



## Gathan Burns

October 16, 1963 - August 18, 2018

Services for Gathan Burns, 54, of Piedmont will be Monday, August 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Thompson Funeral Home with Brady Burns and Gary McCurdy officiating. A private committal service will be held in the Burns Family Cemetery. The family will receive friends Monday evening from 4:00 p.m. until time of service. Gathan passed away Saturday, August 18, 2018 at UAB Hospital from injuries sustained in a logging accident. Survivors include his wife of 35 years, Lavonda Burns; son, Brady Burns (Allyson); mother, Elsie Burns; sister, Marilyn Hudson (Ken); niece, Lauren Hatcher (Levi); great nephew, Hudson Hatcher; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Donald and Elaine Williams; and brother-in-law, Don Williams (Lore). Pallbearers will be T.J. Alford, Jimmy Donaldson, Jeremy Goss, Edwin Kelley, Keith Pace, Sam Ray, Don Williams, and Kevin Woods. Honorary Pallbearers will be all of Gathan's employees. Gathan was a native and lifelong resident of Goshen Valley, was a graduate of Spring Garden High School Class of 1982, and was a member of Lebanon Church of Christ. He was the owner of Burns Timber Company and Cherokee Timber Company. He was a member of the Alabama Forestry Association and was the 2011 AFA Logger of the year. He enjoyed hunting, dirt track racing, cattle farming, and working. Gathan was preceded in death by his father, Carl David Burns. In lieu of flowers, the family request memorial contributions be made to, M.D. Anderson Cancer Research Fund, [gifts.mdanderson.org](http://gifts.mdanderson.org), St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis TN 38105-1905, or Spring Garden School Trust Fund, P.O.

Box 83, Spring Garden, AL 36275. The family would like to extend a special thank you to the Piedmont Rescue Squad and Dr. Ellen Spremulli.

# Cemetery Details

## Burns Family Cemetery

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **20**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Thompson Funeral Home & Crematory  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thompson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gathan Burns*



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**Thompson Funeral Home** - March 30, 2020 at 12:28 PM

IS

“ *International Paper - Rome Fiber Supply purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Gathan Burns.*



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**International Paper - Rome Fiber Supply** - August 20, 2018 at 03:16 PM

DP

“ *DeKalb Forest Products purchased the Bountiful European Dish Garden for the family of Gathan Burns.*



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**DeKalb Forest Products** - August 20, 2018 at 10:54 AM

SP

“ *Southern Parallel Forest Products purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Gathan Burns.*



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**Southern Parallel Forest Products** - August 20, 2018 at 10:48 AM

AH

“ *Arnold & Dorothy Hansard lit a candle in memory of Gathan Burns*



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**Arnold & Dorothy Hansard** - August 20, 2018 at 09:04 AM



“ *Cherished Memories - All White was purchased for the family of Gathan Burns.*



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August 20, 2018 at 08:05 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Gathan Burns.*



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August 19, 2018 at 10:00 PM



“ *Love's Embrace Roses – White was purchased for the family of Gathan Burns.*



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August 19, 2018 at 09:57 PM



“ *With love and prayers,  
Shelly and Mike Bentley,  
Savannah and Sadie*



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**Shelly Bentley** - August 19, 2018 at 07:55 PM



“ *Reynolds Logging lit a candle in memory of  
Gathan Burns*



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**Reynolds Logging** - August 19, 2018 at 06:27 PM



“ *Don McCord lit a candle in memory of Gathan  
Burns*



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**Don McCord** - August 19, 2018 at 06:20 PM

KY

“ *KYKENKEE purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Gathan Burns.*



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**KYKENKEE** - August 18, 2018 at 10:53 PM