



Francis "James" Gates

March 1, 1922 - November 13, 2017

A graveside service honoring the life of Francis James Gates will be 2:00 p.m., Friday, November 17, 2017 at Floral Haven Memorial Gardens in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. Friends may visit the funeral home on Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

James was born on Wednesday, March 1, 1922 in Bristow, Oklahoma to Jay Byron and Icy Mae (Carter) Gates. James passed away on Monday, November 13, 2017 at the age of 95.

James served his country as a Sergeant in the United States Army during World War II until his honorable discharge in 1945. James worked for Sun Oil Company as a Blender Gauger for 37 years.

James married the love of his life, Viola Faye Dobson on November 10, 1945 in Bristow, Oklahoma. Their 63 year union was blessed with three children. James adored his family and loved spending time with them, especially his grandchildren. James and Viola moved to Broken Arrow in 1965 from Prattville in Sand Springs, Oklahoma.

In his free time, James enjoyed being outdoors whether it was fishing and hunting or gardening. He was always an animal lover and especially liked his cats.

James is survived by,

Children, Sharon and husband Terry Leach, Sand Springs, OK

Richard and Becky Gates, Broken Arrow, OK

Roger Gates, Beggs, OK

Grandchildren, Denise and Rich, Dacia and Keith, Eric, Gina, Lance and

Elizabeth, Misty and John, Holly and Kevin

14 Great Grandchildren,

Brother, Richard Gates, Norman, OK

James was preceded in death by his parents, wife Viola, sister Arleta, brothers

Bryon and David.

Cemetery Details

Floral Haven Memorial Gardens

6500 S. 129th E. Ave.
Tulsa, OK 74012
(918) 252-2518

Previous Events

Viewing

NOV **16**. 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home
1660 South Elm Place
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
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Tribute Wall



“ Francis "James" Gates

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“ Dear family, I am so very sorry for the loss of your loved one. He was always a joy to visit with when he came to the bank (AVB.) I am only there 2 days a week and I just this moment saw this on Hayhurst website. I pray God's blessings on each of you as you face the days ahead. Always loved Mrs. Gates as well. She brought brownies to the tellers until she was no longer able and she would always make apologies for not being able to bring them. I am the only one left who knew her - the other girls have not been there that long. If we can be of assistance, please call on us.



Carol Sue Willcutt AVB (109)

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“ It is our honor and privilege to serve the Gates family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Francis Gates.



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