



Robert Ronald Gates

June 15, 1932 - August 16, 2024

Robert Ronald Gates, 92, of Austin, Texas passed on Aug. 16, 2024 at his residence.

Bob was born on June 15, 1932 in Rantoul, Illinois to the late Robert William and Harriet Vivian (Baylor) Gates. He was a graduate of Akron High School in 1952. He married in Oct. of 1954 to Jean Bowers, she survives.

He is survived by his wife Jean Gates of Austin, Texas; son Robert Gates Jr. of Houston, Texas; grandson Robert Gates III and wife Erica of New Orleans; great grandsons Walter and Henry; brother-in-law Mike and wife Ruby Bowers of Athens; sister-in-law Harriet Swartz and companion Skip Swick of Rochester. He was preceded by a brother and a sister.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00 pm, Thursday, August 29, 2024 in the Athens Cemetery, Athens, Indiana with Pastor Teri White officiating. In addition, graveside military rites will be performed to honor his service in the U.S. Air Force. The graveside service for Mr. Gates can be viewed at: <https://youtu.be/Ld-TNWymqso>

The arrangements have been entrusted to Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana.

Cemetery Details

Athens - Hoover Cemetery

State Road 14
Athens, IN 46912

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG 29. 2:00 PM (ET)

Athens Cemetery
6750 E State Rd 14
Rochester, IN 46975

Tribute Wall



“ Hartzler Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of Robert Ronald Gates



Hartzler Funeral Services - August 29, 2024 at 10:19 PM



“ Lois J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Ronald Gates.

Lois J. - August 31, 2024 at 11:51 AM