



## Mrs. Anne Huddleston Gatlin

April 21, 1935 - February 25, 2020

Anne Huddleston Gatlin passed away on February 25, 2020 at her home in Moss Point, after suffering a short but intense battle with Dementia/Alzheimer's.

Mrs. Gatlin was born on April 21, 1935 to Kenneth Foster and Mildred Quida Huddleston in Heidelberg, Mississippi. She graduated from Heidelberg High School as Valedictorian. After High School, she moved to Jackson to attend Belhaven College. In Jackson, she began working at Kennington's Department Store following her passion for fashion and working with the public.

In 1955, Anne married her one and only love, Sam Gatlin. His oil field career took them to Starkville, Mississippi, Buras, Louisiana, and New Orleans, before settling their young family in Moss Point, Mississippi with the opening of the Chevron Refinery in 1963.

Mrs. Gatlin immersed herself and her three daughters into the community, becoming involved in many civic groups and clubs. She enjoyed the life they built, providing her family with a full, happy, and productive life. They were faithful members of the First Baptist Church in Moss Point.

When her girls were in school, she became a substitute teacher in the Moss Point School System. It was there that she mentored many young lives, showing them love and respect. Many of those students still refer to her as their favorite teacher.

In 1975, with Sam's blessing, Anne fulfilled her long-time dream of having her own dress shop with the opening of Calico Palace in downtown Pascagoula. Those years were fun and prosperous. She loved the people, the clothes, and the challenge of small business so much that she followed with King's Closet, a men's clothing store, and a restaurant, Calico Kitchen. With the opening of Singing River Mall, she moved Calico Palace to the Gautier location.

In 1981, she and Sam took on a new adventure when Sam accepted employment with the Petromin Oil Refinery in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. They enjoyed 10 years of international travel while living in Riyadh. Upon their return to the United States, they once again settled in Moss Point and Anne returned to her love of fashion, opening Gatlin's in Gulfport. Through all of her adult life, Anne was an avid bridge player earning the level of Life Master of Duplicate Bridge, and was a member of the Gulf Coast Bridge Association. Anne also enjoyed fellowship with her friends in the Twentieth Century Club.

Mrs. Gatlin was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters and her precious husband of 49 years, Louis Samuel Gatlin.

She is survived by her daughters, Wanda Gatlin of Biloxi, Gina Jordan and her husband Michael Jordan of Moss Point, and Lisa Avery and her husband Kerry Avery of Auckland New Zealand; her grandchildren Brad (Alyson) Grayson, Ashley (Bill) Briscoe, Anna (Rob) Lindley, Sam (Lacie) Jordan, Gatlin Avery, Kingsley Avery and Erika Avery. Her step-grandchildren Elza and Jubit Avery, Michael (Kirstie) Jordan and Kelli Van Inwegen; seven great grandchildren, McKinley and Charlie Grayson, Trey, Caroline, and Elizabeth Lindley, and Fallon and Adeline Jordan; sisters Sue Hamilton Goodwin and Moye (Charlie) Davis; special aunt Dot Cirlot, special niece Janis Gatlin and many nieces, nephews and other relatives, and dear friend Ellis Lindsey.

She was a beautiful southern lady that will be remembered for her grace and elegance. She dearly loved her family and had an uncanny way of making you feel important and loved. Her sharp wit provided her family and friends with much laughter and funny stories that will be told for years to come. Gifted with the ability to connect with people from all walks of life, she communicated a sense of importance and endearment to all she met. Visitation for Mrs. Gatlin will be Friday February 28,2020 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Holder-Wells Funeral Home 4007 Main Moss Point, Mississippi 39563. The funeral service will be Saturday Febraury 29,2020 at the First Baptist Church of Moss Point SBC beginning at 1:00pm with a one hour visitation prior to service. Rev. Michael Perry will be officiating. Burial will follow in Griffin cemetery in Moss Point.

Mrs. Gatlin's sons-in-law and grandsons will serve as pallbearers. Honorary Pallbearer is Sonny Jordan.

The family would like to thank Dr. Hugo Quintana and Dr. Edgar Hull, as well as Hospice of Light and their wonderful staff, especially Nicole Schneider and Daphne Cone, for their incredible support and care.

You may sign the online register book and send condolences to the Gatlin family at [www.holderwellsfuneralhome.com](http://www.holderwellsfuneralhome.com)

Holder-Wells Funeral Home in Moss Point, Mississippi is in charge of the arrangements.

# Comments

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“ I had the privilege of being one of Anne’s bridge partners for the last several years that she was able to play. She was a lovely, fun woman and I will miss her. There will be a memorial brick going up at the Gulfport Bridge club when it reopens...not that anyone will need a reminder as everyone will always remember her fondly.

Suzanne Baer, Biloxi

**Suzanne Baer** - March 20 at 11:27 AM

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“ Praying for God's peace for your family during this time. We are very sorry for your loss. Anne was a very special lady and meant so much to so many. Wishing much love to the entire family.

Charles and Sara Barber  
Tupelo, MS

**Charles and Sara Barber** - February 29 at 12:05 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Anne Huddleston Gatlin.



February 29 at 08:37 AM

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“ Rest in peace to a beautiful, special lady. I had you as a substitute teacher several times at Moss Point High and always enjoyed it. Praying for God's peace and comfort to surround all her friends and family at this difficult time. God bless you all!

