

## VERNON O. GAYLE, JR.

Mr. Vernon O. Gayle, Jr., age 76, resident of Clinton, Mississippi, passed away Wednesday, August 27, 2008 in a Jackson, Mississippi Hospital following an extended illness.

Mr. Gayle was born February 28, 1928 in Houston, Texas. Mr. Gayle graduated from Crockett High School where he was an athletic stand-out and letterman in football and basketball. Mr. Gayle was a member of Texas A&M, Class of '54, where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Administration as a Sociology Major.

Mr. Gayle served as a Captain in the Army National Guard and the US Army Reserve. Mr. Gayle had been Artillery Commanding Officer of the National Guard Unit in Crockett.

Mr. Gayle lived in Texas and Shreveport, Louisiana before making Mississippi his home in 1973. Mr. Gayle worked for

the Farm Bureau Federation in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi. Mr. Gayle retired in 1997 as Director of Governmental Affairs for the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation but continued to do contract lobby work at the State Capitol until his health failed. Mr. Gayle was a popular and much beloved figure at the Mississippi State Capitol and was well respected by those who knew him best. Mr. Gayle was a 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Scottish Rite Mason, affiliated with the Clinton Lodge and a longtime member of the Episcopal Church of the Creator in Clinton. Mr. Gayle enjoyed life, living, laughter and fellowship.

Survivors include his wife Shirley Scrivner Gayle, of Clinton, Miss.; son Vernon O. "Buddy" Gayle, III, of Jackson, Miss.; step daughters Amy Price of Jackson, Miss. and Jamie Brown, of Crystal Springs, Miss.; brother R. W. Gayle and wife Scarlet, of New Caney; and a host of friends all over the country.

A Service celebrating his life, was held Saturday, August 30, at 11:00 a.m. at the Church of the Creator. A Graveside Service will be in the Gayle Family Plot at Evergreen Cemetery in Crockett at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 2, 2008.

Memorials may be made to the Episcopal Church of the Creator, 1445 Clinton-Raymond Rd., Clinton, MS, 39056.

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