



John Henry Gates Sr.

August 31, 1950 - May 12, 2017

John Henry Gates, Sr. age 66 of Bandy, VA died Friday, May 12, 2017 at Carilion Tazewell Community Hospital in Tazewell, VA. He was born August 31, 1950 at Cedar Bluff, VA and was a son of the late James Willis "Jim" and Bertha Mae Horn Gates. Mr. Gates was a veteran of the United States Army. He enjoyed raising fresh vegetables in his garden, planting peach trees and collecting coins and stamps.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, John Gates, Jr.; two sisters, Nancy Burnett and Nora "Tea" Lester; two brothers, an infant brother and George Gates.

Surviving family members include his daughter, Beth Vandyke of North Tazewell, VA; his son, Matthew J. Gates and wife, Amanda of North Tazewell, VA; special friend, Elizabeth Asbury; two sisters, Catherine Bowling of Mudfork, VA and Lois Gillespie of North Carolina; four brothers, Doug Gates of Mudfork, VA, Lewis Gates and wife, Vernie of Adria, VA, Billy Gates of Charlotte, NC and Gus Harris of Belfast, VA; eight grandchildren, Jonathan Gates, Shannon Gates, Sheena Gates, Abigail Gates, Jacob Gates, Peyton Gates, Autum Vandyke and Natalie Vandyke; a host of other family members and friends also survive.

Funeral services for John Henry Gates, Sr. will be conducted at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home Chapel in Tazewell, VA with the Rev. Doug Bowman officiating.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home after 6:00 p.m. Wednesday,

May 17, 2017.

Military rites will be conducted by members of the Barns-Beavers VFW Post #7136 in Tazewell, VA.

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Tazewell, VA is serving the family of Mr. Gates and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home of Tazewell
870 Main Street
Tazewell, VA 24651
<http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com>

Funeral Service

MAY 17. 7:00 PM (ET)

Hurst-Scott Funeral Home of Tazewell
870 Main Street
Tazewell, VA 24651
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Tribute Wall



“ *John Henry Gates Sr.*

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ *John Henry Gates Sr.*

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *John Henry was more like my daddy than any of his own children. He would visit and keep us in stitches, with his silliness. I always loved to have him visit. Love and prayers for all of you!*

Betty Horne - May 16, 2017 at 06:37 PM



“ *God bless you and your family*



Jimmy white - May 16, 2017 at 05:39 PM



“ *Amy Hart lit a candle in memory of John Henry Gates Sr.*



Amy Hart - May 15, 2017 at 08:17 PM

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“ *Ruby Asbury lit a candle in memory of John Henry Gates Sr.*




Ruby Asbury - May 15, 2017 at 05:18 PM

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MY HEART FELT SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY, I KNEW JOHN AND HIS BROTHERS AND SISTERS GROWING UP. MAY GOD COMFORT YOU AT THIS TIME .

Ruby Asbury - May 15, 2017 at 05:20 PM

 Donald Meade

“ *Donald Meade lit a candle in memory of John Henry Gates Sr.*



Donald Meade - May 15, 2017 at 04:58 PM