



Dr. Victor P. Gaines, Sr.

July 25, 1939 - August 19, 2020

Victor Pryor Gaines, Sr., EdD, 81, of Stone Mountain, GA, passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2020 in Atlanta.

Dr. Gaines obtained his undergraduate degree at Kentucky State University, followed by a Specialist in Education degree in Counseling; Masters of Arts in Counseling; and a Doctor of Education all at the University of Kentucky. He was a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Born July 25, 1939 in Staunton, VA to Philip V. Gaines and Evelyn (Pryor) Gaines, he excelled through his many studies, and was often at the top of his class. Even well into his retirement years, he was an astute observer of human nature and continued to enjoy educational pursuits including teaching, reading, and intellectual conversations.

Among his various careers in secondary and higher education in Kentucky, Oklahoma, Georgia, and Florida, his most enjoyed and groundbreaking work was at the University of Kentucky where he served as the first ever diversity recruiter for UK's medical school in the early 1970s, helping the university make strides toward racial integration.

He is survived by his wife, Marcia (Hanks) Gaines of Stone Mountain; his sister, Phyllis Gaines of Lemoore, CA; daughter, Michele Tatum (Clark) of Lexington, Ky.; sons, Victor P. Gaines, II, and Jonathan D. Gaines, both of Atlanta; stepdaughter, Cindy Baumgardner of Johns Creek, GA; and grandchildren, Cameron Tatum and Hannah and Brooke Baumgardner.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Staunton, VA.

Condolences may be sent or viewed at www.wagesfuneralhome.com. Tom M. Wages Funeral Service, A Family Company, 3705 Highway 78 West, Snellville, GA 30039 (770-979-3200) has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Comments



“ May they be free from animosity, free from oppression, and free from trouble. May they guide themselves to bliss. May all creatures, all breathing things, all beings — each & every one — meet with good fortune. May none of them come to any evil. Happy, at rest, may all beings be happy at heart. Whatever beings there may be, weak or strong, without exception, long, large, middling, short, subtle, blatant, seen & unseen, near & far, born & seeking birth: May all beings be happy at heart. - Unknown

You will be missed! - Sandra King at Gwinnett College



Sandra King - September 24, 2020 at 05:53 PM



“ Marcia and family--Everyone at Gwinnett College loved working with Victor. He will be missed, and our prayers of comfort go out to you and the family.

Lisa McLario

Lisa McLario - September 16, 2020 at 10:03 AM



“ MRS. MAUDE KING lit a candle in memory of Dr. Victor P. Gaines, Sr.



MRS. MAUDE KING - September 09, 2020 at 04:35 PM



“ Our sincere condolences and prayer support is with the Gaines family. This fine man will be well remembered. A&W Hopson and family.

Warren Hopson - September 06, 2020 at 08:50 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Marsha Gaines and family during this difficult time. We know the years that Dr. Victor P. Gaines spent as a teacher in higher education will long be remembered by the many lives he touched. Our prayers are with you. The sun will shine again.

MRS. MAUDE KING - September 08, 2020 at 02:23 PM