



Jephtha Marchant Gates, Sr.

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Jephtha Marchant Gates, Sr., 74, of Memphis, Tennessee, crossed over on Friday, May 17, 2019. Anyone who knew him felt his amazing spirit. His kindness and quick wit held everyone's attention. Jep was passionate about duck hunting, conservation and soil health. Jep graduated from Mississippi State with a Bachelor's degree in Agriculture and a Masters in Entomology and Weed Science. He was an Agronomist working in Arkansas for 25 years. He then moved to Australia, creating Bio Ag Pty. Ltd. with his biological products to begin improving our earth's soil. He spent 15 wonderful years there before retiring in 2014. He was a member of the Entomological Society of Mississippi, named Cotton Consultant of the year in 1982, a Rotarian and a longtime member of the Episcopal Church; but most importantly, an expert duck caller. He is survived by his wife, Zada Hart Gates, his puppy dog, Peanut, his daughter, Princess Rose Windham (Tony), his son, Jephtha M. Gates, Jr., two grandchildren, Tanner Matthew Windham and Madison Claire Windham, his brother, William Lake Gates, Jr. (Paula), brother-in-laws, Charles K. Hart and Joe Harris, III. (Claire), and many nieces and nephews. The family will receive relatives and friends on Wednesday, May 22 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Memorial Park Funeral Home, 5668 Poplar Avenue in Memphis. The funeral will be held on Thursday, May 23 at 1:00 p.m. at Calvary Episcopal Church, 102 North Second Street in Memphis. The burial will immediately follow at Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made in Jep's name to the Herb Kosten Foundation, 6060 Poplar Avenue, Suite 140, Memphis, Tennessee 38119 or the Overton Park Conservancy, 1914 Poplar Avenue, Suite 202, Memphis, Tennessee 38104. To view the tribute slideshow, please click here:

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Tribute Wall

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BH

Billy Hines posted:

Jep and I go back many years to graduate school at Mississippi State. I have many fond memories of our association and regret his passing. My sincere condolences to all the family.

May 21 at 2:51 PM

BG

Bonnie Greer posted:

We will miss our good friend and neighbor. He was an extraordinary, kind, and intelligent man. We are sorry that we are not there to attend his funeral, a celebration of his life. With much love, John and Bonnie Greer

May 20 at 8:13 AM

DM

Deborah Mccann posted:

Thank you Jep – for showing us how to be courageous.

May 20 at 6:22 AM

PA

Pat And Ray posted:

Jep added such humor, love and sensitivity to our lives. We will miss him but have great memories to carry with us. Thank you Jep for the life you shared with us!

May 20 at 6:14 AM

JM

Jim Mayer posted:

You are in our thoughts & prayers Jim & Diane Mayer

May 19 at 10:14 AM

PS

P. Shelton posted:

I would like to offer my condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Jephtha Marchant Gates, Sr. John 5:28 "Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his (Jesus) voice and come out." Lazarus' resurrection and that of others recorded in the Bible let us know what will take place on a global scale in the new world, a new earth.

May 19 at 9:52 AM



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Vicki Hughes Little posted:

Jep was one of my brother's closest friends growing up in Clarksdale. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

May 19 at 4:26 AM



Kay posted:

My sincerest condolences for your loss. During such difficult times God is close to us as a source of comfort (Psalm 34:18). May you find strength and peace through prayer and his word the Bible.

May 17 at 7:47 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jephtha by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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