

Obituary

Mr. Raymond Odell Gantt was born July 30, 1950, to the late Raymond Gantt and Nellie Richardson Gantt. He was the second of eight children. He departed this life on Sunday, August 16, 2026.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Bonnie Dingle Gantt; brothers, Carl Gantt and Marvin Gantt; sister, Josephine Gantt Bouknight; and his son, Quentin Gantt.

Mr. Gantt attended the public schools of Richland County, South Carolina, and graduated from Hopkins High School, Class of 1968. After a brief stay in New York City, he returned to Columbia, South Carolina, where he met the love of his life, Bonnie Dingle Gantt. He was a devoted father to three sons, Raymond (Mariela) Jeter, Rayfield Jeter and the late Quentin (Calandra) Gantt.

Mr. Gantt worked for Westinghouse Electric for over 30 years, retiring as a Chief Operator. Beyond work, he enjoyed bowling, golfing, and was a passionate sports fan, cheering faithfully for the Carolina Panthers, Atlanta Braves, and the South Carolina Gamecocks.

Above all, Mr. Gantt’s greatest joy was his family, especially his grandchildren. He is lovingly survived by: eight grandchildren, Raymond (Donya) Jeter II, Xavier Jeter, Jaylon Jeter, Calvin Johnson, Quentin Gantt Jr, Jordyn Gantt, Tamia Gantt and Ainsley Jeter; Four Siblings: Earl (Laura) Gantt, Andrena (Albert) McNeill, Valerie (Vernon) Jackson and Jerome (Barbara) Gantt; five great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousin, other loving family and friends that will remember and miss Mr. Gantt for his steady presence, his love of family, and quiet pride.

Memories



Order of Service



- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Hymn.....Elder Anthony Stubbs
- Old Testament.....Deacon Earl Gantt
- New Testament.....Mr. Clifford Gantt
- Prayer.....Elder Pauline Harley
St. Peter Baptist Church, Irmo, South Carolina
- Solo.....Deacon Earl Gantt
- Remarks.....Deacon Alfonzo Baker, Classmate
Deacon George Hampton, Classmate
- Selection.....Ms. Ze’Nya Gantt
- Words of Comfort.....Evangelist Laura Gantt
- Recessional
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction and Interment

Greenlawn Memorial Gardens
7600 Garners Ferry Road
Columbia, South Carolina

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My Life's been full, I savoured much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now,
He set me free

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Floral Bearers

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Acknowledgement

We, the family of Mr. Raymond Odell Gantt, would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your prayers, love, calls, visits, flowers, cards, and every act of kindness shown during this difficult time. Your presence and support have brought us comfort and strength as we celebrate his life and cherish the many memories we shared.



A vertical poster for a memorial service. At the top, a white dove flies against a blue sky with clouds. Below the dove, the text 'In Loving Memory of' is written in a large, elegant script. Underneath, 'Mr. Raymond Odell Gantt' is written in a bold, sans-serif font. A circular portrait of Mr. Gantt, wearing a white hat and glasses, is positioned below the text. At the bottom, the date and time 'Monday, August 24, 2026 11:00 A.M.' are listed, followed by the location 'Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, South Carolina'. The name 'Evangelist Laura Gantt -Officiating-' is at the very bottom. The background of the poster features a soft, colorful sunset or sunrise over water.

Monday, August 24, 2026
11:00 A.M.

Leevy's Funeral Home Chapel
1831 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Evangelist Laura Gantt
-Officiating-