



♥ Forever In Our Hearts ♥



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The Family

**Clark S. Brown
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 FUNERAL HOME

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Homegoing CELEBRATION



Mr. Thomas G. Gaither, Sr.

Monday, March 20, 2023

12:00 PM

Clark S. Brown & Sons Chapel

727 North Patterson Avenue

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Reverend Allen W. Stimpson, Officiating

Reverend Dr. Johnny Ruff, Eulogist

The Obituary

*“Sadly missed along life’s way,
quietly remembered every day...
No longer in our life to share, but in our hearts,
you’re always there.”*

Thomas Gordon Gaither, Sr. affectionately known as “Doc” was born on October 12, 1940 to the late Thomas Andrews Gaither and Alice L. Cannady Gaither of Mocksville, NC. On Saturday, March 11, 2023, God called him home.

A graduate of Davie Training School, Class of 1958, he found his calling in the transportation industry. Whether when driving a passenger bus or when carrying freight, for more than 60 years he was able to share his love for God’s people through his travels. He was employed by RJR Tobacco Company, McClean Trucking Company and Greyhound Bus Lines. After 25 years of service, he retired from the Winston-Salem Transit Authority.

He was a faithful member of Bethania AME Zion Church for many years. There he served with the Steward’s Board, Senior Choir and the Men’s Booster Ministry.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers: Algenon Bernard, Michael Jeffery and Melvin Alexander; and a sister, Carol L. Gaither.

Left to cherish his precious memories are: his wife, Shelvy P. Gaither; daughter, Shatese M. Gaither; sons, Thomas Jr. and Trey Alexander; eight grandchildren, Jah Quez, Shanel, China, Skai, Jamie, Alexandra, Ryan and Aking; brothers, Reginald Gaither, Victor (Clarissa) Gaither and Pastor Julian (Dr. Krishauna) Gaither; sisters, Doris Jimerson, Deborah (George) Ellis, Thomasine Gaither and Tomisha Gaither; mother-in-law, Elizabeth V. Speas; sister-in-law, Jannette Valentine; brothers-in-law, Lester B. Speas, III, Edward Vannard Valentine and George Ellis; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends.

The Order of Service

The Prelude

The Processional

Gathering of Family and Friends

11:30 AM ~ 12:00 PM

The Invocation

Rev. Allen W. Stimpson

Hymn of Praise “Hold To God’s Unchanging Hand”

The Holy Scriptures

Old Testament

Rev. Belinda S. Harris

New Testament

Rev. Dairl L. Scott, Sr.

The Prayer of Comfort

Rev. Dr. Calvin L. Miller
Presiding Elder of W-S District

Selection

Church Resolution

Mrs. Veronica Trotter
Bethania AME Zion Church

Remarks

Rev. Dr. Calvin L. Miller

Family Reflections

Ms. Deborah Ellis

Selection

Ms. Tamara Evans

The Eulogy

Rev. Dr. Johnny L. Ruff

The Recessional

The Interment Bethania AME Zion Baptist Church

To Those I Leave Behind

*When tomorrow starts without me
And I’m not here to see
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
All filled with tears for me
I wish you wouldn’t cry
The way you did today
While thinking of the many things
We did not get to say
I know how much you love me
As much as I love you
Each time that you think of me
I know you will miss me too
When tomorrow starts with out me
Please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name
And took me by the hand
The angel said my place was ready
In heaven far above
And that I would have to leave behind
All those I dearly love
But when I walked through Heaven’s Gates
I felt so much at home
When God looked down and smiled at me
From his golden throne
He said this is eternity
And all I promised you
Today for life on earth is done
But here it starts a new
I promise no tomorrow
For today will always last
And since each day’s the exact same way
There is no longing for the past
So when tomorrow starts without me
Do not think we’re apart
For every time you think of me
Remember I’m right here in your heart*

- David Romano