



Larry Thomas Gates

April 12, 1961 - October 12, 2008

Gates, Larry T. age 47, of Garden City for the last three years. ❖ Larry was raised in Ann Arbor and later lived in Saline. ❖ Loving father of Joe. ❖ Former husband of Molly. ❖ Beloved brother of Peggy (Tom) Goodart, Thomas (Vickie) and Sue (Ted) Rutledge-Hehl. ❖ Also survived by three nieces and one nephew. Larry was an avid collector of music ❖ and video's. ❖ He loved to fish and spent a lot of time on Beaver Island. ❖ ❖ He also loved large dogs, and he and his family fostered leader dogs for the blind. ❖ Larry obtained a degree from a trade school in computer engineering. He was very fortunate to have found his favorite workplace and co-workers in the last years of his life at Terumo Corporation in Ann Arbor. The family appreciates all their support. ❖ Family and friends will gather on Thursday, from 2:00 PM until the time of the Memorial Service at 3:00 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home 46401 West ❖ Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth (between Sheldon and Beck). ❖ ❖ Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association 30300 Telegraph Road Ste 117, Bingham Farms, Michigan 48205. To share a memory, please use the view and send condolence link on the page.

Tribute Wall



“ *Larry Thomas Gates*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *To the Family of Larry Thomas Gates: I'm truly sorry to hear about your loss.. Please take comfort in these inspired words of God at: (John 5:28,29. reads: "Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice (Jesus') and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life...Soon now, we will be able to see your dear loved one Larry again, along with others we've loss. How can we be so confident and so sure? Because of the resurrection promise at Revelation 21:3,4 says: "God...will wipe out all tears from their eyes, and there will be no more death, suffering, crying, or pain."-Contemporary English Version.*

Valerie Brannon - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM



“ *It is Larry's doing that I now have a superb music collection which includes the greats of Metallica! Outstanding!! The last time I talked to my friend, it didn't seem like U of M helped him too much and I felt for him. I don't feel my meeting Larry was a 'chance meeting' and his spirit will continue with me every time I hear my music he 'acquired' for me. He had/has a great smile and that is what I will remember! Live & appreciate the moments not necessarily the whole picture.*

Pam DeVaney-Bozinoff - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

TF

“ To Joe and Molly,
We are so very sorry for your loss. We remember Larry as a kind and friendly neighbor. We have fond memories of Joe playing Christmas music on the keyboard outside on the court as we all gathered for the Kelley's tree lighting ceremony, with proud parents Larry and Molly smiling brightly as their most awesome young teenager entertained the neighbors. As fellow dog lovers, Larry also proudly introduced us to the leader dogs and puppies at your home and most recently, his new beautiful, black dog.
Please know that we are hear for you and can help in anyway at this time of sadness.
Love,
Shelly, Jeff, Lee, Jay, Heather and Cody

The Banet and Callendar Family - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

TF

“ Larry was a good friend of our son Andy when they were teenagers. We have fond memories of a great kid from a nice family.

The Bacon Family - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

SP

“ My deepest sympathy to Joe, Molly and the entire family for this great loss. Larry and I worked together at three different companies, and I'm certain he was content at Terumo. We often enjoyed talking about our common past, including the business trip to Sioux Falls. Thanks to Larry's humor and unique perspectives, he gave life to an otherwise boring trip. Thanks Larry for these and many other fond memories, till we meet again!

Steve Pasternak - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

CH

“ *He will be truly missed.
No matter what you talked about, he could always put a smile on your face. I had worked with Larry at Lectronics.
We both shared a common love of dogs, when we both adopted our beloved pets around the same time.
One fond memory was being able to take our dogs for a walk together along with another friend.
My condolences to the family.*

Cathy Haynes - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

CS

“ *I was so sorry to hear about Larry, he was a great guy. I worked with him at Lectronics for a few years. He enjoyed going to 9 pin no tap with a few of us at work, he was a very fun person to be around, always made you laugh. I know when I had bad days, Larry could always make it better. I was very sad when he left Lectronics. I was looking forward to bowling with him again. He will surely be missed. My prayers are with his son Joe and his family. God Bless*

Connie Stegall - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

CW

“Wow, I am totally shocked. My heartfelt sympathies go out to Larry's family and especially Joe and Molly.

Larry and I worked together at a few companies and he was truly a good friend. He could always put a smile on my face with his comedic remarks.

I talked to him a couple times after he started to work at Terumo and he told me too how happy he was there. He commented that he felt that finally, a company treated him with respect. So much so, that he was so proud that he didn't take any days off because he enjoyed going into work.

Larry was the type of guy that would help anybody out in any way he could and I have many memories of times when he helped me out.

He loved to use the famous word of Homer Simpson, "Dough!!!

I will miss you friend and think of you often. God Bless and see you soon!!

Cheryl Watts - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

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“It hasn't sunk in yet, but in days and weeks to come I'm sure we'll miss Larry more and more. He was always giving of himself. When things were relatively quiet in the lab, he would often speak of how much he enjoyed working at Terumo, how it was by far the best job he ever had. So I think he died a happy man, at least in that regard. He always acted for the good of the group with not a thought toward taking credit for himself. I'm proud to say that Larry was my friend. My heart goes out to all family members and close friends.

Ben Solomon (Terumo) - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

SV

“ I worked with Larry when he was employed at Xycom, and have known him for a long time. My prayers go out to Molly and his son Joe and the rest of his family.

Steve Vargo - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

MK

“ Larry was an exceptional co-worker and a very reliable member of our team. I'll miss him. His family should be very proud of how well liked he was, as well as how much he contributed while at Terumo.

Michael Kelly - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

KG

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Larry's son thru these difficult times. Larry was a wonderful co-worker. I admired his character and kindness. His humor and smile will be missed and always remembered.

Kim Green - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM

EB

“ My condolences to Larry's family. He is and will be truly missed as a good friend and dedicated workmate. Larry's zany humor and helpful nature will be remembered forever.

Eric Bailey - December 12, 2014 at 10:22 AM