



SFC (Ret) Kenneth Michael Gates

January 15, 1950 - April 28, 2009

SFC (Ret) Kenneth Michael Gates, son of the late Frank and Blanche Janette (Hoover) Gates, was born January 15, 1950 in Aurora, Illinois where he grew up and attended school.

On January 31, 1967, Kenneth enlisted in the United States Army and served his country faithfully until his retirement on February 28, 1987. He had attained the rank of Sergeant First Class. For his faithful service, Kenneth earned several awards and commendations; some of which include: National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 1 Silver Service Star and 3 Bronze Service Stars, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Commander Unit Commendation, Army Commendation with Oak Leaf Cluster, Republic of Vietnam Civil Actions Honor Medal - 1st Class, Driver Badge with Device, Army Good Conduct Medal (6th Award), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (5th Award) Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon – 4th level, Recruiter Badge-Gold Star, Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Marksman Qualification Badge M16.

Kenneth was united in marriage to Sun Yi Park on November 13, 1978. They shared over 30 years of marriage together and were blessed with one son, Benny.

After retiring from the Army, Kenneth worked for Transport America, a trucking

company located in Kansas City, Missouri. In his spare time, he enjoyed watching TV and spending time with his family.

Kenneth passed away Tuesday, April 28, 2009 in the Manor Care of Springfield, Missouri at the age of 59 years, 3 months and 13 days.

Kenneth survived by his wife: Sun Yi Gates of the home; one son: Benny Gates of Laquey, MO; three brothers: Edgar Gates, Donald Gates and Keith Gates; two grandchildren; several other relatives and friends.

A graveside memorial service with military honors was held at 4:00 P.M. Friday, May 1, 2009 in the Waynesville Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory. Military honors were provided by the United States Army of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Kenneth M. Gates and may be left at Memorial Chapels and Crematory.

Previous Events

Service

MAY 1. 4:00 PM (CT)

Waynesville Memorial Park Cemetery
Waynesville, MO

Tribute Wall



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