**Teresa (Jackson) Merritt** - February 29 at 01:23 AM

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“ Sandra Tompkins Burke purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Anne Huddleston Gatlin.



Sandra Tompkins Burke - February 28 at 11:47 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album LifeTributes



Holder-Wells Funeral Home - February 28 at 02:53 PM

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Holder-Wells Funeral Home - February 28 at 01:23 PM

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“ The Wysocki Family (aka Jersey Dad) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Anne Huddleston Gatlin.



Tom Wysocki - February 28 at 10:14 AM

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“ Lisa

I want to share a quick story with you as I only met your Mom once I believe at a softball tournament in CA. I remember hot days and she always had on a dress and would sit on the top bleachers. I have great memories of talks with Mom over a drink after the games and remember her southern charm and feisty personality. When she told me that she owned a "little dress shop" in MS I loved it. BTW, I have told this story to many friends. I met your Mom once and you only a few more times yet consider you a friend.

Please give my best to Kerry and my two girls. Love you all

I to have been through a few of these recently and will remind you to celebrate your Moms life. Looks like she did a pretty good job!!!

Miss you all

NJ Dad

Tom Wysocki - February 28 at 10:02 AM

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“ To the Gatlin Family, So sorry for your loss. Ms Anne was a very sweet lady.

Mark Carter - February 28 at 09:58 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Anne Huddleston Gatlin.



February 28 at 09:35 AM

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“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Anne Huddleston Gatlin.



February 28 at 09:13 AM



“ "AG" was one of the most successful people I ever knew. She had the adoration of her husband, raised 3 beautiful daughters (both inside and out), had the love and respect of her family and friends, and she was the true definition of a lady. She exuded natural beauty from her first breath to her last and I am a better woman from having known her. My heart goes out to Gina, Wanda, Lisa and the entire network of friends and family. She had an essence that was much needed in this world and will be greatly missed. Love and Prayers to you all.

**Sheryl Jordan** - February 28 at 08:21 AM

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“ So sorry about the loss of Aunt Anne. She was a true lady and I have fond memories as a child traveling to Mississippi to hang out with the Gatlins. Plus I still have a gift of Saudi coins she and Uncle Sam gave me from Saudia Arabia! It was great to connect again a few years ago in Biloxi.

**Kyle Gatlin** - February 28 at 07:32 AM

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“ Thoughts and prayers to all the family

**Schewida brown farragut** - February 27 at 10:20 PM



“ Don't pretend to know all circumstances, Friend, but just know how you--and all family-- must feel. I've been blessed for almost 49 yrs. with my Glenda! I'd honestly be lost without her. [We have a grown son and two grown daughters (11 grands)].

I know you are brave. . .and I suspect how much you miss her. . .I have close ones here who have lost mates as well. God has really blessed us! I'll think of you often!! John Henry

**John Henry Armstrong** - February 27 at 10:26 PM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs. Anne Huddleston Gatlin.



February 27 at 09:01 PM

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Anne Huddleston Gatlin.



February 27 at 08:58 PM

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“ I'll always remember how sweet she was to me in the second grade - I thought she was beautiful and would write her love note and she would right me back - nowadays that would get you a trip to the principal's office gone but not forgotten

**wayne magee** - February 27 at 08:50 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Anne Huddleston Gatlin.



February 27 at 08:08 PM

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“ Blessed to have met Ms. Anne shortly after moving to Keesler AFB. She always made everyone feel like they were the only one in the room. So gracious and lovely! My condolences and prayers to her dear family. Kande DeGrasse-Steele & Family

**Kande DeGrasse-Steele** - February 27 at 08:07 PM



“ I was a very young child when I first met this sweet soul. I came to Gina's birthday party and her mom was so kind and sweet to me. She had this way of making me feel so special. The next time was one day she gave me a ride from main street to my home on Bellview. Again Ms Anne was just so sweet to me. In my high school years I was able to be a part of events where I needed a gown. For every event Ms Anne always brought me a dress to wear. She knew our family could not have been able to do it. I am so thankful for her. She just always had this smile that made you feel warm inside and that you were worth so much to her. I loved her beautiful spirit. I know she will be dearly missed. Much love to her family  
Juanita Lucas Waites

**Juanita Lucas Waites** - February 27 at 09:17 PM



“ Ms. AG was the true meaning of grace, decency, kindness, and love. She loved all of her babies and was so proud of them. Wishing I could be there to say goodbye. Know I am there in spirit and love all of you.

**julie reddington** - February 27 at 07:32 PM

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“ Such a lovely lady that was the epitome of grace and class. Feel so blessed to have called her a dear friend. Rest In Peace Ms. A G.

**Ginny Conn** - February 27 at 07:14 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Anne Huddleston Gatlin.



February 27 at 06:43 PM

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“ AG was the sweetest person I have ever met. Corey and I will miss her tremendously!



**candace selover** - February 27 at 05:43 PM

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“ Robin Coe lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anne Huddleston Gatlin



Robin Coe - February 27 at 05:17 PM

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“ Jimbo Blythe lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anne Huddleston Gatlin



Jimbo Blythe - February 27 at 04:16 PM