



## James Bradley Gatherum

April 21, 1947 - August 8, 2024

James Bradley Gatherum, 77, of Concord, NC, and formerly of Bluefield, WV, died peacefully at home surrounded by family Thursday August 8, 2024 in Concord, NC

Born April 21, 1947 in Bluefield, WV, he was a son of the late Dr. Robert S. Gatherum II and Helen Bradley Gatherum.

Mr. Gatherum was a 1965 graduate of Bluefield High School. He received a bachelor's degree in Business Administration in 1969 from West Virginia University and went on to complete a program in Computer Engineering at the Honeywell Institute of Technology in 1971. Mr Gatherum had a distinguished career in banking services where he was a member of the Bluefield Chamber of Commerce and both the West Virginia and North Carolina Bankers Associations. Mr Gatherum was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Bluefield where he served as both an Elder and Deacon. He was a family man who loved his wife, children and grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Margaret Gatherum Smith and brother, Robert S. "Bobby" Gatherum.

Survivors include his wife, Diane Dudley Gatherum of Concord, NC, son Scott Gatherum and wife Alison of Durham, NC and daughter, Ann Kiefer and

husband Mike and grandchildren Owen, Brinley and Layla of Lexington, NC; brother-in-law, Will Smith and wife Karen of Bastian, VA; sister-in-law Delores Bourne and husband Doug of Bluefield, WV; sister-in-law Gail Gregory of Bluefield, WV and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral service will be conducted on Thursday, August 15, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church with Elliott Gregory officiating. Burial will follow at Monte Vista Park Cemetery in Green Valley where family members and friends will serve as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Cabarrus County NC or Westminster Presbyterian Church, Bluefield, WV. Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com) Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of James B. Gatherum.

# Cemetery Details

## Monte Vista Park Cemetery

Bluefield, WV 24701

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

AUG **15**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
2005 Washington Street  
Bluefield, WV 24701

# Tribute Wall

LF

“ Love the Deskins Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Bradley Gatherum.



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Love the Deskins Family - August 14, 2024 at 02:18 PM

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“ Love the Deskins Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Bradley Gatherum.

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Love the Deskins Family - August 14, 2024 at 02:18 PM

OM

“ Jim was such a good, kind soul. I've known Jim and Diane for almost 30 years. They always have been great neighbors. Whenever I saw Jim manicuring his lawn, he stopped to visit making sure all was well in our world. Jim always maintained an incredibly, positive attitude and made a difference in our lives just by being the person he was. He was loved by many and will definitely be missed.

*My sincere condolences to the entire family.*

*Mary O'Brien  
Concord, NC*

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Obrien, Mary - August 13, 2024 at 11:50 AM

LT

“ Diane and family, I just read of Jim's passing and was saddened by this. I worked for you and Jim years ago in Bluefield and admired you both. Jim was always kind and professional with me. I went to school with Margie and didn't know she had passed. What a great family! Peace be with you all.  
Larry Tolbert

Larry Tolbert - August 13, 2024 at 10:29 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Bradley Gatherum.



August 11, 2024 at 06:31 PM

NC

“ Neeta & Jack Craven purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of James Bradley Gatherum.



Neeta & Jack Craven - August 11, 2024 at 06:36 AM

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Neeta & Jack Craven - August 11, 2024 at 06:36 AM

RH

“ Jim was a Jewell; Loved by all and will be missed by many! Sincere condolences to his sweet family! It was great that we could spend time with him at the class of 65's last reunion! Always remember his wonderful smile and sweet spirit!



Ruth Hoosier - August 10, 2024 at 09:09 PM

NC

All who knew Jimmy knew how much he loved his family, loved his Lord Jesus, and cared deeply about all his classmates. His candle burned brightly while with us all. What a tremendous loss for us and tremendous gain for heaven. You are sorely missed, my friend. Nancy Campbell

Nancy Campbell - August 12, 2024 at 01:34 PM

AL

Jim was a new but dear friend here in Concord, NC. He and Dianne were faithful at worship at Central UMC. Always a smile. When I ran for Concord City Council, Jim would sit with me outside the election office and greet voters. It was cold, thankless work, but he did so with a smile. We won the election! I will miss him. Pastor Andy Langford

Andy Langford - August 12, 2024 at 04:24 PM

CW

Sending my deepest sympathy to the family. Jim was a great supporter and member of Westminster in Bluefield where my late husband, Charlie, and I were members. Jim was a smiling positive person and lived his faith. Sending my prayers for all the family. Charlotte Sacre Worsham

Charlotte Sacre Worsham - August 14, 2024 at 01:09 PM

RL

“ So sorry to hear this sad news. Jim and I worked summers at Coppingers while we were in school. He was a soft spoken guy with a great sense of humor. My best wishes to Dianne and the family. He and his family were an important part of Bluefield’s history.

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**Randall Lester** - August 10, 2024 at 04:02 PM

SS

“ Mr Jim was the most gentle man that I have ever met. He and Mrs Diane taught me so much, in just the short time that I had the pleasure of being his caregiver! I will miss you always but your kindness and love will be with me forever!! RIP Mr Jim 💕💕

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**Starr Sheppard** - August 10, 2024 at 02:27 PM