



Mr. Samuel Lavasco Gantt

August 17, 1953 - August 15, 2022

Samuel Lavasco Gantt departed this earthly life and entered into eternal rest on Monday, August 15, 2022 at the Prisma Health Heart Center in Columbia, South Carolina. He was one of three children

born to Lillian West Gantt and the late Sam Gantt.

Mr. Gantt received his formal education in the public schools of North Charleston, South Carolina.

He was a graduate of Bonds Wilson High School. On August 9, 1980, he married the love of his life,

Machelle Jones and to this loving one child was born, Austine Lashell Gantt.

Mr. Gantt was a

humanitarian and enjoyed serving others, especially with his delicious cooking skills. He previously

worked for the Capital City Club, The Spring Valley Country Club and was recently employed with the

Brookland Baptist Church Banquet and Conference Center. In 2008, Mr. Gantt joined Brookland

Baptist Church of Columbia and was a devoted and committed member. In May of 2011, he was

honored as one of the Best Chefs in the state of South Carolina. Active in the community, "Sam"

had participated since 2013 in the March of Dimes Signature Chef Auction. He

also won the 2018,
2019 and 2022, "Taste of Black Expo." In his spare time, his hobbies were
listening to Jazz, Old
School Motown Music and just hanging out with his family and friends.
He was preceded in death by his father, Sam Gantt. He leaves to cherish
precious memories, his
devoted wife of forty two years, Machel Jones Gantt; a daughter, Austine
Lashell Gantt; a
grandson, Nasir Sharif; mother , Lillian Gantt , two brothers, Gawayne
(Brenda) Gantt and Donald
(Catrina) Gantt; his aunts Gail Washington, Marie West and Doris West, uncle
James (Marie) West,
guardian siblings, Jasmine Winley and Jammal Nelson and a host of other
relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Gardens of Columbia

Columbia, SC

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG 24. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Brookland Baptist Church
1066 Sunset Blvd
West Columbia, SC 29169
(803) 796-7525

Viewing Before Services 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Samuel Lavasco Gantt*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Pamela Mills lit a candle in memory of Mr. Samuel Lavasco Gantt*



Pamela Mills - September 08, 2022 at 05:14 PM



“ *Condolences to the Gantt, West, and Oliver family. Lavasco was a good man. He was an excellent neighbor, lifelong friend, and a gifted artisan in the culinary arts. Everyone knew that his passion was family, music, and sports. Also, he loved to experiment with new recipes, and dishes to delight others. Lavasco will certainly be missed by all who knew him. Rest in peace Lavasco. Rest in peace.*

Osceola Talps - August 25, 2022 at 05:44 PM



“ *Many blessing to Machele, Austine and Nasir. RIP Sam. Linda Carroway-Jones*



Linda Carroway-Jones - August 24, 2022 at 07:35 PM

SK

“ To Machele, Austine and Nasir,
May God comfort and strengthen you. You are in my prayers. Love
you guys.

Shirley Hughes Kennedy

Shirley Hughes Kennedy - August 24, 2022 at 05:22 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the
family of Mr. Samuel Lavasco Gantt.



August 23, 2022 at 07:48 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Mr. Samuel Lavasco Gantt.



August 22, 2022 at 09:23 PM

MC

“ Sam was a wonderful person and awesome cook, share the kitchen
with him many times and awesome spirit to be around. May God
give his family peace and comfort during this time. He was a
awesome man of God the heart of God . With our deepest
sympathy to you all. The Bynum Family. He cooked at Mt Pilgrim
Baptist Church Lugoff, S C

Mr and Mrs Earl Bynum Camden S C - August 22, 2022 at 08:53 PM

NM

“ Nicole, Brandon, and Maurice purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mr. Samuel Lavasco Gantt.



Nicole, Brandon, and Maurice - August 22, 2022 at 04:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. Samuel Lavasco Gantt.



August 22, 2022 at 12:03 PM

LR

“ Lyn Ragan purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Mr. Samuel Lavasco Gantt.



Lyn Ragan - August 22, 2022 at 08:41 AM

BJ

“ My heart goes out to Machele and Austine and family. I love you both.

B Mark Jones - August 21, 2022 at 01:49 PM

CM

“Wow Mr Sam I'm going to miss you our laugh you teaching me about cooking and reminding me that everything looks like it needs to come out the same house Brooklyn won't be the same for me now that you're not there I thank God for putting you in my life teaching me and being my friend



Constance McClain - August 21, 2022 at 09:13 AM



“Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Samuel Lavasco Gantt.



August 20, 2022 at 02:44 PM

MB

“Marilyn Myers Bouknight lit a candle in memory of Mr. Samuel Lavasco Gantt



Marilyn Myers Bouknight - August 20, 2022 at 01:15 PM