



## Edward Earl Gatlin

April 29, 1959 - December 30, 2024

Edward Earl Gatlin, of Lancaster, Texas, passed away from cancer on December 30, 2024.

Edward, known by most as “Ed” or “Eddie,” is survived by many: the love of his life and high school sweetheart, Lisa, to whom he was married for forty-two years; his children and their spouses, Tyler and Ami (Woo), Shelbi and Anthony (Abi-Assaf), and Paden; siblings and spouses, Marla and Rick McGinnis, and Del and Marilyn Gatlin; in-laws, Victor Colaluca, Donald and Lisa Colaluca, Nancy and Jon Hooper, Mark Colaluca, Faye Colaluca, and Andrew and Debra Colaluca; his aunt, Velma Davis; many cousins; and numerous nieces, nephews, and close friends he adored. He was preceded by his parents, Delbert and Zelda Gatlin; in-laws, Donald and Joan Colaluca, and brother-in-law, Norman Colaluca.

Shortly after graduating from Lancaster High School, Eddie entered the world of cabinetry and millwork as a salesman. Guided by an inherent entrepreneurial spirit and with the unwavering support of his wife, he eventually pursued his own ventures and found distinguished success in the industry. His decades-long career was marked by his confidence and tireless work ethic.

Ed enjoyed many, many things. Among those were deep sea fishing, the New

Orleans Saints, manning the grill while blasting good tunes, his rescued critters Clarence and Shirley, and taking in nature from his back patio while enjoying a cigar. To know Ed was to know his deep passion for sports. He was a gifted athlete—excelling in basketball, in particular—and he found great joy later in life as a coach. He left an indelible mark on the hearts of countless athletes he taught, trained, and mentored. He had a loyal group of close friends and looked forward to their near-daily phone calls and check-ins. But above all else, there was Ed's family.

Everything Ed did was for his wife and children. To witness his love for them in action was something remarkable. His courage, integrity, and grit will always be remembered and will continue to inspire them as they carry forward his memory with love.

Services will be held at Byrum Funeral Home in Lancaster. Visitation is from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8th, and a celebration of Ed's life will take place the following day, January 9th, at 10:00 a.m.

# Tribute Wall

DW

“ Sending prayers of comfort and strength for today and the days ahead.

Donna Wall - January 09, 2025 at 06:20 PM

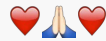
DW

“ Donna Wall lit a candle in memory of Edward Gatlin



Donna Wall - January 09, 2025 at 06:17 PM

RP



Randy & Diane Pittard

randy & diane pittard - February 07, 2025 at 11:57 AM

KR

“ Kerry and Esmeralda Renta purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Edward Earl Gatlin.



Kerry and Esmeralda Renta - January 08, 2025 at 04:50 PM

LB

“ Love, Brian Burkart purchased the *Treasured Lilies Spray* for the family of Edward Earl Gatlin.



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**Love, Brian Burkart** - January 08, 2025 at 04:14 PM

TW

“ The Wiermans purchased the *Full Of Love Bouquet* for the family of Edward Earl Gatlin.



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**The Wiermans** - January 08, 2025 at 03:39 PM

TW

“ The Wiermans planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Earl Gatlin.

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**The Wiermans** - January 08, 2025 at 03:39 PM

TF

“ The Warrington Family purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Edward Earl Gatlin.



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**The Warrington Family** - January 08, 2025 at 12:01 PM

TF

“ The Warrington Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Earl Gatlin.

The Warrington Family - January 08, 2025 at 12:01 PM

JF

“ Joanne, Nick Garcia and family. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Edward Earl Gatlin.



Joanne, Nick Garcia and family. - January 08, 2025 at 11:40 AM

JF

“ Joanne, Nick Garcia and family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Earl Gatlin.

Joanne, Nick Garcia and family. - January 08, 2025 at 11:40 AM

PW

“ Paul W. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Earl Gatlin.

Paul W. - January 08, 2025 at 11:34 AM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Edward Earl Gatlin.

January 08, 2025 at 10:39 AM

ML

“ Mainstay Law planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Earl Gatlin.

