



## Thomas Gartley

February 17, 1944 - April 18, 2021

Thomas Gartley, age 77, of Teays Valley went to be with the Lord on April 18, 2021 due to a traumatic fall. Thomas was born in Morgantown, West Virginia, after graduating Morgantown High School, he attended West Virginia Tech. upon earning his degree, he became a teacher at Dupont High School. He taught mechanical arts and shop class. In addition to teaching, he coached the girls'

Tennis team. After retiring from Dupont High School he continued his love of teaching and coaching by pursuing opportunities as the volleyball and tennis coach for Andrew Jackson Middle School. Thomas concluded his 60 year coaching career as the tennis coach for St. Albans High School. He was an active member of Hampton Baptist Church and for the past 20 years a member of Good Shepherd Baptist Church. Another one of Thomas' life passions was singing in the church choir.

Thomas is survived by his wife of 30 years, Susie Gartley, his son, Brian Gartley, his wife, Heather, and granddaughters' Alexa and Reka, his daughter Krissy Gartley Whiting and grandson Zach Whiting, his step-daughter Lisa Ruggieri and her husband, Rick. He is also survived by his only brother John Gartley and his wife, Lynn. Thomas is preceded in death by his Parents, John and Lucille Gartley.

Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 am Thursday, April 22, 2021 at Good Shepherd Baptist Church, Scott Depot, WV. Viewing for friends and family is 10:00-11:00 am at the Church.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to Good Shepherd Baptist Church, 162 Tiger Lane, Scott Depot, WV 25560

Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane is honored to serve Thomas and his family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Good Shepherd Baptist Church  
162 Tiger Lane  
Scott Depot, WV 25560

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ I am just seeing this. I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Gartley's passing.

*I was a student teacher of Mr. Gartley many years ago at Dupont High School. I have since retired after 30 years of teaching middle and high school Technology Education in Virginia.*

*I remember those times shared, and truly am thankful for Mr. Gartley and Mr. Strickler's help towards my career.*

*May his memories live on through all those he taught.*

*Sincerely,*

*Hans Herlan  
hherlan64@gmail.com*

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**Hans Herlan** - February 13, 2024 at 02:52 PM

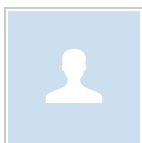


“ Mrs. Gartley- I am a Find A Grave volunteer. I created a memorial for Thomas in the Friendship Cemetery, including a photo of his gravestone. You may find it here: <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/261556604/thomas-gartley>

*I always delete names of surviving relatives as per Find A Grave policy. If you would like me to add, delete, or change any information or add a photo, do not hesitate to contact me.*

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**Marilyn Blake** - November 16, 2023 at 12:31 PM



“ Thomas Gartley

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October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM

KE

“ *The West Virginia and Kanawha County Associations of Retired School Employees extend their sincere sympathy to you, the family, in your sorrow. Blessings to all.*

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**Kanawha Co. Retired School Employees** - May 05, 2021 at 10:53 AM

PW

“ *I went to college with Tom and remember him as always being well dressed, well mannered, and a friend to everyone. I met his mom and dad only one time but it was clear to see that he was well brought up. I have not seen him for years but think of him now and then. I cannot imagine him being anything but a great guy.*

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**Patsy Workman** - April 23, 2021 at 09:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas Gartley.*



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April 22, 2021 at 02:35 PM

WS

“ *Mr Gartley was my drafting teacher way back in the 80s at DuPont H.S. Good Man and I'm sure he'll missed by all that knew him. Will Sheridan DPHS 88*

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**William Q Sheridan** - April 22, 2021 at 02:25 PM

KB

“ Tom was my volleyball coach at DuPont High from 97-99! I learned a lot of things on that court. Mostly about the game, but also some life lessons. He was a great teacher and coach. He will missed but always has a place in my heart and memories.

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**Katy Beatd** - April 22, 2021 at 08:36 AM

DJ

“ I just remember he would somehow always be the teacher who caught me riding my unicycle down the hallway. Absolutely enjoyed his mechanical drawing class. He was one of the best who was part of molding a lot of us young students into what we are today. Ms G, I'm just around the corner if you ever need me.

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**Duke Jordan** - April 22, 2021 at 07:25 AM

CM

“ He was a very caring teacher and a nurturing coach. I am saddened by his loss.

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**Christopher W McClung** - April 21, 2021 at 02:35 PM

TS

“ Tom was my Uncle and will miss him. He was a kind and fun man. My parents Ervin and Elaine Epperly loved him. God has a new angel!

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**Teresa Epperly Stanfill** - April 21, 2021 at 02:27 PM

MT

“ *Susie Gartley: We have only attended Good Shepherd for 8 years. Every time that we saw Thomas & Susie @ church or singing in Homeland Gospel brought us blessings. We will miss Thomas. We prayed when we heard that Thomas fell & had surgery. Thomas will now be in heaven with other members of the church. Our prayers are for the Thomas & Susie families.*  
*Michael & Kathy Tolbert*

Michael & Kathy Tolbert - April 21, 2021 at 01:43 PM

CB

*Susie: I loved our friendship over the years. It was always so fun to meet up with him across the volleyball court when DuPont and AJ played each year. He always brought a smile to my face as we laughed together. He was a marvelous man and friend. He will be greatly missed. Much love to you and his family. Cindy and Ronnie Bailey*

Cindy Bailey - April 21, 2021 at 04:50 PM

KS

“ *Rest in Peace CT. Your Family at Teays Cardiac Rehab will miss you!!*  
*Kelly, Malina, Katie, Danielle & Joel*

Kelly Stull - April 21, 2021 at 01:12 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Gartley.*



April 21, 2021 at 12:25 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Thomas Gartley.*



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April 21, 2021 at 08:06 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Gartley.*



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April 21, 2021 at 01:06 AM



“ *Susie, I know Thomas brought great joy to your life and you will miss him terribly. He adored you and you made a really good team. We pray for God's strength and comfort as you struggle with your loss.*

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**betty & David Kirby** - April 21, 2021 at 12:43 AM



*I met Brian's father when we were coaching a youth co-Ed basketball team. He was great with the kids, the sort of person you took to straight away. The family has my condolences at the loss of such fine man.  
Chas. Crooks*

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**Chas. Crooks** - April 21, 2021 at 11:25 AM

JL

“ Rest in Peace Mr. Gartley. Thanks for being such a good teacher and great man.  
Your instruction in Mechanical Drawing lead me to a life long career I have now retired from.  
And to the family, may the Lord guide and comfort you in your time of sadness and grief.

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**Joanna and Jeffrey Lanham** - April 20, 2021 at 11:01 PM

BQ

“ Several years ago in a crowd at Charleston Municipal Auditorium Mr. Gartley walked up to me and bragged to me about our Quartet singing. He was very kind to tell me that he was very proud of me.. I in turn had the opportunity as an adult to thank him for taking an interest in a young guy that had goofed off in high school and was on the verge of being a drop out.. I would have never graduated high school if not for Tom Gartley and John Stricker. They pushed me... they influenced me.... they cared!!! Thank you again Mr. Gartley I am forever grateful!!!

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**Brad Querry** - April 20, 2021 at 04:56 PM