



Mr. Gregory James Gates

May 10, 1951 - July 5, 2020

GATES, Mr. Gregory James - Age 69 passed away Sunday, July 5, 2020 at Willowbrook Manor. Mr. Gates will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed Friday, July 10, 2020 from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM.

Mr. Gregory James Gates a.k.a. “Huncho, Gator” was born May 10, 1951 in Flint, Michigan, the son of James L. and Ruth (Tipton) Gates. He was a resident of Flint and graduated from Flint Northwestern High School, “Class of 1970.” Gregory was employed at Hurley Medical Center in 1970 and then employed at Buick Motor Company and AC Delphi, divisions of General Motors Corporation in 1973, retiring in 2001. His hobbies were boxing in the Golden Gloves, singing, dancing and being a D.J., his favorite quote was “I could have been a star, but I naw... I had to babysit.” Gregory’s love interests were being a “Ladies Man” and was an avid baseball fan. He loved to dress and was a slick talker.

Mr. Gregory James Gates leaves to cherish his memory: 3 sons, Reginald Suggs, Brian Burnett and Christopher (Keisha) Gates; 2 grandchildren, Christopher Gates Jr. and Jaylen Gates; mother, Ruth (Tipton) Gates, all of Flint; 4 sisters, Deborah (Gates) Hughley of San Antonio, TX, Kathleen “Kitty” Sanders, Tammy (Gates) Boddie-Bey and Sheila Gates, all of Flint; brother, Fredrick L. Gates of San Antonio, TX; 10 nieces; 7 nephews; aunt, Katherine Tipton; special brother-in-law, Charlie Harvey Jr. of Flint; a host of cousins including special cousins, Lucille Brown and James Wardlow, both of Flint;

mothers of his children, Alsie Simpson and Adine Suggs; god-mother, Nora O'dell; a host of other relatives and friends including special friends, Arnold "Ike" Chatmon of Akron, OH and William (June) Long.

Mr. Gates was preceded in death by his father, James L. Gates; grandparents, Newt and Ezra (Wynne) Tipton, George and Gertrude Mabry; brother, Dennis K. Gates; numerous aunts and uncles; brothers-in-law, Arthur Boddie-Bey, Willie Sanders Jr. and Carnell Hughley.

The family would like to express special thanks to Dr. Peddireddy, Hurley Medical Center, Willowbrook Manor, caregivers, Sha'Quaytia Wright, Lady Ann Sanders, Shaquetta Keels and Finus Harvey.

Previous Events

Viewing

JUL **10**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Gregory James Gates*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *To the Gates and Tipton family sorry for your loss. My condolence go out to the family. Gregory and I worked together at AC that's when I found out that I was married to his cousin Linda Tipton , wow small world right ?*



ROGER C SOLOMON - July 12, 2020 at 11:07 PM



“ *ROGER C SOLOMON lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory James Gates*



ROGER C SOLOMON - July 12, 2020 at 10:57 PM



“ *Sharon Mcintosh lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory James Gates*



Sharon mcintosh - July 12, 2020 at 10:16 PM

SP

“ *Sedgwick Perry; lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory James Gates*



sedgwick perry; - July 12, 2020 at 07:04 AM

ST

“ *Stephanie Tipton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory James Gates*



stephanie tipton - July 11, 2020 at 07:56 PM



“ *Praying for the family. Deacon Terry & Glenna Gates*



Terry Gates - July 11, 2020 at 04:04 PM

PP

“ *Perry & Marcia Pippins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory James Gates*



Perry & Marcia Pippins - July 11, 2020 at 08:49 AM

JK

“ *Jesse Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory James Gates*



Jesse Kirksey - July 10, 2020 at 10:29 PM

MM

“ *Marva Mcdaniel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory James Gates*



Marva Mcdaniel - July 10, 2020 at 05:53 PM

DS

“ *Debora Stitt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory James Gates*



Debora Stitt - July 10, 2020 at 04:40 PM

CC

“ *Thoughts and prayers for you and your family.*



Cinnamon Catron - July 10, 2020 at 01:25 PM

RC

“ Sending my condolences to my second family. Rest in Heaven my Big Bro. Praying for my Mommie that God will stregenten her in the lost of her eldest. Im so sorry he had to leave. Love u Greg always treated me like Family

Renee Cobb - July 09, 2020 at 11:24 PM

DS

“ Dixie Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory James Gates



Dixie Smith - July 09, 2020 at 11:07 PM

YC

“ Yolonda Cross lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory James Gates



Yolonda Cross - July 09, 2020 at 11:06 PM

MB

“ Truly will be missed



MZ baybay - July 09, 2020 at 10:27 PM

MF

“ *Monica Byrd & Blue Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory James Gates*



Monica Byrd & Blue Family - July 09, 2020 at 09:45 PM

JK

“ *Jake And Bernice Kendall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory James Gates*



jake and Bernice Kendall - July 09, 2020 at 09:28 PM

MS

“ *Mitch Teamer Sr. lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory James Gates*



Mitch Teamer Sr. - July 09, 2020 at 09:13 PM

MS

“ We send our prayers and sincere condolences to the family of Mr.Gates. God Bless the family.

*Benny & Mae Vern Spence
April Harris
Katina Woods & Monty Jr.*

Marietta Ga.



