



Arphelius Paul Gatling III

November 4, 2005

Arphelius Paul Gatling III on Friday, November 4, 2005.

Loving husband of Linda E. Gatling; devoted father of Darius Reginald Gatling; beloved son of Mildred Sarah Gatling; dear brother of Joseph T., William G., Michael K., and Sonja T. Gatling, Brenda Gatling Swann, Ilona I. Artis and Twila A. Shirley. He is also survived by two grandchildren, Thelonious Gatling and Kaya-Zhanna Donaldson and a host of other relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Arphelius Paul Gatling, III Scholarship Fund, c/o Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel, Howard University, 2395 6th St., NW, Washington, DC 20059.

To send a lasting tribute or condolences to the Gatling family, please sign the Online Guestbook below. Click "Sign Guestbook".

Tribute Wall

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“ It has been some time now. However, the memories are still there: the road trips, 4-hour rehearsals twice a week (after classes and/or work), getting off of the tour bus with 5 minutes to robe up and hit the stage... what a great season of training! The Howard Gospel Choir set the template for continued collegiate excellence in Gospel music and choral pedagogy. For many of us, we still use many of his warm-up techniques and have mirrored his attention to detail within inner parts... what a giant. In his homegoing service, it was stated that "His absence is a great presence." As long as we who were taught and mentored by him are here, his presence will always remain. I am forever grateful. Linda, Darius, and my Howard Gospel Choir musicians and family past and present, much love to you all. I salute the incomparable Arphelius Paul Gatling, III.

Frank L. Menzies
former pianist
Howard Gospel Choir

Frank L Menzies - December 31, 2024 at 05:01 AM

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Gallino Landscapers

“ a loving person i will never forget the love he would teach me and my cousin to last a life time



Corey Gatling - May 29, 2024 at 07:04 PM



“ Arphelius Paul Gatling III

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM

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“ Over 25 years later and I am STILL inspired by all that I learned from you! You are etched in my memory as one of the Greatest!!!! You taught so many, Thank you for everything!

Carmilla Lemons

McKinley Tech Concert Choir 1994-1997

Carmilla Lemons - January 14, 2021 at 09:20 AM



“ All my love to you and the family. I had the great pleasure meeting you and your wife. Hope all is well and I am sorry I just hearing about this##imported-begin##Johanna Gatling##imported-end##

April 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I just read that Paul passed away on Facebook. I've been out of the DC area for over 20 years. I'm a Howard Gospel Choir alumni and am so sorry to hear that Paul is gone. He was a good director and music arranger. Even after four years, the family has my deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Debrah Smith Daniel##imported-end##

May 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I WAS THINKING OF PAUL AND HOW MANY LIVES HE TOUCHED AND DIDN'T EVEN REALIZE IT. THANK YOU FOR MAKING ME A BETTER PERSON. MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS HIS FAMILY.##imported-begin##Bonita Johnson##imported-end##

April 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Hello Family of Paul. This is Marvin Jay Lee again. I will continue to sign this guestbook as long as it's on the internet. I love you Paul, I love Linda, Darious and all of the children that sung for you. My number is still the same. 202.369.3072

I'm always up for singing, especially in remembrance of Mr. Gatling.##imported-begin##Marvin Jay Lee##imported-end##

January 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Linda and Family,

*My deepest condolences to you and your family. I attended the 21st tribute to Dr. King last night at the Kennedy Center 1/11/09 and truly enjoyed Mr. Gatling's rendition of "Amazing Grace". To God be the Glory for all that He did for your husband and your friend. You are truly a blessing to the music arena. Sincerely,
Member of the Mt. Airy Baptist Church!!!##imported-begin##Jackie Smith##imported-end##*

January 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I am just finding out about this today, May 29, 2008. I was reminiscing about the good ole days of my high school years, when he crossed my mind. I decided to google him to see what he was up to, and the first thing I saw was that he had passed and my heart sank as I began to cry.

Mr. Gatling was an amazing man. I can't put into words how he touched my life. I am so proud to have been one of his students and I am so sad that he is gone from us.

You are missed and loved, Mr Gatling.##imported-begin##Ebony W.##imported-end##

May 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ For some reason I was compelled to look at my year book yesterday. I went back and read what everybody had written in it and read what you Mr. Gatling had wrote to me. Your words made me remember you because you were the best teacher a student could have. You made us work hard and appreciate music no matter what genre we were singing.

