



Roger Gates

August 27, 1938 - August 9, 2018

Roger Lee Gates, 79, of Monrovia, passed away on Thursday, August 9, 2018, while surrounded by his loving family and friends, in St. Francis Hospital South Campus, Indianapolis. He was born on August 27, 1938, in Indianapolis, to the late Cecil and Irene Ruth (Reinken) Gates.

Roger graduated from Monrovia High School in 1956. Immediately enlisting in the United States Navy, he acquired several handy construction traits serving as a Sea-Bee. Roger was united in marriage with Gloria (Shores) Gates on March 24, 1968; to whom he was blessed to share in raising a daughter, Christina and 50 years of companionship. A little man with a large heart, he was a relentless volunteer; always jumping at the opportunity to help others and assisting with the construction of several Kingdom Halls around the state.

In addition to raising livestock, farming and assisting with auctions at Ted Everett Farm Equipment, he specialized in mechanics and servicing heavy equipment. A selfless, hardworking, loyal and highly skilled handyman, Roger dedicated 44 years of faithful employment before retiring at Seastroms Inc. Known to frequently stir-the-pot, his presence was never overlooked. Possessing the quickest of wits, he had a unique smile and outstanding level of selfless commitment. Like an open book, Roger was a friendly, pay-it-forward and straight-shooting jokester.

A Member of the Mooresville congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses for over 50 years, he was baptized in the 60's and had been studying God's word and actively sharing his knowledge of the Bible with others. Mr. Gates was a cherished country neighbor to many within the close-knit community and his presence will be sorely missed by all who were blessed to know him.

Survivors include his loving wife, Gloria Gates of Monrovia; daughter, Christina Johnson (husband, Derek) of Monrovia; siblings, Nita Allen (husband, Dale) of Texas and Aaron Gates (wife, Sandy) of Thorntown, along with a beloved canine companion named Sadie.

Friends and family may visit from 1 to 4p.m., on Saturday, August 18, 2018, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 131 Robb Hill Rd., Martinsville. A Memorial Service will immediately follow and begin at 4pm. Funeral & Cremation Arrangements were entrusted to Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia and services will be conducted by Elder Michael Brown. The funeral home will provide envelopes for memorial contribution to help the family offset funeral expenses and will deliver any flowers to the Kingdom Hall for services. Condolences, memories, photos and sympathy gifts may be shared with the Gates family online at www.lightmemorial.com.

Cemetery Details

Cremation

585 E. MAIN STREET
Monrovia, IN 46157
<http://www.lightmemorial.com>

Previous Events

Friends & Family Gathering

AUG 18. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Martinsville
131 Robb Hill Road
Martinsville, IN 46151

Celebration of Life

AUG 18. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I know he will be missed by many.....especially me. 💔



Charolette Brown - August 18, 2018 at 06:13 PM

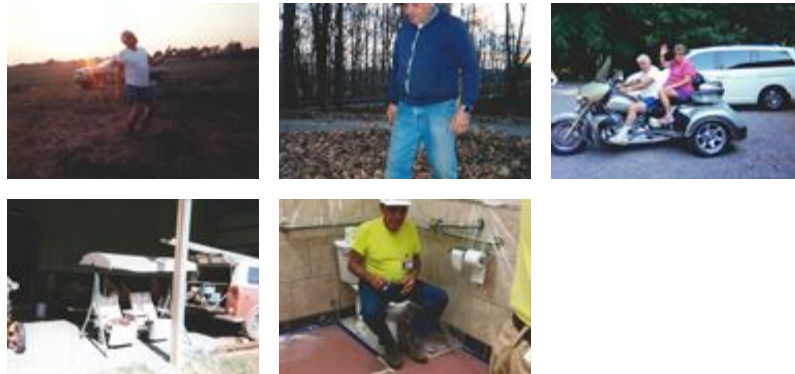


“ Too many stories to tell. A friend and buddy for over 50 years. I miss you already! See you again some day!

David Lee - August 18, 2018 at 09:58 AM



“ 85 files added to the album Life Tributes



Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - August 17, 2018 at 02:36 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Roger Gates.*



August 15, 2018 at 08:42 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roger Gates.*



August 14, 2018 at 11:46 PM



“ *Jan Holcomb Cummick lit a candle in memory of Roger Gates*



Jan Holcomb Cummick - August 10, 2018 at 06:50 PM

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“ One time my Gramps got real sick when our parents where gone up north. Grandma wasn't well either Lincoln had to stay home and take care of the cattle but Roger walked in and insisted on take Gramps and me to the doctor, a friend of Lincoln's came to take care of rhe cattle and Lincoln jumped in right before we left. Lincoln was scarred to death the wholeride because of Roger's driving! One time Roger came in while our parents where gone and he got on me because I didn't have his number on the board with everybody else's, so he put it on there in case I needed him. And another time he took me to the Old Settlers. We rode the ferris wheel and went through the tents and just had a great time and later we went out to eat at the Pizza Hut. I remember Roger teaching me how to drive the tractor out in the hay field too. And we always kept Cokes in the fridge for him. I loved to tease him about his white hair. He was like an Uncle to Lincoln and me. We will miss him forever. Much love & prayers to Gloria, Chris & Derek.
Ronna

Ronna - August 10, 2018 at 01:40 PM

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Roger and his wife Gloria were probably the first neighbors to come over and introduce themselves when I moved here 32 years ago. They have been wonderful neighbors all those years. Roger was always happy to see me and happy to lend a helping hand when needed. I can not adequately express my deepest sympathy to Gloria, Chris, and Derek. Roger was a rock in the foundation of the Monrovia community. and he will be sorely missed by many people.
Sending my prayers and sympathy, Sharon Hart

Sharon Hart - August 11, 2018 at 09:41 AM