



Tom Gates Jr.

March 1, 2023

In loving memory of our father, Tom Gates Jr. who passed away on March 1st 2023.

He was the devoted

husband of Cheryl, who was at his side, holding his hand, at his passing.

He was the proud father of three sons, Ty, Doug and Lee, and amazing grandfather of Kara, Brian, Courtney, Laken, Brennan, George and Ethan, beloved brother to Dick, his wife Elizabeth and niece and nephew, Annie and Johnny.

One of the kindest souls on this planet, he was a giving man who worked tirelessly and gave selflessly of himself to provide for his family. He faced every challenge in life with quiet determination and admirable strength and courage.

After graduating from River High School, he joined the U.S. Army and served his country. He met and married the love of his life, our mom, Cheryl on June 1st 1962. Dad went on to work for the State of Ohio, Ormet and The Home for Aged Men, where he eventually retired.

He was self taught in many of the trades, including Electrical, HVAC, Refrigeration, Carpentry, Plumbing and many others, and used this knowledge and skills to provide for his family and countless others in the community with his own Gates Refrigeration Company.

Dad will always be known for his selfless devotion to his family and his

amazingly dry and sarcastic sense

of humor, which is proudly carried on by his sons and grandchildren.

He had a lifelong interest and love of early American history and Native American cultures. He traveled throughout the United States visiting historical locations and acquired an extensive library of historical literature. He also took great pride in his antique pickup trucks and loved driving to car shows and in parades, usually with one of his grandkids by his side.

Our father was a true role model who we will always look up to. He is now at peace, but will live forever in our hearts.

Visitation will be held Sunday, March 5th from 2pm to 6pm at Grisell Funeral Home, 125 Clarington Dr., Clarington, OH where Funeral Services will be held Monday, March 6th at 11am.

Internment at Clarington Cemetery, Clarington.

Sympathy expressions at grisellfuneralhomes.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 5. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - Clarington
125 Clarinda Drive
Clarington, OH 43915
(740) 458-1372
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

MAR 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

May your memories of Tom Gates Jr., give you peace, comfort and strength...

*Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete.
I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.*

*My thoughts
and prayers to the family of*

US Army Veteran, Tom Gates Jr., is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - March 04, 2023 at 04:59 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Tom Gates Jr..*



March 03, 2023 at 09:22 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tom Gates Jr..*



March 02, 2023 at 07:35 PM