



## Mr. Jerry Lamar Gaines

August 21, 1936 - April 7, 2023

Jerry Lamar Gaines, 86, passed away on April 7, 2023, surrounded by his family. He was a native of Royston, Georgia where he was born on August 21, 1936. Jerry was the eldest child of Lucius Jones Gaines and Celestia Harris Gaines.

He graduated from Royston High School in 1954. Jerry attended North Georgia College and graduated from the University of Georgia in 1959 with a BS in Business. He returned to Royston and joined his father at the family business, Gaines Ace Hardware, where he was the owner and manager. Jerry then managed Royston Ace Hardware until his retirement in 2004. Following his retirement, he worked part-time at Pruitt Funeral Home.

Jerry was a very active member in the community and was awarded the Outstanding Citizen Award. He was a city councilman and served as both mayor and mayor pro-tem. Jerry was the President of the Royston Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Housing Authority Board. He served as a volunteer fireman for many years and was one of the first EMT's in Royston. Jerry served his country in both the Army and the Army Reserves. He was a lifelong member of Royston Baptist Church where he served for many years on the board of deacons and numerous church committees.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, Lucius and Celestia Gaines; and

brother-in-law, Tribble Caldwell. He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Zadie Pruitt Gaines; his four children, Joanna Gaines Hill (Bert) of Athens, Jesse Neal Gaines (Jennifer) of Lavonia, Kelly Jon Gaines Foster (Jim) of Macon, and Linton Harris Gaines (Connie) of Lavonia; eight grandchildren, three great grandchildren; his beloved sister, Jennie Gaines Caldwell of Greenville, SC; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held in the Royston Baptist Church at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, April 10, 2023, with Rev. Craig Bowman and Rev. Matt Law officiating. A private family interment will follow in the Rose Hill Cemetery in Royston.

The family will receive friends in the Royston Baptist Church Family Life Center from 10:00 a.m. until funeral hour on Monday morning. During other times the family will be at the home.

Memorial donations may be given to Royston Baptist Church at 767 Church Street Royston, GA 30662.

Jerry was a generous and kind man who had a great sense of humor. He loved his Lord and Savior, his family and his friends. He left this earth knowing he was loved, and he will forever be in our hearts.

Pruitt Funeral Home in Royston, GA is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Rose Hill Cemetery

Burch Street  
Royston, GA 30662

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 10. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Royston Baptist Church Family Life Center  
767 Church Street  
Royston, GA 30662

## Service

APR 10. 11:30 AM (ET)

Royston Baptist Church  
767 Church Street  
Royston, GA 30662  
<http://www.roystonbaptistchurch.org>

# Tribute Wall

LW

“ *Lynn Waller lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Lamar Gaines*



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**Lynn Waller** - April 17, 2023 at 12:55 PM

BS

“ *Zadie my heartfelt sympathy to you and your entire family for the loss of your husband and friend. You are in my thoughts and prayers during very this difficult time.*

*Barbara Spurlock*

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**Barbara Spurlock** - April 15, 2023 at 07:47 AM

AJ

“ *My sincere condolences to Mrs. Zadie and family. I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I didn't get to meet Mr. Jerry , but Mrs. Zadie has been an inspiration to me ever since meeting her at RBC. I can only imagine how inspirational Mr. Jerry was to those around him. I am truly sorry for your loss and will keep you and your family in my prayers.*  
*-Autumn DeGrave Jones*



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**Autumn Jones** - April 14, 2023 at 02:40 PM

LF

“ Sadie, Dan and I are sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you and your family.  
Sincerely,  
Linda and Dan Fleming.

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Linda Fleming - April 13, 2023 at 05:13 PM

BW

“ Billy And Jimmie Ann Weaver lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Lamar Gaines



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Billy and Jimmie Ann Weaver - April 12, 2023 at 03:32 PM

LW

“ Lynn Waller lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Lamar Gaines



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Lynn Waller - April 11, 2023 at 08:04 PM

GB

“ So sorry for your loss! Prayers for you all



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Greg n Barbara Beck - April 10, 2023 at 06:50 PM

DT

“ Byron and I were so sorry to hear of Jerry's death. We go wa-a-a-y back to high school days, Royston and Lavonia. Remembering those and others as we reared our children and shared community involvement. Wishing happy memories for Zadio and all other family members. He leaves quite a legacy.

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**diane toney** - April 10, 2023 at 01:03 PM

VI

“ Zadio and family, I am so sorry to hear about Jerry. My prayers are with you.  
*Vicki Bennett Smith*

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**Vicki** - April 10, 2023 at 09:38 AM

SG

“ Suzanne Greenway Gillespie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Lamar Gaines



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**Suzanne Greenway Gillespie** - April 10, 2023 at 08:26 AM

KM

“ Ms Zadio, you are in my thoughts and prayers. May God wrap you in his arms and give you comfort during this difficult time.



