



Jeff "Gator" Gates

May 18, 1952 - September 7, 2017

Jeff "Gator" Gates, 65, of Grand Island passed away with his family by his side on Thursday, September 7, 2017 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Visitation and gathering of friends and family will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday at the United Congregational Church, 405 E. Bismark Rd., Grand Island.

Celebration of Life service will be on Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the United Congregational Church, 405 E. Bismark Rd., Grand Island. Pastor Lonnie Logan will officiate. Burial will follow at Cedarview Cemetery in Doniphan with military honors rendered by United Veteran's Honor Guard and U.S. Army. Arrangements are entrusted to All Faiths Funeral Home.

Jeff was born on May 18, 1952 at Hastings, son of Byron R. and Mary Ellen (Alexander) Gates.

He is survived by his wife Gloria of 40 years; son, Chad W. Shriner and wife, Tonya, their children, Daniel and Tyler of Grand Island; son, Ryan C. and wife, Ashley, their children, Alex, Addisyn, Austin and Axton Gates of Grand Island ; brother, Jim and Vicky Gates of Gainesville TX; sisters, Pam and Doug Taylor of Grand Island, Shelley and Johnny Richey of Gainesville, TX, Sue Gates of Gainesville, TX; Melissa and Lary Wuthrich of San Antonio, TX; brother and sister-in-law, Mike and Colleen Leitschuck of Lincoln, Brenda Astrones of Doniphan, Judy Dubberly of Oklahoma City, OK, Theresa Dubberly of Huntsville, AR; and his fur babies; along with numerous extended family and friends.

Jeff was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Allan Gates, brothers-in-law, David Dubberly, Terry Dubberly and David Astrones; father and mother-in-law, Julian and Lois Dubberly.

Growing up he lived in Hastings, NE, Norton, KS, Wayne, NE and graduated from Central City High School in 1970. He was on the wrestling team for Central City and played Legion Baseball. His love of wrestling continued as he watched his son and grandson's careers of high school wrestling. He and Rod Shada spent many years going to the State Wrestling Tournaments. Jeff always looked forward to this men-only weekend.

After high school, he went to work at the Bonneville Plant in Aurora. In 1972, Jeff was drafted into the U.S. Army, he served during the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged in 1974. He was then employed by Diers Motor Co, and later when it became Anderson Ford.

On April 16, 1977, he was united in marriage to Gloria (Dubberly) Shriner. With this marriage, he gained a step-son, Chad. The couple was blessed with another son, Ryan in 1978.

In 1994, he went to work at Southern Power District in the warehouse. Jeff retired in 2015. Jeff was always one to keep busy, he enjoyed wood working and could build anything. He loved the outdoors, Jeff's favorite place to go camping and spend a day or two on the water was Beaver Lake. Jeff and his family made the trip to Beaver Lake every year since 2005. His other love was traveling, to escape Nebraska winters and spend a week in the sun, Jeff would make the trip to Jamaica or Mexico. Jeff enjoyed traveling with family and traveling companions, Mike and Colleen.

Jeff was a quiet gentle man. Always kind and generous. If help was needed, Jeff was the first one to lend a hand or offer advice. Jeff was devoted to his family, and adored his grandkids.

Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Cedarview Cemetery

Doniphan, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

United Congregational Church
405 E. Bismark
Grand Island, NE

Celebration of Life Service

SEP 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

United Congregational Church
405 E. Bismark
Grand Island, NE

Tribute Wall



“ Jeff "Gator" Gates

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Jeff "Gator" Gates.



September 11, 2017 at 08:54 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jeff "Gator" Gates.



September 10, 2017 at 05:17 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jeff "Gator" Gates.



September 10, 2017 at 11:08 AM

BW

“ Did not know Jeff, but his sister Pam always spoke highly of him.

May you be comforted by his memory.

Bob Wagoner

Bob Wagoner - September 09, 2017 at 07:10 PM

MR

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. We have great memories of time spent with you and Jeff.. Thoughts and prayers.

Kerry and Marlene Rodysill

Marlene Rodysill - September 09, 2017 at 05:45 PM

LS

“ Gloria and family~ Our love, thoughts and prayers for God's peace and comfort. Jeff was such a special man, who made our office a better place, each time he walked through the door. It was such a blessing to know him. Dr. Cain, Lynn, Sam and Steffi

Lynn Simonson - September 09, 2017 at 03:19 PM

PN

“ Gloria and family so sorry for your loss. I can't make it to GI I am in Colo but will see you next trip. My prayers are with you all. He was such a friendly fun guy he will be missed 🙏

Paulette Nitz - September 09, 2017 at 01:06 PM



“ *Gloria and family,
So sorry to read about your loss - I didn't know Jeff well, but I know he was a strong branch in your family tree. My thoughts are with you during this difficult time.*

Sue Jeffres

Sue Jeffres - September 09, 2017 at 12:53 PM

DM

“ *Danielle, Brian, Samantha, and Melanie purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jeff "Gator" Gates.*



Danielle, Brian, Samantha, and Melanie - September 09, 2017 at 03:04 AM

MF

“ *So sorry for your loss. Jeff & I went to high school together! He was such a great guy- always had a smile ♡*

Marcia (Reeves) Ferguson - September 08, 2017 at 11:06 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeff "Gator" Gates.*



September 08, 2017 at 10:37 PM

WO

“ Warner and Lori Oznick purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jeff "Gator" Gates.



Warner and Lori Oznick - September 08, 2017 at 08:09 PM

RS

“ Our sympathy on the death of Jeff.
I went to high school with Jeff, He was always smiling and was quiet when i as around. I didnt know Jeff very well but he was always nice to me.
May Gods blessings be with all of you.
Regina (Starkey) and Don Seamann

Regina (Starkey) Seamann - September 08, 2017 at 06:42 PM

BB

I knew Jeff from my time at Dier's Motor in early 80's very cordial guy,My Condolences. Bob Bienkowski

Bob Bienkowski - September 11, 2017 at 02:20 PM