

Pallbearers

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Family Gratitude

We thank you so very much, for the love and kindness you've shown toward us. Your kind words and tributes will serve as comfort to us in the many days ahead. Thank you for sharing this journey with us again. God bless you.

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We Celebrate

Your Love for Life and Family

Mr. Jimmy Gates

January 4, 1949

January 18, 2021



Friday, January 29, 2020

Visitation: 11:00 a.m.

Service: 12:00 p.m.

Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church

802 W. Garfield • Elkhart, Indiana 46516

Pastor Danny T. Brown, Officiant

The Obituary

Jimmy Gates, 72, of Elkhart, Indiana, departed this life on January 18, 2021 at Elkhart Meadows. Jimmy was born on January 4, 1949 in Mississippi to Bernandrew and Emma (Thompson) Gates who both preceded him in death.

He married his true love, Delores Gates, in January of 1971. She also preceded him in death and his heart couldn't beat without her. His beloved son, Shawn Gates also preceded him as well. He was also preceded in death by his stepmother, Eliza Scott; sisters: Myrtis Gates and Minnie Scott; brothers: Henry Lee, James L., Clarence Earl, Willie Lee and Willie Joe; sisters-in-law: Shavannah Gates, Carol Sue Gates, Bessie Gates and Blanch Gates.

Jimmy worked at the Elkhart Foundry for 35 years until he retired to work for Elkhart Community Schools. Jimmy was great father and provider who always took care of his family.

Survivors include a daughter, Ylonda (Mike) Szucs; sons: Jimmy (Christina) Gates, Brandon (BG) Gates, Jaylan (PJ) Gates all of Elkhart, Indiana and Howard Gates of Virginia; eight grandchildren: Kiesha Gates, Kaylin Szucs, Xander Gates all of Elkhart, Indiana, Jordan (Bradley) Szucs of El Cajon, California, Andrew (Danielle) Gates of Pittsburg, André Gates of Newport Beach, California, Xavier Jackson of Jackson, Michigan, Electshwal Armstrong and Terry Armstrong of Blytheville, Arkansas; sisters: Dorothy (Alonzo) Harris, Diana (Mangl-) Causey, Emma (Earl) McCaster and Jackie Harris all of Elkhart, Indiana; brothers: Louis Charles (Bessie) Gates and Willie Walter (Erma) Gates both of Elkhart, Indiana. Jimmy left behind a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins.



We'll always remember
that special smile,
that caring heart,
that warm embrace,
you always gave us,
through good and bad times,
no matter what.
We'll always remember
you, Dad, because
there'll never be another one
to replace you in our hearts,
and the love we will always
have for you.

*The Precious Gift of Family,
Provides a Lifetime of Precious Memories*

The Order of Service

Friday, January 29, 2020 • 12:00 p.m.

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Processional Clergy and Family

Prayer Pulpit

Holy Scriptures

Old Testament Reading..... Pulpit

New Testament Reading..... Pulpit

Selection.....Jenny Moffet

Remarks [**2 minutes, please**] Family and Friends

Selection..... Choir

Acknowledgments / Cards / The ObituaryMarkie McGhee

Selection.....Terrell Morris

Eulogy.....Pastor Danny T. Brown

Recessional..... Clergy, Family, and Friends



~Interment~

Prairie Street Cemetery • Elkhart, Indiana



Love Has a Way of Making Us Smile



Lest We Forget Time Well Spent



What Makes A Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ... "DAD!"

