



## E. D. "Dee" Gattenby

June 11, 1922 - May 11, 2015

Elmer David "Dee" Gattenby  
May 11, 1922-May 11, 2015

Dee Gattenby, long time Muskogee resident, passed away Monday, May 11, 2015. He was born on Buffalo Mountain near Ash Creek to James Gilbert and Lucy (Riley) Gattenby on May 11, 1922.

Dee married Lurlene Rachel Stockton on January 8, 1943. They had celebrated 71 years of marriage before she passed away in April 2014. Dee was proud to have served in the United States Navy as a Gunner's Mate on the USS New Jersey in the major battles of the Pacific, 1942-1945. After the war, Dee became a master carpenter and home builder. He and Lurlene built several beautiful homes during his career. His commitment was, "Homes of Distinction, Built With Care." Dee apprenticed many young men to follow in his footsteps of doing your best and being proud of your work!

He loved fishing and passed this love on to his son, Kelly, an award winning sportsman in this area. He was also an avid hunter and loved training bird dogs through the years. Dee loved his little rescued dog, "Baby Doll" who became his side kick in his later years.

Dee was a self-taught musician and grew up playing the guitar and "fiddle"

with his family. He passed on that love to his children and grandchildren, some of whom have made it their career. He loved to sing, and he and Lurlene entertained at many birthday and anniversary events for friends.

Dee was an ordained Deacon, serving at Eastern Heights in previous years and had attended Southeast Baptist as well, leaving a host of friends in both, as well as the community.

Dee was preceded in death by his wife, Lurlene in April 2014 and his son, Kelly in 2009; along with his parents, JG and Lucy Gattenby; his brothers, Cleo, Odes, Ralph, Earl, and Ray; his sisters, Alva Miller, Mary Haden, and baby sister, Edith.

He is survived by his brother, Olen of Terrell, TX; his daughter, Susan Hill and husband Lynn of Broken Arrow, OK; his daughter-in-law, Pon Gattenby of Muskogee, OK; grandchildren, Shaun and Hannah Hill of Bentonville, AR, Eric and Kristin Hill, Christy and Nathan Nockels, all of Atlanta, GA; Enoch Gattenby, James and Krisinda Gattenby, Toon Thongrarai, all of Muskogee, Aoy and Thai Lee of Chicago, IL; great grandchildren, Coleman, Grayson, and Miles Hill, Adeline, Julia and Lily Claire Hill, Noah, Elliana and Annie Rose Nockols, Michael Rodriguez, Keith Shields and Christopher Shields, Amy Thongrarai-Marble, Sonny Thongrarai, Jack and Vanessa Thongrarai, Keli Sadler, Kimberly Sadler, two great great grandchildren, Mikel Kelly Marble and August Nicole Dickerson; nieces, nephews, other family members and friends who will miss him dearly.

The family will receive friends from 6:00-7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 14, 2015 at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral services honoring Dee's life will be 10:00 a.m., Friday, May 15, 2015 at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Lynn Hill officiating. Interment

will be at Ash Creek Cemetery, 314 S Buffalo Mountain, McAlester, OK. Pallbearers will be Shaun Hill, Eric Hill, Enoch Gattenby, James Gattenby, Toon Thongrarai, and Sonny Thongrarai. Honorary pallbearers will be Coleman Hill, Grayson Hill, and Jack Thongrarai.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to Oklahoma Baptist Children's Home, 3800 North May Ave, OKC, OK 73112-6506 or online at [www.obhc.org](http://www.obhc.org)

# Cemetery Details

## Ash Creek Union Baptist Cemetery

314 S Buffalo Mountain  
McAlester, OK 74501

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 13. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory  
1830 North York Street  
Muskogee, OK 74403  
(918) 682-1500

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1830 North York Street  
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## Service

MAY 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel  
1830 N. York St.  
Muskogee, OK 74403

# Tribute Wall



“ *E. D. "Dee" Gattenby*

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October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Uncle Dee was always one of my favorite relatives. His gentle spirit and sense of humor made everyone comfortable in his company. One of my earliest memories of him was being teased that he had "porcupine eggs" in his yard, they were the balls from the sweet gum tree but as a pre-schooler I was gullible enough to believe him!*

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**Janet Gooch** - May 13, 2015 at 11:37 AM

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“ Remembering my amazing Grandad (E.D. Gattenby) today. He went to be with Jesus this morning at 9:03 am. Today was his birthday...he made it to 93. He fought in WW2 and loved his Country deeply, so much so, that he fibbed about his age at 17 to get in. He was a gunners mate on the U.S.S. New Jersey, the most decorated War Ship in U.S. History. He raised and lowered the massive 16 inch individual guns on the battleship. He loved his music too. He was never without his fiddle, banjo, guitar, bass, or whatever else he could find. He is truly one of the hardest working men I've ever known. He built houses the right way and when I say he built houses, I mean he actually built every single house like it was going to be his own (He primed both sides of the board). He loved his family and never met a stranger. Everyone knew my Grandad. He was an avid outdoorsmen and loved to catch striper (or any kind of fish really) at the dam. Even up until a few years ago, He and my Granny would take fried catfish to the "old people" in the nursing homes. But most importantly, he loved Jesus and He is with my Granny today in Heaven. Thank you Grandad for your unconditional love and legacy in my life. I am definitely a better man because of you. I love you and will miss you...but I will see you again!

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Eric Hill - May 13, 2015 at 09:37 AM