Mainstay Law - January 08, 2025 at 05:55 AM

ML

“ Mainstay Law purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Edward Earl Gatlin.



Mainstay Law - January 08, 2025 at 05:55 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Edward Earl Gatlin.

January 08, 2025 at 01:34 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward Earl Gatlin.



January 08, 2025 at 01:34 AM

MF

“ Mickey Baeza & Nina Orendain Family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Edward Earl Gatlin.



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**Mickey Baeza & Nina Orendain Family** - January 07, 2025 at 11:59 PM

MF

“ Mickey Baeza & Nina Orendain Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Earl Gatlin.

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**Mickey Baeza & Nina Orendain Family** - January 07, 2025 at 11:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Edward Earl Gatlin.



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January 07, 2025 at 09:22 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Edward Earl Gatlin.

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January 07, 2025 at 09:22 PM

PG

“ Patricia Gregory purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Edward Earl Gatlin.

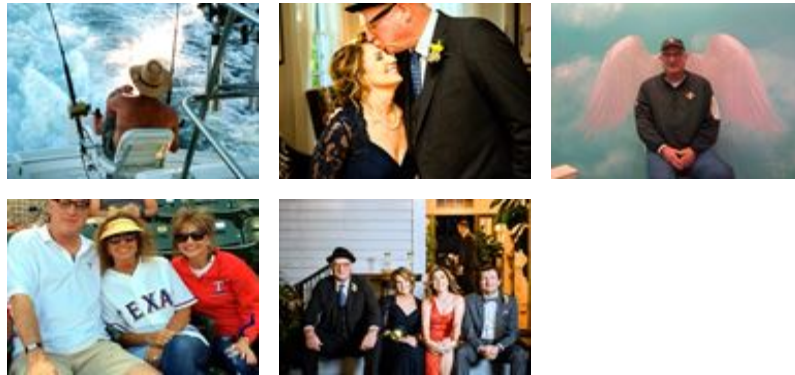


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Patricia Gregory - January 07, 2025 at 07:16 PM



“ 135 files added to the album LifeTributes



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Byrum Funeral Home - January 07, 2025 at 04:02 PM

DE

“ Our sincere condolences to the Gatlin and Colaluca families, may God provide you with peace and comfort as you grieve this tragic loss in your lives. Ed was one of a kind and we know he will be greatly missed by all.

*Dan & Kathy Edwards*

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Dan Edwards - January 07, 2025 at 03:32 PM

SH

“ Steve and Karen Hamel purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Edward Earl Gatlin.



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**Steve and Karen Hamel** - January 07, 2025 at 03:19 PM

SH

“ Steve and Karen Hamel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Earl Gatlin.

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**Steve and Karen Hamel** - January 07, 2025 at 03:19 PM

DE

“ Dan Edwards lit a candle in memory of Edward Gatlin



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**Dan Edwards** - January 07, 2025 at 03:17 PM



“ 0 file added to the tribute wall

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**Byrum Funeral Home** - January 07, 2025 at 10:59 AM

KB

“ Kevin & Pam Ball purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Edward Earl Gatlin.



Kevin & Pam Ball - January 07, 2025 at 09:08 AM

KB

“ Kevin & Pam Ball planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Earl Gatlin.

Kevin & Pam Ball - January 07, 2025 at 09:08 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Edward Earl Gatlin.



January 06, 2025 at 11:09 PM

FF

“ Feller, Kim, Kerry & family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Edward Earl Gatlin.



Feller, Kim, Kerry & family - January 06, 2025 at 07:40 PM

FF

“ Feller, Kim, Kerry & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Earl Gatlin.

Feller, Kim, Kerry & family - January 06, 2025 at 07:40 PM

BC

“ Lisa I am so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to you and your family. Take care and God bless!

Benny Cartlidge - January 06, 2025 at 07:26 PM

BH

“ Brad and Cassandra Hopkins purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Edward Earl Gatlin.



Brad and Cassandra Hopkins - January 06, 2025 at 07:12 PM

GC

“ George C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Earl Gatlin.

George C. - January 06, 2025 at 02:23 PM

LK

“ Love The Kunaseks purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Edward Earl Gatlin.