I was compelled to look online and google your name when I saw the an article about your passing today.

Although my condolences are 2 years late...I know that Mr. Gatling is watching over those he loves and those who came to know him. Mr. Gatling inspired all to do better for themselves threw music, and though love. I am very blessed to have been a student of his. He inspired me to sing when I didn't know that I had such a powerfull voice. He made me see the gift that I was blessed with.

Thank you so much Mr. Gatling..

You will be missed and always remembered.

First Soprano

Denise Boddie....##imported-begin##Denise Boddie##imported-end##

October 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM



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Denise Boddie....301-755-4005###imported-begin###Denise Boddie###imported-end###

October 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ You continue to be the best-Heaven Rejoices!

Because of Him!

Pastor Mark###imported-begin###Rev. Mark E. Flowers###imported-end###

January 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Paul has really changed my life. The reason I met him is because I was involved with a huge fist fight at Ballou High School. My parents then wanted me to transfer to McKinley where I met Paul through my cousin Kenneth Minor and good friend Paul Petty. I have been singing more ever since. He has trully been an inspiration to me and today, I am hardly ever late for anything. He kept me on point and he yelled at me when I was beginning to lack.

Hey ya'll, he even tought me how to sing with a bad cold. lol

I love you Paul and I will never forget the man that has trully made life easy for my parents.

Marvin Jay Lee 2nd Tenor

And for the group P.A.U.L. my number is 202.369.3072##imported-begin##Marvin Jay Lee##imported-end##

September 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ From 1974-1977 Paul became a mentor in my life. Without knowing the impact Paul would have in my life, I joined the Spingarn Concert Choir. With the assistance, direction and mentoring Paul offered, I completed school and a 26 year career in the military, which might not have happened. Paul was a blessing to the people of DC. The music that he made us learn still resides with me and I am still on pitch with proper phrasing. I thank you for all you did for me. You were a real teacher, brother and a friend. I thank you for all you did. I only wish I took the time to thank you appropriately.

Linda and Darius we all share in your loss. May God Bless you in your time of healing.##imported-begin##Grallin Butler##imported-end##

December 22, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Paul, I will forever keep you in my heart. Music touched the lives of so many because of you. As a former member of the D.C. Youth Chorale and the City-Wide Chorus, you showed me what true musicianship is all about.

To Linda and Darius, continue to keep your hand in God's hand; your storm will soon bring sunshine. As the song says, "Keep your hand on the gospel plow and HOLD ON!"###imported-begin###Macia Williams Fletcher###imported-end##

December 21, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ I remember Mr. Gatling from Children of the Gospel many years ago. He was different from all the other leaders and I knew that we the choir were all up for a challenge. His musical ability amazed me, but what amazed me more is how he was never satisfied with mediocrity. He strived for excellence, and in doing so encouraged us to strive for the same. I thank God for blessing me by allowing Mr. Gatling to be a part of my life, and I pray that God's peace and comfort be with all who knew and loved him. And even though he is with us no more, I also pray that we continue to rise above mediocrity and strive for excellence--just as he would have us do!###imported-begin###Ashley Kirby###imported-end##

December 03, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ May God comfort and strengthen you now and forever.###imported-begin###Vanessa Hubbard###imported-end##

November 29, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ To the family of the my esteemed friend I offer my condolences. Precious memories, how they linger. Paul walked the talk and left an example of HOW to live for us all. I regret our loss.
didi###imported-begin##Didi G. Bailey, M.D.##imported-end##

November 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ You have my deeeppest sympathy. Arphelius was a classmate of mine at John J wriight School in Spotsylvania, Virginia.##imported-begin##JamesE Canada##imported-end##

November 14, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ It's Arphelius Paul Gatling, not Bill. He resided in Washington, DC##imported-begin##J Dee##imported-end##

November 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ To Mr Gataling you were the best teacher that I could have ever hoped and prayed for. You see you were not just a teacher of scholastics, but also a teacher of life. You were a father to those of us who could not count on ours to be there for us and I just want to say THANK YOU and I love U and U will always be in my heart as a friend, a teacher, a director and as a father. May you rest in peace. Remember me, and try not to be to hard on the choir angels. I'll miss U always and forever your second soprano, class of "97", McKinley SHS Lisa E Kirby.##imported-begin##Lisa Kirby##imported-end##

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