



Mr. Richard "Dick" Gates

March 29, 1938 - June 29, 2016

Richard "Dick" Gates, age 78, of St. Clair Shores and Harrison, passed away on June 29, 2016, with his family by his side. He was born on March 29, 1938, in Shadyside, Ohio, to the late Gilbert and Stella Gates.

Dick retired after 30 years with the South Lake Public Schools.

Dick was awarded into the Evans Scholars program at the University of Michigan, (a beloved institution) whose scholarship, members and the camaraderie, gave him a chance to turn his life around, to become a teacher and administrator. While attending University of Michigan, he admired many classmates, teachers and athletes. He married Sharon LeTourneau on August 30, 1958, while in school, the best thing he ever did.

Dick and Sharon started out in his St. Clair Shores home, raising his sister, his three brothers and their three daughters.

After retirement, Dick and Sharon moved to Harrison, Michigan. There they lived on ten acres of land, on a hill, overlooking a lake. It was an Eden. He enjoyed the Tamaracks Golf Course, where he played for twenty years, winning three Moose League Championships and five Senior League Championships. He enjoyed the staff there and his best friend, Rod.

He is survived by his cherished wife, Sharon, beloved daughters, whom he loved to hug; Megan Gates, Lyssa (Kevin) Koresky and Marcy (Paul) Lape, grandchildren; Michelle (Dave), Gary (Kristin), Cole, Ren, Paul, Anthony, Rachel and Heather (Eric), great grandchildren; Claire, Henry, Sylvia, Andrew, Isla, Wren and Julian, brothers; Raymond (Carol) Gates, Bob (Debbie) Gates,

sister, Nancy (Jim) Seipp, sister-in-law, Lois Gates, nieces and nephews; Caleb, Sam, Ransom, Ben, Josh, Jessica, Heather, Corey, Craig, Jay and Jeff, and great nieces and nephews; Kayla, Katie, Ethan, Avery, Noah, Sophie, Cory, Cristina, Elias, Judah and Jaylene.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Ron Gates, grandson, Shane Keillor, mother-in-law, Sylvia LeTourneau and his beloved golden retriever, Casey, who loved the land, the water and Dick and Sharon.

A celebration of life will be held on July 22, 2016 in the Lakeland Banquet and Event Center, located at 21801 E. Nine Mile Road, (across from South Lake High School), St. Clair Shores, from 1:00pm until 4:00pm.

Memorial tributes can be made to the Evans Scholars Program- University of Michigan.

Arrangements in care of – Jowett Funeral Home – 57737 Gratiot, New Haven.
View obituary and share memories at www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL **22**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Lakeland Banquet and Event Center
21801 E. Nine Mile Road
St. Clair Shores, MI 48080

Tribute Wall



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard "Dick" Gates.*



September 01, 2016 at 01:47 PM



“ *So sad to learn of Dick's passing. He was everything a man should be. A life well lived. He will always live in our memory as the exceptional person he was.*

*Pat and Don Leggett
South Lake 1955*

Leggett - July 09, 2016 at 03:16 PM



“ *I will always remember his smile and his laugh and the good times we had playing football together.*

*Donald Leggett
South Lake 1955*

Leggett - July 09, 2016 at 03:13 PM

BH

“ Dick was a roommate at the Evans Scholars House at the University of Michigan. He was a genuinely kind and decent person of which the world could use many more. From the tributes he has received it is obvious he carried those traits with him throughout his life. Those whose paths crossed his were fortunate and his memory will live in them as it does in me.

*Bill Haney
Evans Scholar
University of Michigan, 1958*

Bill Haney - July 03, 2016 at 08:35 PM

BK

“ Dick and I shared a number of unique memories as classmates at U. of M. He was always a gentleman and a 'fun' guy. My condolences to his family.

Bruce A. Karash, Lakeview H.S. '55; U of M '59; Wayne Law '62.

Bruce A. Karash - July 03, 2016 at 11:05 AM

RI

“ My husband, Richard Dyer, has shared memories of Mr. Gates through the years how he raised his siblings after his parents passed away. And all the stories from the classroom. It was a great family and he was an excellent role model. Rich roomed with Mr Gates brother Ron at Northern. 3rd hour English class...great times and many life lessons shared by all. Rest in peace Mr. Gates ~ you will never be forgotten.

Rich - July 03, 2016 at 07:49 AM

RR

“ My deepest sympathies on the passing of Mr. Gates. He hired me for my first position at South Lake back in 1986. He was such a kind man and well respected by all.

Robin Roussin - July 02, 2016 at 09:19 PM

BF

“ Barbara Van Maldeghem n family purchased the With Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket for the family of Mr. Richard "Dick" Gates.



Barbara Van Maldeghem n family - July 02, 2016 at 12:03 AM

CP

“ What a shock. Mr. Gates was a true gem. I grew up spending much time in his home as his daughter, Lyssa, and I were friends and he was always welcoming, generous and kind. My prayers go out to the family. RIP Mr. Gates.

Carla Pas - July 01, 2016 at 07:43 PM

CG

“ We were best friends forever--from dating in the Old Pontiac to all of the music and films and time spent together--life was good to us.
Carl and Annie

Carl and Annie Grindstaff - July 01, 2016 at 11:17 AM

SH

“ Mr. Gates helped me through some real tough times when I was a screwed up high school kid back in the gogo 70s. I will always appreciate his kindness and advice. Sympathy and prayers. (Steve Hattey South Lake '74)

Steve Hattey - July 01, 2016 at 10:36 AM

RL

“ How we all will miss the most amazing storyteller that had ever lived. How he would lead you into those wonderful stories... and that fantastic tone of his voice! Our treasure to remember for all time!
Bobby LeTourneau

Robert LeTourneau - July 01, 2016 at 08:53 AM

AN

“ mr. gates, you always were kind to me xoxo and you inspired me daily with your "thought of the day". thank you for being such a great inspiration and influence. rip xoxo

anon - July 01, 2016 at 01:27 AM

AA

“ I only have 6 billion memories since I was born. But I remember this one time I was riding my bike (way too fast) down their driveway when I was like 8 and I wiped out. I didn't think anyone would hear me crying but grandpa gator came over that hill, picked me up, carried me back to the house where grandma Sharon bandaged me up and they took me home with cookies.

Allison Ayers - June 30, 2016 at 06:50 PM

AA

“ I only have 6 billion memories since I was born. But one that stand out was when I was riding my bike (way too fast) down their driveway before they put the stones in. I wiped out hard. Didn't think they would hear me cying but somehow I remember gator coming over the hill and picking me up, carrying me back to the house, then grandma Sharon bandaged me up and they took me home with cookies ❤️ There are no words to describe the impact he had on my life as a grandfather.

Allison Ayers - June 30, 2016 at 06:33 PM