

James V. Gates

December 1, 1940 - September 14, 2013

DUNKIRK - James Vaughn Gates, 72, of Dunkirk, IN, passed away at 10:15 a.m. Saturday, September 14, 2013 peacefully in the company of family members at his residence.

James was born in Bluffton, IN on December 1, 1940, a son of the late Mary Margaret (Whetsel) and Joe Gates. James was a 1959 graduate of Pennville High School.

He served in the U.S. Navy and received the Good Conduct Metal (First Award). During his service he was proud to have crossed both the Equator and the Arctic Circle and served during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

James worked as a truck driver and highway maintenance at Jay County Highway Dept. and retired from Sheller Globe Mfg.

He was an active NRA Member, enjoyed Nascar, professional wrestling, yard work, farming, fishing, and the outdoors, but most of all, spending time with his children and grandchildren.

He became the proud husband of Sharon Ann (Surface) Gates in 1966.

James is survived by his wife Sharon; a daughter, Melissa Ann, wife of Dane Mumbower, of Dunkirk, IN; a son, Gary Allen, husband of Lysa Gates, of Albany, IN; a sister, Jayne, wife of Robert Lintner, of Casa Grande, AZ; three grandchildren, Matthew, husband of Jama Munson, of Muncie, IN, Kodi Mumbower and Paige Mumbower, of Dunkirk, IN; one great-grandson, Allen Munson, of Muncie, IN and two nephews.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Thursday, September 19, 2013 at MJS Mortuaries, Dunkirk Chapel, Dunkirk, IN with Pastor Randy Davis officiating. Burial will follow at Pennville IOOF Cemetery, Pennville, IN. Friends are invited to call from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday September 18, 2013 at MJS Mortuaries, Dunkirk Chapel.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to State of the Heart Hospice.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to MJS Mortuaries, Dunkirk Chapel.

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