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**Karen Smith Kirk McEver** - April 10, 2023 at 01:47 AM

HB

“ *Zadie, my sincere condolences to you and your family in learning of Jerry's passing. He would always take time and make an effort to talk with me when I made trips back to Royston to visit my folks, always showing an interest with questions about my life and work in California and western states I worked in. He was truly a lifelong friend.*

*Harrison P. Barton, PLS (Retired)*

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**Harrison P. Barton** - April 10, 2023 at 12:46 AM

GB

“ *Prayers to you all*



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**Gary Bragg** - April 09, 2023 at 11:14 PM

SS

“ *Zadie and family, I am so saddened to hear of Jerry's passing. Always such a kind soul, beloved by many.*

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**Susan Strickland-Maxey** - April 09, 2023 at 07:08 PM

SW

“ *Sara Baty White lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Lamar Gaines*



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**Sara Baty White** - April 09, 2023 at 02:59 PM

DD

“ My deepest heartfelt condolences are with your family Zadie. I have so many fond memories of Jerry and you. Not only did we and do I consider you all friends but also family as we love the Gaines and Pruitt families.

Zadie, the hardest thing you will ever go through but God is with you and my prayers are with you. Also with Jenny and the children.

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**Doris Olbon Duncan** - April 09, 2023 at 01:13 PM

DF

“ Dale & Daphne Farmer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Lamar Gaines



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**Dale & Daphne Farmer** - April 09, 2023 at 12:11 PM

LC

“ Lana Collins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Lamar Gaines



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**Lana Collins** - April 09, 2023 at 12:05 PM

JJ

“ June And Doug Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Lamar Gaines



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**June and Doug Jones** - April 09, 2023 at 11:59 AM

JD

“ Jerry And Carla Drake lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Lamar Gaines



Jerry and Carla Drake - April 09, 2023 at 11:11 AM

SB

“ Sammy Beard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Lamar Gaines



Sammy Beard - April 09, 2023 at 08:45 AM

SA

“ Sara&joehobbs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerry Lamar Gaines



sara&joehobbs - April 09, 2023 at 08:37 AM

RH

“ Prayers for family and friends. So very sorry for his passing but he is in a much better place.



RogerJudy Hart - April 08, 2023 at 08:16 PM

WD

*So very sorry to hear of Mr. Gaines passing. He was a fine man! I know my Dad thought so much of him. They shared a lot of laughs at the hardware! May God Bless you all.*

**Wade Detter** - April 09, 2023 at 10:20 AM

MJ

“ *Zadie, sincere condolences for you and your family. Mary Ann Mize Jordan*

**Mary Ann Mize Jordan** - April 08, 2023 at 03:48 PM

BW

“ *Brenda Wallace sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Jerry Lamar Gaines*



**Brenda Wallace** - April 08, 2023 at 02:37 PM

JB

“ *So sorry to hear of Jerrys passing! He was a mighty fine man ! Praying for Gods Blessings and Peace for the family!*



**Johnny Banister** - April 08, 2023 at 02:20 PM

DT

*Our love and prayers are with Jerry's family at this time.*

**Don & Pat Thornton** - April 08, 2023 at 08:18 PM

JK

“ My sincere condolences to all members of Jerry's family. I remember him as a classmate of the first order at old Royston High. May God bring comfort and peace to all who mourn his passing!

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**John Kay** - April 08, 2023 at 02:02 PM

KH

“ Gaines Family, so sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. As a young boy, the highlight of my Saturday was a morning run to Gaines Ace Hardware. Much was learned, both practical and nonsense, listening to my dad and Jerry converse. Those mornings were capped off by a visit to the funeral home with similar learnings and listenings with your beloved dad/granddad and Garnet. So glad I was able see and talk with Jerry a few months ago at my dad's birthday celebration. Jerry was one of the best and will always be the same in my memory. One of a kind. Praying for all.

*Kevin Herndon*

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**Kevin Herndon** - April 08, 2023 at 02:00 PM

SM

“ Zadio and family...I am so sorry for your great loss. Jerry was a great person and I enjoyed working with him while I was at Royston Baptist Church. He served in so many ways and was an outstanding person. I know he will be greatly missed by everyone. I love you and am praying for you all.

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**Sheila Moncrief** - April 08, 2023 at 01:06 PM

EC

“ Evelyn Cress sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Mr. Jerry Lamar Gaines



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**evelyn cress** - April 08, 2023 at 11:41 AM

BM

*So sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. Jerry and I graduated from the old Royston High School. Will miss seeing him at our class reunions. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time of grief. Bobbie Miller*

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**Bobbie Miller** - April 11, 2023 at 02:37 PM

BM

*So sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. Jerry and I graduated from the old Royston High School. Will miss seeing him at our class reunions. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time of grief*

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**Bobbie Miller** - April 11, 2023 at 02:42 PM