



Earl Robert Gaines

September 21, 1960 - December 25, 2015

Dateline: Godfrey

Earl Robert Gaines, 55, died at 5:21 p.m. Friday, December 25, 2015 at his home in Godfrey. Born September 21, 1960 in Alton, he was the son of Jeanne (Reilley) Gaines of Godfrey and the late William Earl Gaines. He attended Marquette High School and was a graduate of Chaminade Preparatory High School. He earned his degree from Lewis & Clark Community College. He worked for many years at My Just Desserts and most recently was working in food services for the Edwardsville School District. He was a kind man who loved to play guitar, fish and do artwork and paintings for his family. He spent some summers working at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park and enjoyed hiking and fishing. Along with his mother he is survived by his best friend and twin brother Harvey Gaines of Godfrey, his sister, Linda Gaines White (Adrian) of University City, MO, nieces and nephews, Taylor Gaines, Alex Gaines, Jennifer Arvin, Patrick Buchana, and Suzanne Vasu, and five great nieces and nephews, Reed and Luke Buchana, Lexy Altman and Raquel Altman, and Samantha Arvin. A memorial mass will be at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, December 31, 2015 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alton. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church or for masses. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

DEC 31. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
4th and Henry Street
Alton, IL 62002

Tribute Wall



“ *Earl Robert Gaines*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Earl Robert Gaines*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Dear Jeanne, Both Lila and I did not expect the sad news about Earl while we were in Atlanta. For all of us who knew Earl, are deeply saddened . I especially enjoyed his enthusiasm and company when we fished together. On other occasions, I just enjoyed talking with him. We know what heartfelt grief you must be feeling and pray that over time you will be able to look back and remember all the good things that he brought to your life; and to Lila and me. Our prayers and sincere sympathy . Jack and Lila.*

John and Lila Hangey - December 31, 2015 at 05:44 PM



“ *I was shocked to hear of Earl's death. We would seem to run into each other at the store and he would always come up and just chat. He was such a great and personable person. Know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

Marilyn Rose Krankel - December 30, 2015 at 08:49 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Earl Robert Gaines.*



December 30, 2015 at 02:48 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Earl Robert Gaines.*



December 30, 2015 at 02:41 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Earl Robert Gaines.*



December 29, 2015 at 01:11 PM



“ *I was so sorry to hear of Earl's death and we want to express our most sincere sympathies to you and the family during this difficult time. Earl was a highly valuable and respected member of District 7 Food Service Department. He will be greatly missed and everyone here is saddened by his death. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and his family and friends during this difficult time. Sincerely, John Martin, Director of Food Service Edwardsville School District.*

John Martin - December 29, 2015 at 10:55 AM

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“ We only knew Earl through my dear sister Linda and postings this week but can surely see that he made a wonderful difference in many lives. Rest in peace good and gentle man. Our heart felt sympathy to my Linda, Jeanne, Harvey and all the family. ?Debbie and Ken Spence



Debbie Spence - December 29, 2015 at 09:38 AM

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“ Jeannie and family, I remember following the adventures of Earl and Harvey when I worked for Jeannie in 1974 at South Roxana elementary. Throughout the years I have often thought about everyone. Earl sounds like a lovely guy whose life was full and satisfying. Please know that he and all of you are in my prayers this day. Candy Runion Mark

candace mark - December 29, 2015 at 09:08 AM