Mae Vern Spence - July 09, 2020 at 08:12 PM

TF

“ The English Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory James Gates



The English Family - July 09, 2020 at 06:28 PM

J(

“ James & Sharon Owensby (Arizona) lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory James Gates



James & Sharon Owensby (Arizona) - July 09, 2020 at 06:25 PM

SG

“ *Praying for the Gates Family.*
Sharon Givens Gibbs



Sharon Gibbs - July 09, 2020 at 06:02 PM

BW

“ *Betty Wiggins lit a candle in memory of Mr.*
Gregory James Gates



Betty Wiggins - July 09, 2020 at 12:59 PM

CS

“ *Praying for you all from the Jones Family. Damon St.*

Camilla Smith - July 09, 2020 at 12:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for*
the family of Mr. Gregory James Gates.



July 09, 2020 at 12:38 PM

DJ

“ Lord, Lord, Lord. Greg was my brother. We had so many good times and memories. I remember working with him at Cee Jay's Lounge and we had the best times of our lives. I would always try to find Greg when I come home. Never would come and not try to located my ride or die Greg. I am truly going to miss him. My heart is so heavy right now. My condolences goes out to Mrs. Ruth and the entire Gates family. Greg you were a true GEM to me. Love you and I am going to miss you.



*Deborah Johnson & Family
Shreveport, LA*

Deborah Johnson - July 09, 2020 at 12:25 PM

DC

“ DeAndre & LaTrisha Chilton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory James Gates



DeAndre & LaTrisha Chilton - July 09, 2020 at 11:51 AM

JG

“ Jennifer And Andrea Gray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory James Gates



Jennifer and Andrea Gray - July 09, 2020 at 05:43 AM

DY

“ *DeWayne Younger lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory James Gates*



DeWayne Younger - July 09, 2020 at 03:17 AM

CA

“ *Rest in Heaven Uncle Greg!*



Camilla - July 09, 2020 at 02:14 AM

TA

“ *Greg was my oldest brother and I loved him dearly!! He will truly be missed! Rest Peacefully!!*

Tammy Gates

Tammy - July 09, 2020 at 02:08 AM

TA

“ 🙏❤️



The Alexander's - July 09, 2020 at 12:02 AM

TC

“ *Trina Campbell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory James Gates*



Trina Campbell - July 08, 2020 at 10:28 PM

FN

“ *Flo Durrett Nichols lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory James Gates*



flo durrett nichols - July 08, 2020 at 05:16 PM

CG

“ *Chris And Keisha Gates lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory James Gates*



Chris and Keisha Gates - July 08, 2020 at 04:06 PM

GM

“ *Germaine Murray-Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory James Gates*



Germaine Murray-Davis - July 08, 2020 at 04:06 PM

EB

“ *Etta Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory James Gates*



Etta Brown - July 08, 2020 at 02:05 PM

RC

“ *My Dear friend, you have been on my mind heavy for the last month I kept saying I was going to stop by your moms and check on you after work had just said Sunday I'm going to see Gregory while at work my sister text me and told me you had oast you were kind you had a big heart and that hair, Thank you you will be missed My Deepest Condolences to your family . Rest up until we catch up*



Renee Coney - July 08, 2020 at 01:47 PM

PB

“ *Paula Burton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory James Gates*



Paula Burton - July 08, 2020 at 01:42 PM

PB

“ *Was a friend like family for years may you rest in Peace* 🙏🙏🙏
❤️

Paula Burton - July 08, 2020 at 01:41 PM

TM

“ Twana Sanders Matthews sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Gregory James Gates



Twana Sanders Matthews - July 08, 2020 at 10:23 AM

TM

“ Twana Matthews lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory James Gates



Twana Matthews - July 08, 2020 at 10:21 AM

DB

“ Doris Barnett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory James Gates



Doris Barnett - July 08, 2020 at 10:16 AM

TB

“ Tonya Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory James Gates



Tonya Brown - July 08, 2020 at 06:59 AM

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Tonya Brown - July 08, 2020 at 06:51 AM

CJ

“ Cheryl Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory James Gates



Cheryl Johnson - July 08, 2020 at 06:45 AM

BM

“ Belinda Manuel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory James Gates



Belinda Manuel - July 07, 2020 at 09:28 PM

OK

“ Ondria KirkseyGillespie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory James Gates



Ondria KirkseyGillespie - July 07, 2020 at 08:36 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Gregory James Gates.*



July 07, 2020 at 07:43 PM



“ *Kimberly Itson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory James Gates*



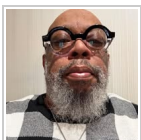
Kimberly Itson - July 07, 2020 at 06:43 PM



“ *Mary McGee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory James Gates*



Mary McGee - July 07, 2020 at 06:19 PM



“ *A Jeffrey LaValley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory James Gates*



A Jeffrey LaValley - July 07, 2020 at 02:42 PM

MR

“ *Marsha Hill RN lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory James Gates*



Marsha Hill RN - July 07, 2020 at 01:29 PM

MP

“ *Melonie (Hayden) Perkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory James Gates*



Melonie (Hayden) Perkins - July 07, 2020 at 12:02 PM

BW

“ *Betty Wiggins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory James Gates*



Betty Wiggins - July 07, 2020 at 11:46 AM

MO

“ *Mona lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory James Gates*



Mona - July 07, 2020 at 09:33 AM

MO

“ Gregory was a upstanding, passionate, knowledgeable, Black man. I could sit for hours and converse with him and get loose all track of time. He was caring, strong, a true person. Gregory you will be missed . Many condolences to the family



Mona - July 07, 2020 at 09:31 AM

RB

“ Rosa Burnett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory James Gates



Rosa Burnett - July 07, 2020 at 04:01 AM

JD

“ Jean Durrett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory James Gates



Jean Durrett - July 07, 2020 at 02:25 AM

MW

“ Mary & Diane Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gregory James Gates



Mary & Diane Williams - July 06, 2020 at 06:38 PM