

I Am Always With You

When I am gone, release me, let me go. I have so many things to see and do, You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears, But be thankful we had so many good years. I gave you my love, and you can only guess How much you've given me in happiness. I thank you for the love that you have shown, But now it is time I traveled on alone So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must Then let your grief be comforted by trust That it is only for a while that we must part, So treasure the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away for life goes on. And if you need me, call and I will come. Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear All my love around you soft and clear And then, when you come this way alone, I'll greet you with a smile and a "Welcome Home".



Celebrating THE LIFE OF



Charles B. "Chuck" Gates

November 1, 1948 ~ September 11, 2021



The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me
Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies:
Thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the
LORD for ever.

On Saturday, September 11, 2021, Charles B. "Chuck" Gates, of North Little Rock, Arkansas, loving husband and father of three children, passed away at the age of 72. Chuck was born on November 1, 1948 in Madisonville, Kentucky to William C. Gates and Margie Rogers. He served in the United States Air Force from 1968-1971 working in fuel systems maintenance in Thailand during the Vietnam War. After the war, he was stationed at the Little Rock Air Force Base in Jacksonville, Arkansas.

On September 1, 1972, he married Carolyn Sue Easter. They raised three sons, John Perry of Mayflower, David Scott (Malinda) of Little Rock and Stephen Scott (Melaina) of North Little Rock.

He worked as a sub-contractor building and remodeling homes for 50 years. Chuck had a passion for fishing and hunting, along with riding motorcycles, and listening to 1970s classic rock. But no matter how busy he was, he always made time for his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Besides family, he was often seen striking up conversations with newcomers, as he "never met a stranger."

Chuck was preceded in death by his father, William C. Gates, his mother Margie Rogers Hight, and by his brothers Bobby Lee Gates and Michael W. Gates. He is survived by his wife, Sue, his sisters Debbie White (Danny) and Sharron Vandiver of Nortonville, Kentucky; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A visitation will be held Sunday, September 19 from 2:00-4:00 pm at Smith Funeral Home, 1921 Main Street, North Little Rock. The funeral service will also be held at Smith Funeral home Monday, September 20, 2021 at 1:30 pm. His interment at Rest Hills Cemetery at 3:00 pm will include a military salute to his service in the armed forces.