Love The Kunaseks - January 06, 2025 at 01:45 PM

BB

“ Ed will be greatly missed but many, many great memories that will last forever. Ed had a great passion for everything he did, very competitive, driven for success, be it sports, business or just satisfying everyone, especially those he loved. For almost 30 years that I knew Ed, the fun we had and the battles we fought will go down in history.... Will miss you man :( Love, Brian Burkart



Brian Burkart - January 06, 2025 at 10:52 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Edward Earl Gatlin.



January 06, 2025 at 09:57 AM



“ Always smiling, full of life, makes others happy. Good memories that will be always in our hearts.



Tere Sampson - January 05, 2025 at 11:29 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Edward Earl Gatlin.

January 05, 2025 at 07:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Edward Earl Gatlin.



January 05, 2025 at 07:52 PM



“ *Katie, W.* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Earl Gatlin.

**Katie, W.** - January 05, 2025 at 03:14 PM



“ *Love, Andrew & Debra and all the kids* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Earl Gatlin.

**Love, Andrew & Debra and all the kids** - January 05, 2025 at 01:30 PM

LK

“ Love, Andrew & Debra and all the kids purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Edward Earl Gatlin.



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**Love, Andrew & Debra and all the kids** - January 05, 2025 at 01:30 PM

 Dalton Andrew

“ If you were in search for a story of the American Dream, then the story of Ed Gatlin would suit you. He was a man that when spoke, you would want to hear what he had to say. His jokes would either make you laugh or confuse you, but regardless he was laughing at them. He was a hard working family man that loved his family deeply. I had the privilege to call him Uncle. Rest in Peace Uncle Ed.



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**Dalton Andrew** - January 04, 2025 at 11:17 PM

MV

“ Mark, Tere, Nicholas, Kendall and Vico planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Earl Gatlin.

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**Mark, Tere, Nicholas, Kendall and Vico** - January 04, 2025 at 09:59 PM

MV

“ *Mark, Tere, Nicholas, Kendall and Vico purchased the Divine Light for the family of Edward Earl Gatlin.*



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**Mark, Tere, Nicholas, Kendall and Vico** - January 04, 2025 at 09:59 PM

DA

“ *To Lisa, Tyler, Shelbi, Paden and family!! My heart breaks for y'all!! I loved my cousin Eddie , and I will cherish the wonderful memories of him! He was such a wonderful man in so many, many ways!! He had a heart as big as Texas! He loved life and he lived it! He will be greatly missed by so many who had the privilege of knowing Eddie for the wonderful man he was!! I will always cherish the memories of the times spent with Eddie and Lisa!! No one could cook a steak like Eddie! It was always the best!Those are such special times and will never be forgotten!! Continued Prayers , Lisa, for comfort, strength, and healing ! 🙏❤️ Love you , Lisa , and your sweet family!! Please know we are here for you! ❤️*

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**Debbie Adair** - January 04, 2025 at 08:23 PM

JA

“ *Jeanette and Michael Abi-Assaf planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward Earl Gatlin.*

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**Jeanette and Michael Abi-Assaf** - January 04, 2025 at 06:27 PM

JA

“ Jeanette and Michael Abi-Assaf purchased the *Care and Compassion Spray* for the family of Edward Earl Gatlin.



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**Jeanette and Michael Abi-Assaf** - January 04, 2025 at 06:27 PM

KS

“ Karen and Bruce Spring purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of Edward Earl Gatlin.



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**Karen and Bruce Spring** - January 04, 2025 at 05:49 PM

SE

“ Selinda lit a candle in memory of Edward Gatlin



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**Selinda** - January 04, 2025 at 05:05 PM

GY

“ Guy York purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Edward Earl Gatlin.



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**Guy York** - January 04, 2025 at 04:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Edward Earl Gatlin.

January 04, 2025 at 04:04 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Edward Earl Gatlin.



January 04, 2025 at 04:04 PM



“ Richard and Michele Faulkner purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Edward Earl Gatlin.



**Richard and Michele Faulkner** - January 04, 2025 at 03:10 PM



“ Beverly Bolton lit a candle in memory of Edward Gatlin



**Beverly Bolton** - January 04, 2025 at 02:43 PM