

MISS ME, BUT LET ME GO

*When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room
Why cry for a soul set free?*

*Miss me a little, but not too long
And not with your head bowed low
Remember the love that we once shared
Miss me, but let me go*

*For this is a journey that we all must take
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan
A step on the road to home*

*When you are lonely and sick of heart
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds
Miss me but let me go.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of Norman Harley Gates, III gratefully acknowledges the many kind and beautiful expressions of sympathy and love shown during. May God bless you all.

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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR

Norman Harley
GATES, III



ALPHA
April 17, 1959

OMEGA
January 1, 2024

Saturday, January 27, 2024
12:00 PM

ST. JAMES FREE METHODIST CHURCH
23614 Head of Creek Road
Quantico, Maryland 21856

Reverend Louis Reid, Sr., Pastor

OBITUARY

Norman Harley Gates, III, lovingly known as “Corky,” was born April 17, 1959, in Salisbury, MD. He was the son of Norman H. Gates, Jr., and Jacqueline M. Gates of Head of Creek Road in Quantico, MD. At a young age, he was formally adopted by his paternal grandparents, Norman and Katie Gates. On January 1, 2024, in his Randallstown, MD, home, he returned to the Gift Giver and traveled to his eternal home.

Corky was educated in both the Wicomico and Dorchester County public schools. After graduating in 1978 from Cabridge South Dorchester High School, Corky enlisted in the U. S. Army following up with serving in the National Guard. After trying his hand at numerous occupations, he found his niche as a tractor trailer driver for Western Express. He LOVED being a truck driver. Corky got the biggest thrill out of traveling to different states and being able to share with family and friends the places he saw and the experiences he had. If he had family living in the state he was delivering to, he made certain to contact them.

Through his youth, he attended St. James Free Methodist Church, participating in Sunday school and the choir. He was an active member of the Jr. Jubilees Choir. Corky was the only member that managed to get put out of the choir almost monthly.

He enjoyed hanging out with family. He was always visiting Uncle Johnny, Aunt Bootsie, Uncle Ben and Aunt Emma, Pete and Doris, Harlan and Hazel, Cousin Lola, Miss Louemma, and Mr. Herman. There wasn't a house on Head of Creek Road that he didn't visit at some point. Whether to get something to eat or drink or to help in some way.

Corky loved cars, especially the mechanics of them. He was an avid and talented Chess and Backgammon player. He enjoyed cards, fishing, crabbing, and hanging out with his friends. He was loyal and kind with a boisterous laugh and a giving spirit. His favorite hobby was spending time with his family and friends. He made sure to check in with everyone he could. He was a wealth of knowledge if you wanted to know what was happening with a loved one.

Corky was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Norman and Katie Gates; maternal grandparents, Ira and Launia Jones; father, Norman “Junior” Gates; younger sister, Charlene Gates Hutley; nephews, Tyler Fountain and Brandon Robinson; niece, Taylor (Minnie) Fountain; uncle, James (Jimmy) Gates; and aunt, Leila Gates.

Celebrating Corky's life are his sisters, Glendora (Glennie) and Joseph Trower, Veronica (Kay) and Daniel Appleby, and Tammara (Tammie) and Larry Simms; brother, Melvin Eugene (Gene) Riley; and multiple generations of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Musical Prelude

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament *Psalms 23:1-6*

New Testament *Romans 15:1*

Ministry in Song..... Bridget Warren

Reflections of Love Family and Friends

Two Minutes, Please

Obituary

Musical Tribute..... Lamar Robinson

Committal

Benediction