



Christopher Charles Gates

July 13, 1953 - December 6, 2019

Christopher C. Gates died peacefully in St. Augustine, Florida on December 6 at the age of 66.

Christopher is survived by his wife Paula; his children, Elias, Jesse, and Aaron; his siblings, Cyndie Urso, Timothy Gates, Rebecca Fowler, and Erik Gates and many nieces and nephews.

He had 9 grandchildren: Elias/Karen, Ethan, Katherine and Aiden.

Jesse/Melissa, Peyton, Grayson, Marian and Harrison. Aaron/Nicole, Daniel and Alexandria.

Christopher was born on July 13, 1953 in Elgin, Illinois to Clarence "Ike" Gates and Mary Annell. He graduated from West High school in 1971. He married Paula, his high school sweetheart in 1973.

He worked at Gates-Rockwell in Corning, New York with his parents and siblings for many years.

In 1982, his parents died, and he pursued a lifelong dream of studying the Great Books of Western Civilization. He was accepted to the University of Notre Dame at the age of 31 in 1983.

He moved his family to Niles, Michigan in 1984 and earned his BA in the Program of Liberal Studies, Magna Cum Lauda in 1987 and his MA in English Literature in 1988.

He then returned to Painted Post and worked at Gates-Rockwell until it closed in 1992.

From that point he shared his love of learning at high schools in Corning, New

York and Spencer Van Etten.

In 1998 he moved to Florida where he resided with Paula for the rest of his life. Most of this time was spent in St. Augustine. During these years he taught at Palatka High School and St. Johns River until he became permanently disabled in 2012.

He enjoyed his final years in his library reading Eric Voegelin, Thomas Aquinas, St. Augustine, G.K. Chesterton and many biblical scholars. He loved his time at the beach with Paula, his sons and grandchildren.

A funeral is scheduled for 9:00 am on Friday, December 13, 2019 at St. Anastasia Catholic Church, with an open house to follow at Jesse Gates' home at 1440 Corunna Street, St. Augustine from 2pm to 5pm. Father Kaminsky and Father Rev. Timothy M. Lindenfelser will officiate the ceremony. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Christopher's life.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the American Cancer Society or the Eric Voegelin Institute.

<https://sites01.lsu.edu/faculty/voegelin/please-donate-to-the-eric-voegelin-institute/>

<https://www.cancer.org/involved/donate/memorial-giving.html>

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

DEC **13**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St Anastasia Catholic Church
5205 A1A S, St.
Augustine, FL 32080
(904) 471-5364

Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Christopher Charles Gates*



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“ *Paula, Elias, Jesse and Aaron. I am so very sorry for your loss. I have very few Hamilton Circle memories that do not include you all. You guys were the best neighbors growing up. Chris was a very smart and kind person. May God bless all of you in this difficult time.*

Tom Regan - December 12, 2019 at 11:16 AM

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“ *Dear Paula and family,
We are very very sorry for the loss of Chris, we have so many memories of summers spent with our cousins and the bond that we had growing up.
We send much love to you and your family, may you find peace and comfort during this most difficult time. All our love, John, Angie and Gina, Dawn, JD and Alex ❤️*

Dawn Dollerschell - December 11, 2019 at 04:45 PM



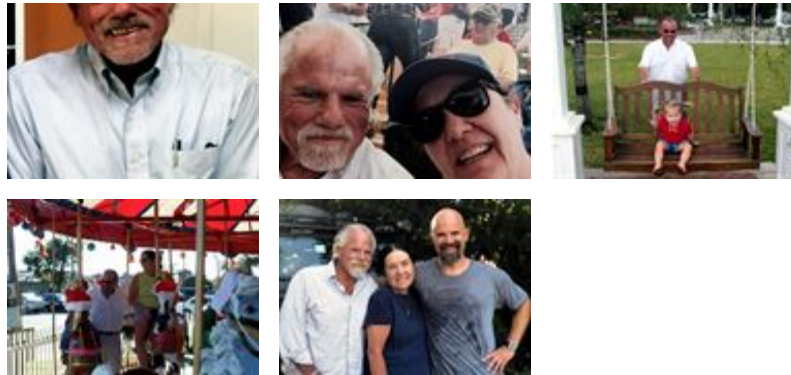
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St. Johns Family Funeral Home - December 09, 2019 at 05:32 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Christopher Charles Gates.



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