



Mr. William "Gene" Yates

October 29, 2013

William Eugene "Gene" Yates, 86, of Ringgold, Georgia passed away Tuesday October 29, 2013. A lifelong resident of the Ringgold area, he was a member of the Ringgold United Methodist Church for almost 67 years and was a retired employee of the CSX Railroad where he worked for 45 years as an agent/operator and dispatcher. Gene was a member of the Quitman Masonic Lodge #106, Scottish Rite and Alhambra Shrine. Throughout his life in Ringgold, Gene was a member of many organizations. He formerly served as Captain of the Ringgold Fire Department, Chief of Rescue with the Civil Defense, Catoosa County Sheriff's Reserve, Georgia Governor's Staff, Planning and Zoning Committee for Ringgold and Catoosa County, member of the North American Railcar Operator Association, elected to the Catoosa County Board of Tax Administration, MARS and was a Ham Radio Operator K4BPE. Above all he was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend and will be missed greatly by all who knew him. He is preceded in death by his parents, John L. and Maude Williams Yates; infant brother; sister, Sylvia Yates Dewson Jett and infant granddaughter, Allison Flynn. He is survived by his loving wife of almost 67 years, Mary Jo Jordan Yates of Ringgold, GA.; three children, Marcia Yates Harrington of Ooltewah, TN, Richard (Rose) Yates of Ringgold, GA and Danna (Mike) Flynn of East Ridge, TN.; three grandchildren, Amanda Flynn, Jonathan Yates and Lauren Yates and nephew, George Dewson III of Norfolk, VA. Funeral services will be held 2:00 P.M. Friday November 1, 2013 at the Ringgold United Methodist Church with Rev.

John Purrington officiating. Interment will follow at Anderson Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends Wednesday from 6-9 P.M., 2-4 and 6-9 Thursday and until 1:30 P.M. Friday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Ringgold United Methodist Church Building fund or to a local chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements are by Wilson Funeral Home Wallis-Stewart Chapel Ringgold, Georgia.

Tribute Wall

NF

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Yates family, very special family friends from many years ago as neighbors.*

Nancy Pfauth - Berthoud, CO - Friend - December 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *Mary Jo, Sorry to hear of Gene's passing. You and the family are in our prayers.*

Mildred & Robert

Robert & Mildred Elliott Dunn - Greenville, SC - October 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ *Richard and Family,
So sorry for your loss
Robin Davis*

Robin Davis - Ringgold - October 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *Haven't seen Gene in many years, but think of him often as I pass the rail car parked at his home. He was Treasurer for my radio club for many years. I hated to see him leave that job.
A nicer man would be hard to find.
Best wishes to the family.*

stan bird - ooltewah, TN - friend - October 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ So very sorry Uncle Gene is gone but happy to know he's gone to be with the Lord. We will see him soon. All my prayers are with you. Please take care of yourselves

Shoney Dutton - rossvulle - niece - October 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I am so sorry to hear of Gene's passing. He has been a very special person to me, and this community. He is in a much better place, but Gene will be missed.

Bill McMillon - Ringgold, GA - Friend - October 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ I am so sorry to hear of Gene's (W.E. as I liked to call him) passing. I have many great memories of living next door and staying many nights in the Yates' house with Danna. My thoughts and prayers are with Mary Jo, Danna, Marcia, and Dick. I love you all.

Carol Anderson Mason - Ringgold, GA - October 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ My thoughts and prayers are with my long time friends, the Yates family.

Mark Schock - Chattanooga, TN - Long time friend of family - October 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM