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Funeral service for Gilbert Gates, Jr., 71 of DeRidder, LA, will be held on Friday, April 13, 2012, at 2 P.M., Labby Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in DeRidder, LA., with Rev. Stacy Bradford and Rev. Hilton Wells officiating. Burial will follow at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in DeRidder, LA, under the direction of Labby Memorial Funeral Home of DeRidder. Mr. Gates passed away on Monday, April 9, 2012, at M.D. Anderson Medical Center in Houston, TX.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 12, 2012, from 5 P.M. until 9 P.M., and Friday, April 13, 2012, from 9 A.M. until time of the service at Labby Memorial Funeral Home.

He was born in Abilene, TX, and was retired from the U. S. Army with 20 years of service and a Viet Nam veteran. He also retired from the U. S. Civil Service after 21 years of service.

Mr. Gates is survived by his wife, Alice Crutchfield Gates of DeRidder, LA; 4 sons, Ricky Lee Poteet and wife Lisa of DeRidder, LA, Gilbert Gates, III and wife Susanne of South Carolina, Gerald Poteet and wife Kathy of DeRidder, LA and Gregory Poteet and wife Stacey of DeRidder, LA; 2 daughters, Deborah Daw and husband Bobby of Center, TX and Angela Johansen and J.R. Herbert of DeRidder, LA; 10 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Gilbert Gates, Sr. and Rosalie Woodard Gates and sister, Erma J. Blanchard.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to MD Anderson Cancer Center, P. O. Box 4486, Houston, TX, 77210-4486, or call 713-792-3450 or 1-800-525-5841.



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SM

Sandra Murray posted:

Ms. Gates, I am so sorry about Mr. Gilberts passing. Shocked to say the least. Please know that he was such a sweetheart, and I know he will be greatly missed. I enjoyed taking care of him for such a short time. My prayers are with you and your family.

June 2 at 5:56 AM

SF

Sandy Freeman posted:

Have known the Gates since high school. Have always liked and respected them. Then as a program director at council on aging for several years, they became my clients. I so enjoyed each and every time Mr Gates walked into the center. He was always full of smiles and laughs and he and Mrs Gates sometimes stayed a couple of hours just visiting with whoever was at the center...but mostly with me. :o)\r\nMy memories and thoughts of Mr Gates will always be find ones. Friends with Gil #3 since high school....my prayers are with you all.

June 2 at 5:56 AM

JJ

John And Karla Jones posted:

Dear Aunt Alice and family,\r\nWe are so sorry to hear of Uncle Gil's passing. A gentle soul taken way too early. Our thoughts and prayers for peace and comfort are with you during this most difficult\r\ntime.

June 2 at 5:56 AM

TD

Towanda Dillard posted:

I had the oppotunity to met Mr. Gates a wonderful man and his wife Mrs. Gates just in that small amount of time he pass some of his casrism on to me,from that day on i kept him my prayers.the family is in my prayers,for your lost, may the keep the family strong, God bless.

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TS

The Miller's posted:

Sorry for you lost

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Kathryn Schillings posted:

Debbie and Darlene....I am so sorry to hear about your dad and grandfather! I will keep you both in my prayers and pray for peace and comfort that passeth all understanding to embrace you both and all your family! Love you both! Kathryn and JoeTom

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Barbara Bowles posted:

You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gilbert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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