



# Otis Lee Gatling Jr.

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**W**ith deep and heartfelt sorrow, we announce the passing of Otis Lee Gatling Jr., who departed this life on Wednesday, July 2, 2025 in Woodbridge, VA, surrounded by love and family.

Born on July 8, 1954, Otis was the beloved oldest son of Elizabeth Gatling and the late Otis Lee Gatling Sr. From a young age, Otis carried himself with quiet strength, strong values, and a deep commitment to family and a foundation that shaped every part of his life.

Otis was a hardworking and dedicated man who gave 47 years of faithful service to McLane MidAtlantic and Safeway. At Safeway, he was affectionately known as “OG,” a nickname that reflected both his wisdom and the respect he earned from his work family. Known for his consistency, humility, and unwavering work ethic, Otis took pride in showing up and giving his best—day in and day out.

A true sports enthusiast, Otis loved watching football and basketball, and found peace in the quiet moments spent fishing. He also enjoyed photography from time to time, capturing the world as he saw it. No matter how tough life got, Otis remained steady. Whether as a family member, friend, or coworker, you could always count on him.

Otis was a devoted father, son, brother, grandfather, uncle, and friend. He was preceded in death by his father, Otis Lee Gatling Sr.; his beloved wife, Mary (Frye) Gatling; his son, Darawin Gatling; his brother, Dan Gatling; and his sister, Debbie Foxx.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his loving daughter, LaKenna Gregory; grandson, Nicholas Leo Gatling; his devoted mother, Elizabeth Gatling; sisters, Mary Donovan (Michael), Jerusha Gatling, Diane Jackson (Ralph), and Lisa Fortune (Troy); brothers, Randolph Gatling, Roosevelt Gatling, Timothy Gatling (Gail), and Jeffrey Gatling; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, friends, and colleagues who were blessed to know and love him.



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Otis will be remembered always for his calm presence, generous spirit, and the deep, unwavering love he gave so freely. His legacy of resilience, humility, and quiet strength lives on in the hearts of all who knew him.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at Found and Sons Funeral Chapel, 10719 Courthouse Road, Fredericksburg. The family will receive friends one hour prior. Burial will follow at 1:00 p.m. at Glen Haven Memory Gardens.




# Events


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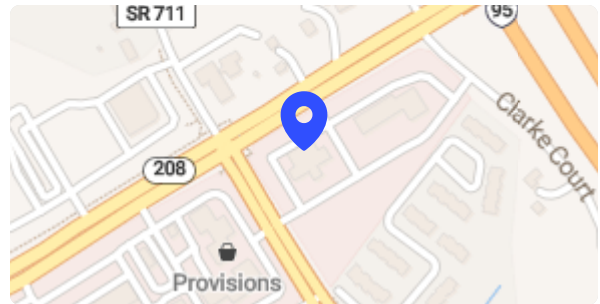
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## Visitation

 **Tuesday**, July 15, 2025


 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET


 **Found and Sons Funeral Chapel of Fredericksburg**  
10719 Courthouse Road, Fredericksburg VA 22407

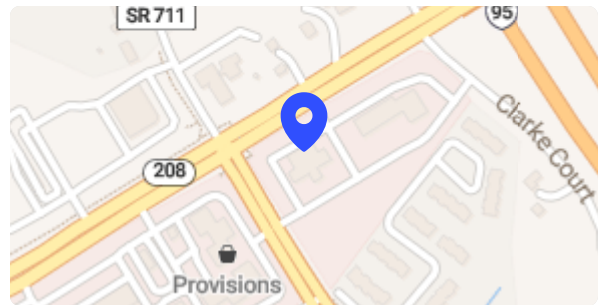


## Funeral Service

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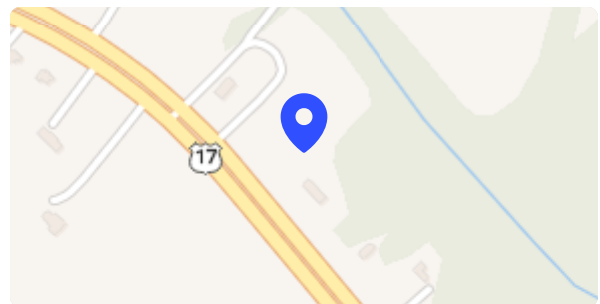
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## Cemetery Details

 **Glen Haven Memory Gardens**  
1392 Warrenton Road, Fredericksburg VA 22406





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**Found And Sons Funeral Chapels - Cremation Service** shared a **Video**.



