



Billy Eugene Gateley

May 9, 1947 - November 24, 2025

Billy Eugene Gateley, age 78, passed away on Monday, November 24, 2025 in Memphis. He attended elementary school at Mt. Gilead and Bargerton, high school at LHS, and college at Union University and Memphis State. Mr. Gateley taught math at LHS from 1969-1979 and at Caywood from 1979-2004. He was a TSSAA official for football for 25 years and baseball for 15 years. He was an avid sports fan and loved baseball, especially the St. Louis Cardinals. He loved to go squirrel hunting with his brother in law, David and his dog, Doc. Mr. Gateley always enjoyed Scotts BBQ and german chocolate cake baptized in boiled custard. He will be remembered as a faithful son, brother, husband, father, and poppa. He is survived by his wife, Joan Gateley of nearly 53 years; 1 son, Ryan Wade Gateley (Michelle); 1 daughter, Melanie Gateley Bush (Joey); 1 brother, Gary Lynn Gateley (Wanda); 5 grandchildren, Chazney Roberts, Lauren Bush, Lily Bush, Thomas Lofton Gateley, and Guy William Gateley; and 2 special nephews, David Lane Evans (Christy) and Kyle Thomas Evans (Cara). He was preceded in death by his parents, Lofton and Arthurleen Gateley; 1 grandchild, Ethan Paul Bush; and in laws, Wylie and Nedra Evans. Funeral services will be on Wednesday, November 26 at 1PM at Broad Street Church of Christ in Lexington with burial to follow in Independence Cemetery. Visitation will be on Tuesday at Reed's Chapel from 2PM-9PM and Wednesday at Broad Street Church of Christ from 9AM until service.

Tribute Wall

LE

“ *Linda Elam lit a candle in memory of Billy Eugene Gateley*



Linda Elam - December 03, 2025 at 04:35 AM

JW

“ *Joy Britt Williams lit a candle in memory of Billy Eugene Gateley*



Joy Britt Williams - November 29, 2025 at 07:26 PM

JW

He was a great teacher who really cared about his students. He & Joan came to our my LHS Class Reunion Class of 1977, I'm so glad we got to visit with him and Joan.

Joy Britt Williams - November 29, 2025 at 07:29 PM



“ *Cotton Rhodes lit a candle in memory of Billy Eugene Gateley*



Cotton Rhodes - November 29, 2025 at 01:11 PM

PW

“ *Billy was a special Godly man...nothing no higher. He will be missed by many. May God bless is family!*



Peggy Wentworth - November 26, 2025 at 07:00 PM

WH

“ *My deepest condolences to the family.
I had the honor of being one of Mr. Gateley's 7th-grade math students in 2002,
and I still remember how kind and caring he was. Please know that his influence
continues to live on through the many students whose lives he touched. I am truly
grateful to have been taught by him.
Keeping your family in my thoughts and prayers.*

-Whitney (Baker) Holmes

Whitney Holmes - November 26, 2025 at 11:21 AM

DA

“ *i had MR Gateley at LHS--he was a good teacher and a great Human Being. rest
in peace SIR*

danny - November 26, 2025 at 10:40 AM

RO

“ *I had Mr. Gateley in school and so did my daughter. We both loved him. He and
Mrs. Gateley brought a chocolate pie to my house when my husband and I
moved to the Independence community. They are fine people and he will be
sorely missed.*

Ramona McCord Owens and Brad Owens

Ramona Owens - November 25, 2025 at 10:45 PM

CF

“ *Joan and family we are so sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and your family!
Love you, Charles and Becky (Simpson) Frost*

Charles and Becky Frost - November 25, 2025 at 10:24 PM

DB

“ *Danny & Shelia Beecham lit a candle in memory of Billy
Eugene Gateley*



Danny & Shelia Beecham - November 25, 2025 at 09:58 PM

JS

“ A great person and teacher. I had him as my math teacher in 75/76 my freshman year.



Jerry Stegall - November 25, 2025 at 08:59 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Billy Eugene Gateley.



November 25, 2025 at 07:06 PM

MB

“ He was my math teacher when I was in Caywood Elementary School in the 70's. He was a good teacher. May he rest in peace. Praying for his dear family.

Michael Bright - November 25, 2025 at 06:51 PM

TP

“ Tim & Valerie Parker lit a candle in memory of Billy Eugene Gateley



Tim & Valerie Parker - November 25, 2025 at 06:48 PM

TR

“ Mr. Gately was my algebra one teacher and Mrs . Gately was my Geometry teacher. Both were excellent Christian teachers that prepared me for college. I am so thankful for them. Love and prayers for this wonderful family. Tony Rogers



Tony Rogers - November 25, 2025 at 06:06 PM

EB

“ *Many good memories with Billy and his family.*



Edd and Jamie Burke - November 25, 2025 at 05:11 PM

RS

“ *Rhonda Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Billy Eugene Gateley*



Rhonda Sanders - November 25, 2025 at 05:05 PM

RR

“ *Rob And Kathy Renfroe lit a candle in memory of Billy Eugene Gateley*



Rob and Kathy Renfroe - November 25, 2025 at 03:18 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Billy Eugene Gateley.*



November 25, 2025 at 02:54 PM

DD

“ *So sorry Melanie! You know I loved your Dad as a teacher!! He had so much patience!! Prayers for comfort!*

Donna Davis - November 25, 2025 at 02:50 PM

TS

“ *The Sextons purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Billy Eugene Gateley.*



The Sextons - November 25, 2025 at 02:01 PM

TS

“ *The Sextons planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billy Eugene Gateley.*

The Sextons - November 25, 2025 at 02:01 PM

JY

“ *John and April Young purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Billy Eugene Gateley.*



John and April Young - November 25, 2025 at 01:40 PM

TA

“ *Condolences from the Bobby Ayers family. Boy my Dad thought a lot of Mr. Billy. Prayers for the family.*



Teresa Ayers - November 25, 2025 at 01:40 PM

KC

“ *Kathy Coleman lit a candle in memory of Billy Eugene Gateley*



Kathy Coleman - November 25, 2025 at 01:24 PM