



Leslie (Les) H. Gates

March 25, 1938 - January 4, 2021

Leslie H. Gates, 82, passed away on January 4, 2021 from brain stem stroke complications. He was born in Amlin, Ohio and raised in Jerome, Ohio. He is preceded in death by parents, Myrtle (Dillie) and Merrill Gates, sister Betty Ann Belley (Demana), brothers Richard and Robert.

Survived by his loving wife Mary (Leonard) of 24 years, his younger brother Greg, daughters Lisa Kovinchick (Tony), Amy Wray (Mark), sons Aaron (Nina) and John Pemberton (Kim). Grandchildren, Kate Wray, Colin Kovinchick, Erin Wray, Brendon Kovinchick and Teegan Gates.

Les graduated in 1956 from Dublin High School. At Dublin High School he lettered in basketball, football, baseball, and track and was inducted into the Dublin High School Athletic Hall of Fame as a member of the 1955 State runner-up team. He attended Georgia State College while in the Army and Ohio University after his service in the Army. Les served three years in the United States Army, three years Active Reserves, seventeen years in the Ohio National Guard retiring as a Chief Warrant Officer 3. He retired from the insurance industry having been a regional manager for Allstate and eventually owning his own agency in old Dublin. Les was a charter member and served on the Board of Directors of the Dublin, Ohio Chamber of Commerce. He served on the initial CIC Committee with Chi Weber for Dublin and was Chairman of the 1975 and 1976 Dublin Fourth of July celebration and working

with the Kiwanis Frog Jump for many years. Les was a charter member and co-founder of the Marysville, Ohio Moose along with being a two-time President of the Loyal Order of Moose. He was a lifetime member of the Millcreek Memorial VFW Post 3320 in Marysville, Ohio, along with being a lifetime member of the Military Officers Association of America. He was also a member of the Military Officers Association of Central Ohio and the American Legion. In his later years, Les became an author, recounting his life and love of Jerome, Ohio where he grew up in the 1940's and 1950's, titling his first book "Jerome" and his second, "To Jerome".

Funeral Service will be held at 5:00 pm Sunday, January 10, 2021 at RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL, 450 West Olentangy Street, Powell, Ohio where friends may call from 2:00 to 5:00 pm prior to the service. Private Burial will be held at Jerome Cemetery, Jerome, Ohio. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to: The Salvation Army.

Cemetery Details

Jerome Cemetery

Jerome, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 10. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell
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Tribute Wall



“ *Leslie (Les) H. Gates*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *God Bless and a Heartfelt Thank YOU CW3 Gates for your service in The United States Army. And Semper Fi. ...SIR.*



Herb Guyer-Sharfenaker USMC - February 26, 2021 at 09:49 PM



*Oh Mary, I'm learning of Les' passing far too late (today), I'm so sorry I didn't hear sooner and my heart is with you for your loss. We've always appreciate him and his jovial spirit.
Renee Vidor and fam*

Renee - February 28, 2021 at 02:05 PM

JK

“ *Mary,
Jack & I just learned of Les passing. Our
prayers are with you & all the family.
So sad to lose such a fun loving person. We
had many good times with him through the
years. He is now resting in peace with our Lord.
Hugs, Jack & Joyce Kasper*



Joyce Kasper - January 27, 2021 at 09:21 AM

ME

“ *Mary Susan, I was sorry to hear of your loss. Please know how very
saddened I am.
May happy memories carry you through this sorrowful time. Marge
Enright*

Marge Enright - January 07, 2021 at 03:24 PM

AB

“ *The members of the Central Ohio Chapter of the Military Officers
Association extend their deepest condolences to the family and
friends of Les Gates.*

*Alexander Bettinger, colonel USAF (Ret)
Secretary*

A. bettinger - January 07, 2021 at 09:36 AM

Lisa
GK

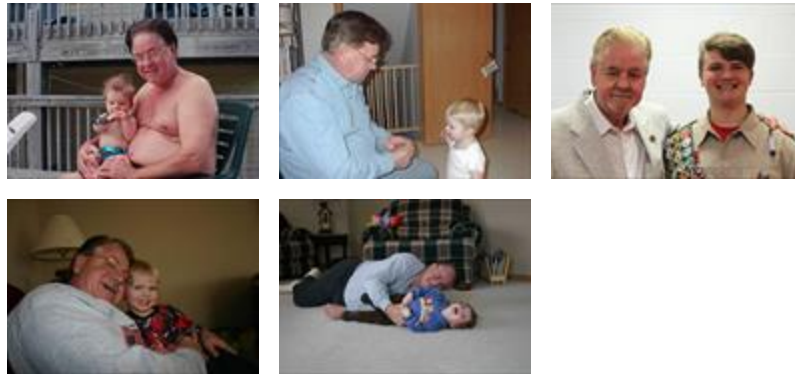
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