July 11 at 8:15 AM



**James And Shirley Saunders** July 15 at 7:24 AM

To Sister Gatling and the Gatling family. We're sorry for the loss you are experiencing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.



**Sharon Mercer-Gray** July 12 at 7:56 AM

I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of my classmate Otis. A quiet meek good person. My condolences and prayers to the Gatling Family. ❤️ 👤 👤



**Dan & Chris Floyd** posted:

To the Gatling family, I just this morning heard of Otis's passing when I went to Safeway and mentioned I hadn't seen him for awhile and they told me of his higher calling. I only knew Otis from our interaction at the store and found him to be a wonderful person and we shared a few laughs as we chatted about life in general and various events over the years. Otis and I are of the same generation with myself being a tad older. The world is better for men like Otis, his work effort, and outlook on life. Please accept mine and my wife's sincere condolences on your loss, but Heaven's gain.

August 15 at 7:26 AM



**Shannon Sale** posted:

To the Gatling family, I worked with Otis for many years at Mclane in the receiving department. I enjoyed our many talks, Otis was always quiet and respectful , always gave his best. I will miss seeing him, and talking with him. May he rest in peace. Your friend, Shannon Sale

July 21 at 5:57 PM



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**Billy Tibbs** posted:

To the Gatling Family, please accept my sincere condolences. Otis was a hard worker with a peaceful nature. I graduated a year after him and when I went to work at Southland he was there. I retired in 2019, Otis was still working, he was never wavering. He quietly followed his path in life, God gave him rest. Rest in peace my friend.

July 15 at 3:43 AM



**Linda Derricotte** August 9 at 11:11 AM

From the Derricotte family please accept our sincere sympathy of your love one Otis Gatling. From James and Linda Derricotte



**Sheila "Winky" Jones** shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Otis was always kind and gentle. He will always be remembered. Rest in Peace Otis. You are "Safely Home"."Winky Robinson" Jones

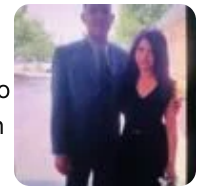
July 14 at 11:46 AM



**Kenna G** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

You were the hardest working man I've ever known. You gave so much of yourself to take care of everyone around you, and you did it without ever asking for anything in return. I will cherish you forever especially for all you taught me. I will miss our conversations. There's an emptiness now that you're gone, but I carry your memory with me every day. I'll continue to honor you in all that I do. I love you always. Your daughter ❤️

July 12 at 8:34 AM



**Marie Boggs** July 15 at 5:44 AM

Wonderful picture



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**Jose A. Brown** lit a candle in honor of Otis.

My deepest sympathy, condolences and prayers go out to the Gatling family during this bereavement. Otis and I were close friends from elementary through high school. We attended J J Wright, R. E. Lee Elementary, Spotsy Jr and Senior High. He was a wonderful person and always was willing to help someone in need. May God's grace that's sufficient, strengthen, sustain and bring comfort to his family. Jose A. Brown Spotsy High Class 74 He will be greatly missed.. Praying much for his family 🙏



July 12 at 8:33 AM



**Dennis Beasley** July 15 at 3:49 AM

My deepest sympathy and prayers to the family of Otis. Otis and I worked together for over forty years at Mclane Mid Atlantic. He was a great co-worker and always ready to help anyone. I will always appreciate our friendship and remember him as a man of few words but a heart of gold. Will continue to pray for his family and their loss. Dennis Beasley



**Adelbert Walker** July 14 at 6:25 PM

It's been at least 20 or more years since talking to him. Always had good conversation when he was working at Safeway then they closed and he worked at another up North. A man that will be missed



**Marie Boggs** July 14 at 10:51 AM

Otis will be missed so much we knew him and his wife Mary and his son with love and much heartbreak I send this message to our family Marie Boggs



