



## Thomas F. Gates

July 11, 1934 - January 24, 2022

Thomas F. "Poppy" Gates, 87, of Ashland, Kentucky passed away Monday evening January 24, 2022 in Community Hospice Health Care Center in Ashland. Tom was born July 11, 1934 in Ashland to the late William S. and Ollie Jane Pack Gates. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two grandsons, Brandon James Moore and Corey Thomas Moore and four brothers and five sisters. Tom was a US Marine Veteran serving during the Korean War, retired from Chevron as an Assistant Terminal Manager and was a member in good standing with the Poage Masonic Lodge for 50 plus years earning his Gold Card, a 32 Degree Mason, York Rite, Covington Scottish Rite, and a Shriner. Tom was known for his many stories that his grandchildren loved and believed all of them. He also was the Packers little league football coach for many years here in Ashland. Tom went on to the University of Kentucky getting to play under Coach Bear Bryant and went on to receive a football scholarship with Western Kentucky University. Tom is survived by his wife of 64 years, Blondia Trimble Gates of Ashland, one daughter, Jane Gates Killin and her husband William of Ashland, one granddaughter, Ashleigh M. Adkins and her husband Josh, one great granddaughter Penny Adkins, and many special nieces and nephews he dearly loved. At the family's request there will be a memorial service held in the spring with military honors at Bluegrass Memorial Gardens in Nicholasville, Ky. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Paul Blazer Football Scholarship program C/O Jim Conway 1500 Blazer Blvd Ashland, Ky.

41102. Friends and family may offer condolences at [www.mfhfuneralhome.com](http://www.mfhfuneralhome.com). Arrangements are under the direction of Miller Funeral Home in Ashland.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas F. Gates.*



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January 29, 2022 at 10:28 PM



“ *Dear Blondia and family,  
I am so sorry for your loss and please know my prayers are with you and your family.*

*Ginny Carter ( I bought your condo in the Oaks)*

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**Ginny Carter** - January 27, 2022 at 06:44 PM



“ *Dear Blondia & family,  
We are so sorry for this great loss of a wonderful man. We cherish the years we had you and Tom as our neighbors in The Oaks. We have missed seeing you both and may God Bless you and your children at the sad time. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Bill & Pam Michul  
395 Redding Rd #104  
Lexington, Ky 40517*

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**Pam Michul** - January 26, 2022 at 07:01 PM

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“ *Blondia, Jane & Family,*  
*I am sorry to hear about Tommy's death. He was not only a cousin,*  
*but a childhood friend of my brothers, Jack, John Paul and Lafayette*  
*Walter.*

*Ted Walter*

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**Ted Walter** - January 26, 2022 at 11:42 AM