



## Lucius Gatison

March 30, 1922 - May 15, 2019

Lucius “Bully” Gatison was born March 30, 1922 to George and Onetha Gatison in Darlington, South Carolina. He was the second child of 11.

In 1956, Bully met the love of his life, Willie Mae through his late sister Mary Hall. They began dating shortly thereafter and later married in 1961. Bully is the father of five children, Thomas, James, Stephanie, Arnold and Veronica.

After much prayer, Bully accepted the Lord in his heart, many, many years ago in Hartville, South Carolina. He loved the Lord and his church. He has been a member of Mount Bethel Church in New Haven for the past 23 years where he sang in the male chorus for 4 years.

He worked at Farrell Birmingham for 15 years and the University of New Haven for 18 years before retiring in 1986.

In his spare time, Bully loved to socialize with other seniors at the COC building and enjoyed spending time with his family and dogs. He also enjoyed a nice game of checkers from time to time with anyone who dared to play him. He often said to anyone who dared to play him “ I am the champ, sit down & get this whopping”

Favorite saying: "May the good Lord bless me and strengthen me."

Favorite Foods: Oatmeal and oodles and noodles.

Bully is survived by his loving wife, Willie Mae; two sons James (Kristal) Gatison and Arnold Gatison (Karin); two daughters Stephanie Gatison and Veronica Gatison; two sisters Lizzie McKay and Charlena Wilson; one brother Roosevelt Gatison; daughter in law Dorothy Bailey, 18 grandchildren 12 great grandchildren and 9 great great grandchildren and a multitude of nephews , nieces, cousins, family members and friends.

Bully was predeceased by his son, Thomas Bailey, five sisters, two brothers and two grandchildren.

# Cemetery Details

## Hamden Plains Cemetery

Hamden, CT

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

MAY **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Bethel M. Baptist C.  
100 Webster St  
New Haven, CT

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lucius Gatison* ”

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *Eveanna Gatison lit a candle in memory of Lucius Gatison* ”



**Eveanna Gatison** - November 11, 2019 at 08:22 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album* ”



**Eveanna Gatison** - October 04, 2019 at 01:11 PM



*ill always miss you grand father*

**Eveanna Gatison** - November 07, 2019 at 12:16 PM



*Your Safe with god now*

**Eveanna Gatison** - November 07, 2019 at 12:16 PM



“ *My prayers and condolences to the family. May you find strength and comfort during this difficult period*  
*Vernon*

Vernon Williams - May 24, 2019 at 10:02 PM



“ *I will remember my uncle Lucius.. AKA "uncle bully" during his younger years and my visit to my Aunt home for all the cookout, he would be grilling for us. I will keep those fun memories and pray for the family peace at this time.*

Ann Nelson - May 23, 2019 at 08:10 PM



“ *My Prayers & Thoughts with the Gatison Family in the passing of Lucius. May God be with you Today& Always. Kathy Bridges 🙏*

Kathy Bridges - May 23, 2019 at 12:11 PM



“ *To my Dad with love ❤️ I love you forever and will be missed very much.*

*James E. Gatison Sr.*



Eric Gatison - May 22, 2019 at 04:39 PM