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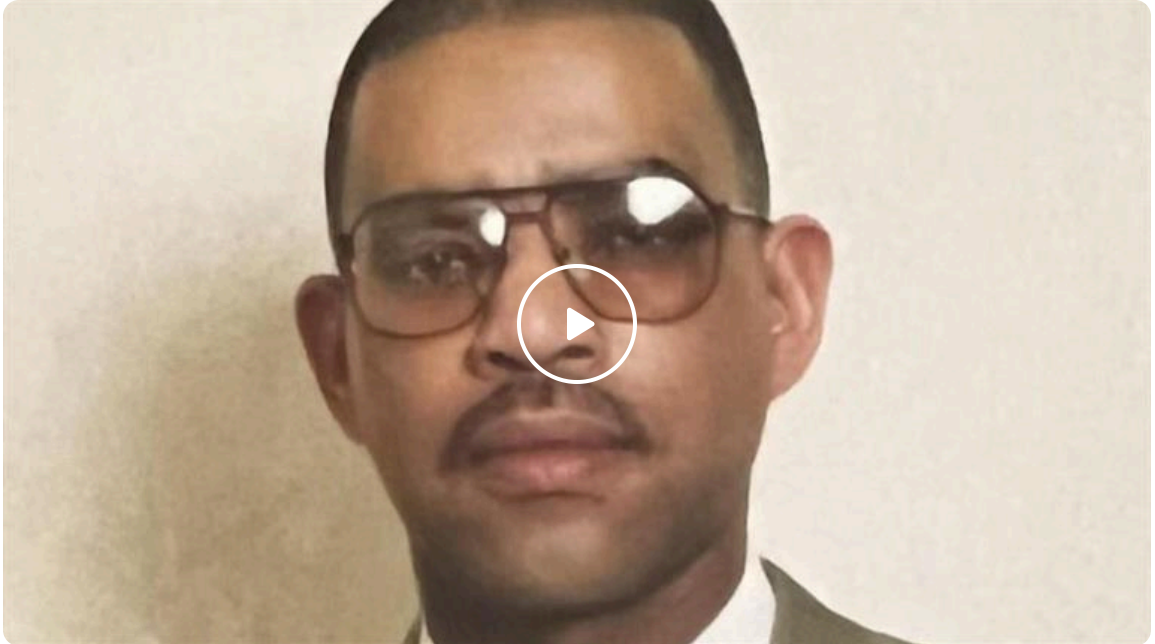
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From the Spotsy Class of 1974 50 year reunion



Class of 1974



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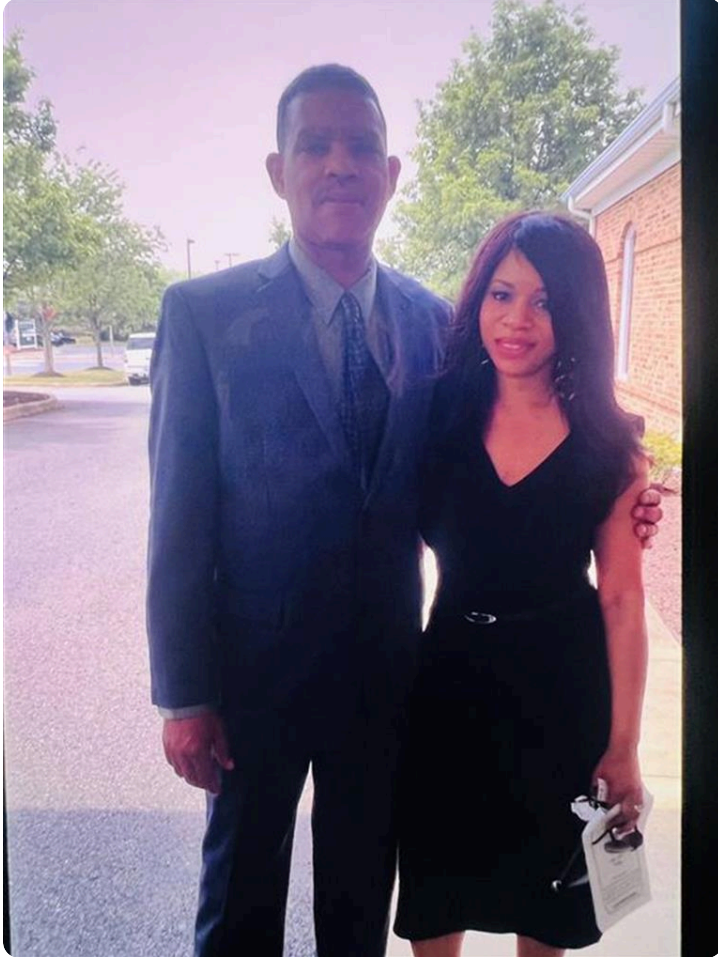
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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Otis by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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