



## Dr. Robert R. Gatti

August 7, 1928 - December 6, 2017

A memorial service for Dr. Robert R. Gatti, 89, of Hideaway Lake, will be held on Sunday, December 10, 2017, at 2 PM at Stewart Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Jack Cox and Chaplain Emanuel Ward officiating under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Dr. Gatti passed away Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born August 7, 1928 in Dallas to Herbert and Luna Bell Gatti.

Bob was a member of First Methodist Church in Lindale and was involved in a wonderful Sunday School Class that he and Della enjoyed. He practiced medicine in Tyler for 45 years and loved every minute of it.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Sherwood Gatti, his wife of 50 years, Bobbye Jo Gatti, his wife of 10 years Della Gatti, his son Max Gatti and daughter Kerry Page Goodson.

He is survived by his loving family, daughters, Barbara Jackson, Beverly West and her husband Ben; daughter in law, Margaret Gatti; step son, K. C. Rudy and his two daughters, Kristin Plohg and her husband Jim, and Stephanie Rudy. Many grandchildren, Finley and Kristin DeShazo, Sophia and Roman Harris, Morgan and Brandon West, Kelsey and Savannah Goodson, Eric and Holly and Lauren Gatti, and many great grandchildren.

After being raised as a preacher's kid all over Oklahoma, (he went to 12 schools before graduating from High School), he joined the Army which helped him pay his way through Oklahoma University and then medical

school. He married Bobbye Jo Finley between semesters and had their son Max, then moved to Honolulu to finish out his residency at Tripler Army Hospital, where their daughter Barbara was born.

They moved to Tyler in 1960 following in his uncle Roy Page and his aunt Carrie Page footsteps who practiced as a physician in Tyler.

At that time, there were only 60 doctors in Tyler and he opened his private practice working long days and nights, including all his own surgery's and delivering babies. He also frequently made house calls to his patient's homes at night. Very soon after moving to Tyler, Katie Mae Price joined our family and was always considered a member of our family. In 1966, they were blessed with another daughter, Kerry Page and then two more years, were surprised with another daughter, Beverly. We have very many wonderful memories of those extremely busy days with swimming, skiing, traveling and sitting down to a family meal every night. When he retired in 2000, he donated all his medical equipment to The Bethesda Clinic, making him one of the first members of the Dr. Lukes Society in Tyler which provides medical treatment for uninsured residents of Tyler.

We're thankful to say he lived a very fun, active life over his 89 years with Bobbye and Della, traveling all over the world, playing golf and living a very colorful life. He will be missed very much as he leaves an empty hole where he loved us all, but we are very comforted knowing he is probably teeing it up at this very moment!

If desired, memorials may be made to Heart to Heart Hospice, 7925 S. Broadway Ste 1140, Tyler, TX 75703.

# Previous Events

## Service

DEC 10. 2:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

# Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Dr. Robert R. Gatti



Stewart Family Funeral Home - December 10, 2017 at 02:57 PM



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Robert R. Gatti



Stewart Family Funeral Home - December 10, 2017 at 12:33 PM



“ Loretta Martinez lit a candle in memory of Dr. Robert R. Gatti



Loretta martinez - April 22, 2018 at 07:07 AM

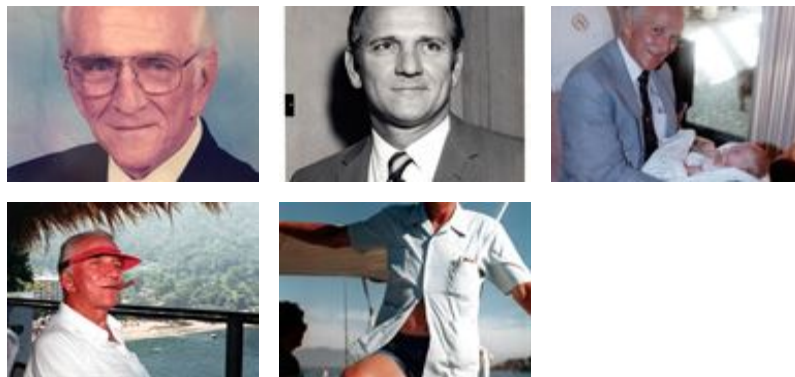
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“ It was a real treat when Bob and his family came to spend Christmas with our family in Dallas each year. He was a dear cousin and though we haven't been in touch in many years I have wonderful memories of him!! Rita Whittlesey Templin

Rita Templin - December 17, 2017 at 01:21 AM



“ 80 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - December 10, 2017 at 11:26 AM

LT

“ Lex Tacker purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dr. Robert R. Gatti.



Lex Tacker - December 09, 2017 at 11:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Robert R. Gatti.*



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December 08, 2017 at 09:31 PM



“ *One of the finest men I have ever known. He helped/guided me through 3 of the most heart-breaking losses in my life. I pray for him to R.I.P. He was a hero and a cherished friend to many and I treasure his friendship and the memories, advice and support he always gave me.*

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**Rita Newman** - December 08, 2017 at 05:58 PM



*Rita, thank you so much for your sweet comments. I really miss the Tuesday Night Dinners with yall!!!  
Love Barbara*

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**Barbara Jackson** - January 11, 2018 at 05:45 PM



“ *Dr Bob was a great friend.*

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**Joe Norton** - December 08, 2017 at 05:55 PM



“ *Rose Tribute was purchased for the family of Dr. Robert R. Gatti.*



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December 08, 2017 at 02:10 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Robert R. Gatti.*



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December 08, 2017 at 12:34 PM



“ *I called on Dr Gatti for years as a drug rep. He was always courteous, direct, very direct and a super sharp dresser ! Doc as we called him had probably the “coolest” office in town, it surpassed all others for modern decor and architecture. Mrs Gatti was a beautiful woman and together they had some beautiful kids. RIP Doc you were definitely one of a kind.*

*John R Bell*

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**john r bell** - December 07, 2017 at 09:15 PM



*John, your one of the sweetest men I know. Thank you for your comments!!.*

*Barbara*

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**Barbara Jackson** - January 11, 2018 at 05:41 PM



“ *Dear Dr Gatti stitched me and my brothers up more times than I can remember at Medical Center Hospital ER when we were kids growing up in Tyler - he was always there when we needed him. He was the best doctor I could ever imagine having. I believe he made a few house calls to us when were little kids. When I heard of his passing all those memories came flooding back of annual checkups and the dreaded DPT shots we used to get.. he was a great guy and will certainly be missed. My condolences to his family*

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**Kyle Hill** - December 07, 2017 at 04:31 PM

BJ

*Thank you Kyle, he gave me and my siblings quite a few stitches on the kitchen table too!!  
Didn't know they were going to be great memories at the time. Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers also!!  
Barbara*

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**Barbara Jackson** - January 11, 2018 at 05:43 PM

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*“ The Gatti's were my earliest childhood memories of FUN. I loved them all. Dr. Gatti will be missed so much by his family and friends who are still here, but he's spending Christmas with his wife and kids who prepared a place for him in Heaven at Christ's glorious feast. We'll all be together again to celebrate. Dr. Gatti, please say hi to my mom for me! Love, Lora Beth*

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**Lora Arnold** - December 07, 2017 at 02:03 PM