



Frederick E. Gates

June 6, 1935 - March 26, 2021

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Frederick (Fred) Elsworth Gates was born June 6, 1935 to William C. Gates and Mae S. Gates in Tulsa, OK. Fred grew up in Tulsa and graduated from Oklahoma Military Academy in Claremore, OK. He enjoyed spending time with his family at their vacation home in Cedar Crest Community. He spent many enjoyable summers at Kamp Kanakuk in Branson, MO. Fred was an avid swimmer and loved jogging and working out. He attended Oklahoma University and was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity.

In 1966, Fred graduated with a Masters of Divinity from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. He also earned a Master's in Christian Education from Tulsa University. Ordained as a Presbyterian minister, he served churches in Oklahoma, Kansas, Iowa, Minnesota, and Tennessee. After retiring in 1996, he worked part-time jobs at grocery stores and Starbucks where he enjoyed his favorite pastime... getting to know lots of people and sharing his unique wit.

In 1956 Fred married Marilyn Hendrex. He was a loving father to their two children, Karen and Frederick (Eric). Later they divorced and Fred married Sharlyn (DeHaven) Drews. He was a wonderful stepfather to David, Darrick and Annie.

After a brief illness, Fred passed peacefully into his heavenly home on March 26, 2021 in Lansing, MI. He will always be remembered for his genuine interest in all people, his quirky humor, the twinkle in his eyes, his love for all

types of music, books, and his faith and dedication to God and the Church. Fred is survived by his wife Sharlyn DeHaven Gates, daughter Karen Woodard (Richard), son Eric Gates (Anne), step-son David Drews (Tisha), step-son Darrick Drews (Shawna), step-daughter Annie Batten (Eric); sister Harriet Mason, sister Areta Heard (Charles), sister-in-law Judy Gates; grandchildren Sam Woodard (Rosa), William Woodard, Michael Woodard, Marti Smith (Joshua), Emily Rivera (Johnny), Tyler Gates, Dylan Drews, Natalie Drews, Aiden Drews, Andrew Batten and Izabel Batten; great-grandchildren Elijah Smith, Heidi Smith, Gideon Smith and Evie Smith; and nieces Kathy Hijazi, Janece Gates Hiegel, and Julia Bonar.

Fred is preceded in death by his father William C. Gates, his mother Mae S. Gates, brother William (Billy) Gates, brother James Gates, and brother-in-law Charles (Rex) Mason.

A memorial service will be held on April 17, 2021 at First Baptist Church in Coffeyville, KS at 1:30 p.m. for family and friends. A later memorial service will be held in Holly, Michigan at Holly Presbyterian Church. Details on that service will be announced later. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Holly Presbyterian Church, Williamston United Methodist Church or the Williamston Area Senior Center.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

Coffeyville, KS

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 17. 1:30 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Coffeyville
300 W 9th St
Coffeyville, KS 67337

Tribute Wall

BC

“ We will never forget Fred's smile, ready humor, and "Fred Glow". What still touches my heart is the memory of Fred preaching for us the first time. We were in search of a pastor and he had come to meet us and lead the service. Not far into the service, I found tears welling up and spilling over. I could tell he walked the walk. He was so genuine and loving. We were so blessed to have him as our pastor! I remember his love for Tabasco sauce. When we would have Sharlyn and Fred over for pizza, out of his pocket would come his Tabasco. He would comment how it is good to have sweat on your forehead when you eat pizza....or most any food like that. I also remember Fred's story of putting a friend he was visiting at the hospital at ease by taking off his shoes and comparing socks with him. Fred helped us through a very difficult time when my first husband, Gary Holst , was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Fred led the Celebration of Life Service.

It is sad that Fred has been taken from all whose lives he touched so richly. We certainly remember him with love and a smile. Oh the joy in Heaven!

With love, Bonnie Holst Cummings, Onslow Presbyterian Church

Bonnie Holst Cummings - April 04, 2021 at 08:13 AM

MR

“ Mary Renico lit a candle in memory of Frederick E. Gates



mary renico - April 02, 2021 at 08:18 AM

RS

“ Fred always made me laugh, even when I didn't want to That was Fred and he had a gift! Rachel Sparling



Rachel Sparling - April 01, 2021 at 06:55 PM

DD

“ Donna DeNise lit a candle in memory of Frederick E. Gates



Donna DeNise - April 01, 2021 at 03:39 PM

MT

“ I am sorry to hear of Fred's passing. I enjoyed meeting Fred at Snap Fitness in Holly. I was amazed by his ability to remember everybody's name at the gym and his ease at making others smile.

Mary Beth Turner - April 01, 2021 at 03:33 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Frederick E. Gates.



March 31, 2021 at 10:21 PM

GJ

“ *Guy & Amy Jones lit a candle in memory of Frederick E. Gates*



Guy & Amy Jones - March 31, 2021 at 08:40 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frederick E. Gates.*



March 31, 2021 at 07:57 PM