



Edgar Walter "Buddy" Gettys

July 26, 1936 - June 23, 2021

Edgar Walter "Buddy" Gettys, 84, of Spencer, NC died June 23, 2021 at Novant Health Glenn A. Kiser Hospice House.

Born July 26, 1936 in Rowan County, Mr. Gettys was the son of the late Edgar Woodfin Gettys and Stella Fields Gettys.

Mr. Gettys was a graduate of Spencer High School, class of 1954. He worked and later retired after 30 years from Hoechst Celanese as an electrical engineer. He served as Mayor of Spencer for 5 terms and received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine from Governor Easley. Mr. Gettys was a member of Spencer Presbyterian Church for over 50 years where he served as an elder of the church.

Preceding him in death are his sister, Ann G. Cunningham and brother-in-law, Joe Cunningham.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 62 years, Martha O. Gettys; sons, Randy Gettys (Sara) of Spencer, NC and Ryan Gettys (Paula) of Hickory, NC; grandchildren, Stefan Gettys, Maggie Gettys, Spencer Gettys; and great grandchild, Grahm Gettys.

The family will receive friends 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, June 25, 2021 at Spencer Presbyterian Church. A memorial service will follow at 12:30 p.m. with Rev. Lee Robison officiating.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Gettys family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **25**. 12:30 PM (ET)

Spencer Presbyterian Church
Spencer, NC 28159

Tribute Wall

TF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to you, Martha, and the rest of the family during this most difficult time.*

Trantham family - June 28, 2021 at 05:06 AM

BP

“ *Ryan and family,*

So sorry to hear of Buddy passing. The Powlas family lifts you all up in prayers and wishes you sweet comfort in the memories of your Dad .

Barrett & Kelly Powlas

Barrett Powlas - June 26, 2021 at 09:59 AM

DA

“ *Buddy was a sincere Southern gentleman with a smile of joy. He was a friendly man & respected by each one who knew this kind man. May God comfort his wife & family. Buddy, my Spencer friend, R.I.P. Heaven has another Angel.*

*Prayers,
Donna Barnes/Arey*



Donna Barnes Arey - June 25, 2021 at 10:02 PM

CH

“ Randy so sorry for the lost of your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Gerald & Charlene Hargett
Belmont, NC

Charlene Hargett - June 25, 2021 at 06:30 PM

RS

“ Buddy Gettys came into my life as my sister’s father-in-law. He and Martha so graciously welcomed my whole family into their family, particularly after my mother moved to Spencer to be near her grandson. Over the years I have spent many happy holidays with the Gettys and have come to care deeply for them.

In 2009, at my mother’s funeral, I was standing alone, a little lost. Buddy came over and silently gave me a side hug. This was not an “I’m sorry” kind of hug or a “You poor thing” hug, although I had received many of those and greatly appreciated them. But Buddy’s hug was a “It’s gonna be ok. You’ll get through this. I’m here with you.” kind of hug. And that, to me, embodies Buddy Gettys. He was a caring, compassionate man. And I have been fortunate to know him. He will be missed.

Ruth Spell - June 25, 2021 at 01:52 PM

MS

“Buddy loved and served his community of Spencer. He was an enthusiastic North Rowan fan, always irrepressibly hopeful at the beginning of every sports season that North's teams would go "all the way" to a state championship. He gave time, talents, and skills to serving the Spencer Presbyterian church community. He was amazingly well read with a willingness to read about and have conversations on an impressive variety of topics.

Most of all, he loved his family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers at this sad time. All of us who knew and respected Buddy will miss him very much.

Margaret Spell - June 25, 2021 at 01:11 PM



“Mrs. Martha and family, you all are in our thoughts and prayers. You are special people in the eyes of the Atwell family. Gary and Cyndi Atwell

Cyndi Atwell - June 24, 2021 at 01:56 PM

DP

“One of my favorite memories of Buddy is heading over to what was then Uncle Louie's for a beer after a town board meeting, and he and other aldermen would tell me what was really happening in town. Buddy finally got my husband registered to vote, too. And we remained friends even after I stopped covering the board, for many years.

Deirdre Parker-Smith - June 24, 2021 at 11:40 AM

JW

“Buddy was a wonderful person and I am sorry for your loss. Jay Whittington

Jay Whittington - June 23, 2021 at 11:14 PM

JC

“ Was great coworker, many great memories and experiences. Jim Childers

Jim Childers - June 23, 2021 at 09:26 PM

BK

“ So sorry I will miss Buddy's memorial service. The family will be in my prayers. — Barrie Kirby

Barrie Kirby - June 23, 2021 at 05:10 PM

BW

SO SORRY TO HERE ABOUT BUDDY, A GREAT FRIEND HE WILL BE MISS.

billy watkins - June 24, 2021 at 11:01 AM

JN

If you ever were lucky enough to know and spend time with Buddy , and his dearly loved Martha, consider yourself lucky enough. He has been one of the best and most enjoyable friends I've known and the same is true for Martha. My deepest sympathy to you, Martha, and your family. Sending love and prayers to all.

Jane Nussman - June 28, 2021 at 10:55 AM

BK

Randy And Ryan, So Sorry to hear about the passing of your Father. Sounds like he lived a Full Life!! May God give you and your family peace and patience during these times.
Bernie Kuebler And Family

Bernard Kuebler - June 28, 2021 at 12:51 PM