



Arthur H. Gates

August 27, 1927 - January 12, 2021

AYER: Arthur H. Gates, 93, of Ayer, died Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at Nashoba Valley Medical Center, Ayer.

His wife, Johanna (Holzinger) Gates, died in November 2004.

Mr. Gates was born in Hanover, NH, August 27, 1927, a the oldest of 5 children born to Stanley T. and Ada E. (Maynard) Gates and has resided in Ayer for over 50 years, He grew up in Claremont, NH and was a graduate of Hartford High School in White River Junction, Vermont.

For twenty years Mr. Gates served his country in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict and Vietnam War, retiring in 1969 at the rank of Staff Sergeant.

He attended St. Mary's Church in Ayer and was a member of the Ayer American Legion Post.

He leaves a brother, Charles M. Gates of Vermont; a sister, Beverly J. Gibson of Charlestown, NH, several nieces and nephews and his longtime family friends, Rick and Judy Pare of Shirley.

He was the brother of the late Richard C. Gates of Tennessee and Shirley N. Gates of Claremont, NH.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated Monday, January 18, 2021 at 11AM in St. Anthony's Church, 14 Phoenix Street, Shirley. Burial with military honors will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Ayer.

The Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Road, Ayer is assisting the family with arrangements.

For additional information or to leave an online condolence please visit their website at www.andersonfuneral.com.

Cemetery

St. Mary's Cemtery

Bishop Rd.

Ayer, MA,

Comments



“ Arthur had a kind heart, and a way with words. I will fondly remember how he always carried a book, and the way he told his stories. It was a pleasure to know him, even if it was just for a little while.

Amanda Koeck - January 19 at 03:16 PM



“ Arthur Gates is my Uncle Sonny, my father Richard Gates is his brother. Uncle Sonny was a kind man with a kind spirit. He loved to tell all kinds of stories. I loved the way he laughs, with a little chuckle in his voice. I'll always Remember his Smile, his Laughter and the JOY he gave to ALL of us(my sisters)! Sonny you will Always be in Our Hearts & will miss you!!
Arthur Niece, Beth Gates

Beth Gates - January 16 at 08:13 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to Arthur's family and to his dear very supportive friends Rick and Judy. Arthur loved to cook bacon, toast and eggs daily if able to do so...sometimes burning the toast and setting off the smoke detector in his apartment with much apologies. Arthur was very sweet and dear giving gifts, cards and watching out for other Residents who had challenges that he did not have. Arthur played the Santa role and so looked forward to doing so each December at the facility Holiday parties. Arthur loved his music on vinyl played on his record player. These are my fond memories of Arthur Gates.

Stephanie Burton - January 15 at 07:09 PM



“ Going to miss Arthur for many reason he was always very sweet &kind to everyone! He would always offer to make breakfast when I came into to his apartment to do his medicine. Well miss him!

Joan Wilcox - January 17 at 05:40 PM



“ So very saddened to hear of Arthur's passing. I truly enjoyed seeing him when he came in to our post office in Ayer. He was always very friendly and had wonderful stories to tell. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Erin Blodgett - January 14 at 10:07 AM



“ Sorry to hear of Arthur’s passing. Condolences to his family as well as Rick & Judy.
Karen

Karen Januskiewicz - January 13 at 03:07 PM