

Doyle Edward Gates

Born: August 10, 1927

Died: January 22, 2014

Location: Texas



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Tribute & Message From The Family



Doyle Edward Gates, age 86 of San Antonio, TX passed away Wednesday, January 22, 2014 in the presence of his loving wife Manda.

He was born in Gatesville, TX on August 10, 1927. He graduated from Clifton High School, and joined the US Navy in 1945 and served as a Pharmacist Mate, 3rd Class. In 1947, he married Manda Winifred Brajcich. After his Navy service ended, he attended Texas A&M for a brief time, and then transferred to Humboldt State College in California where he received a degree in Marine Biology.

He pursued a lifelong career in marine biology. Early in his career, he worked at the Hunter Foland whaling station in northern California from 1950 to 1951. In 1954, he worked aboard the research vessel NB Schofield at Fields Landing, CA. Later he was the managing director of the Marine Resource Division with the California Department of Fish & Game, where he retired after 20 years of service. He then briefly worked as a lobbyist with the Tuna Research Foundation at Terminal Island, CA, which supported the American tuna industry. He completed his career in Honolulu, HI working for the National Marine Fisheries Service as managing director of the Western Pacific Program Office. He retired from federal service in Hawaii before returning to his beloved Texas.

He was active in his faith and held positions on the various parish councils at St. John Vianney in Kailua, HI and St. Mark the Evangelist in San Antonio, TX. He was an avid reader, writer and story teller. He also enjoyed dabbling in art, music and bird watching.

Preceding him in death were his mother and father, Sophie and Oscar Gates, Sr.; his brothers, John, Oscar Jr., and Charles. He is survived by his wife Manda; brother Daniel Bain Gates; seven children: Stephen and Barbara Gates of Floresville, TX, Barbara and Joseph Smith of Christchurch, New Zealand, Robert Gates of Midland, TX, Gary and Rae Gates of San Pedro, CA, Susan and Dwayne Clay of Macon, GA, Thomas and Martha Gates of San Pedro, CA, Patrick and Shirley Gates of Honolulu, HI; fourteen grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

ROSARY
THURSDAY
JANUARY 30, 2014
7:00 P.M.
ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
DAY CHAPEL
1602 THOUSAND OAKS

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL
FRIDAY
JANUARY 31, 2014
10:00 A.M.
ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH
MAIN SANCTUARY

Entombment will follow immediately at Holy Cross Cemetery, 17501 Nacogdoches Road, San Antonio, TX.

Afterwards a gathering of family and friends will occur at St. Mark's in the Hall.



Services

Rosary

January 30, 2014
7:00 PM

[St. Mark The Evangelist Catholic Church](#)
1602 Thousand Oaks
San Antonio, TX

Mass of Christian Burial

January 31, 2014
10:00 AM

[St. Mark The Evangelist Catholic Church](#)
1602 Thousand Oaks
San Antonio, TX

Entombment

Friday January 31 2014

[Holy Cross Cemetery](#)
17501 Nacogdoches Rd.
San Antonio, TX

Condolence & Memory Journal

For Manda and the children, just wanted you guys to know, Doyle was one of the most interesting people I have met. I loved hearing his rural Texas up bringing, love at first sight in Hawaii and the adventures he had in his career at sea. At all times he spoke lovingly of Manda and was so proud of his overachieving children, as he put it

Posted by [Laura G Boes](#) January 30, 2014

God Bless You, Doyle! Praying for all the wondrous joys of God's love as you enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Aloha ke akua.

You will always be the dear friend and brother that we have cherished over the past many years. Aloha nui loa.

Jim and Julie Lee

Posted by [Jim and Julie Lee](#) January 29, 2014

My Uncle Doyle was a special man. Intelligent, well mannered, artistic and witty. He will be missed by his loved ones. May he rest in peace.
Love, JoAnn and family

Posted by [JoAnn Blodgett](#) January 28, 2014
