:17 PM

DR

“ *Devin Raines lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Howard Gainey*



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**Devin Raines** - October 31, 2024 at 12:59 AM

MI

“ *Dear Georgia and family,  
We were saddened to hear of Howard's passing. Mike always enjoyed the suppers at Howard's and taking him fish we would catch at the beach. He would call and ask if Mike knew if they were catching fish and where. He was truly a character. Our thoughts and prayers are with you now and in the days ahead.*



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**Mike&Brenda** - October 30, 2024 at 09:49 PM

MN

*Mike and Brenda Northcutt*

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**Mike&Brenda Northcutt** - October 30, 2024 at 09:51 PM

CJ

“ *Cindy And Howard Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Howard Gainey*



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**Cindy and Howard Jones** - October 30, 2024 at 02:06 PM

JT

“ *So sorry for your loss! Sending prayers*

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**Jessica Freeman Tiller** - October 30, 2024 at 11:13 AM

DE

“ *I am truly sorry about your Daddy passing. Praying for you and your family that Gods peace will comfort you. Love you Georgia.*



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**Diane Euten** - October 30, 2024 at 10:08 AM

VS

“ *So very sorry to see the passing of your dad. May the Lord give you and your family strength now and in the days ahead. Praying for you 🙏*



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**Vicky and Joel Segars** - October 30, 2024 at 09:43 AM

FB

“ *Frankie Beasley lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Howard Gainey*



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**Frankie Beasley** - October 30, 2024 at 08:57 AM

KA

“ *Kaye Allen lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Howard Gainey*



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**Kaye Allen** - October 30, 2024 at 08:14 AM

BG

“ *Betty Gainey lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Howard Gainey*



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**betty gainey** - October 29, 2024 at 05:57 PM

KJ

“ *Kathi G. Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. William Howard Gainey*



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**Kathi G. Johnson** - October 29, 2024 at 02:11 PM

DS

“ *Georgia, we are so sorry to hear about your daddy. I know my daddy thought the world of him. Keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Don & Donna Tiller*

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**Donna Sturgeon** - October 29, 2024 at 02:08 PM

TB

“ *Georgia, so sorry about Mr. Howard. Remember all the times we had with our families years ago. He was a good friend of my Dad.*



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**Tonda Bunch** - October 29, 2024 at 01:28 PM

RB

“ *Ronnie Buck lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
William Howard Gainey*



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**Ronnie Buck** - October 29, 2024 at 01:13 PM