



Steve Gaines, Sr.

November 10, 1947 - June 5, 2017

STEVE GAINES, SR. AGE 69,

And a resident of Vonore, TN died Monday morning June 5, 2017 at the Sweetwater Hospital. He was a native and longtime resident of Washington Parish. Steve worked for nearly 20 years in local law enforcement first as a Washington Parish Sheriff's Deputy for 9 years before serving on the Franklinton Police Department for 7 years. Steve then worked for the Varnado Police Department where he also served as Chief of Police. Upon retiring, he moved to Tennessee to be near his favorite Great Smokey Mountains. Steve enjoyed exploring the mountains and loved Cades's Cove. He also enjoyed fishing and hunting.

Survived by:

Wife: Fran Miller Gaines of Vonore, TN

Son and Daughter in law: Steve Gaines, Jr. and Missy Gaines of Sharpsburg, GA

3 Daughters and a Son in law: Alicia Gaines Holden of Franklinton, Angela Gaines Miller of Pine, Stacey and Joey Decarlo of Vonore, TN

9 Grandchildren and Spouses: Brittney Gaines Clay and Jason Clay,
Chase and Caitlen Holden,
Cayla Gaines Duren and David Duren,
Kimberly Gaudin,
Baily Miller,
Karleigh Miller,
Scianna Gaines,
Karsen Miller,
Madelyn Miller

4 Great-grandchildren: Dawson Clay,
Madison Clay,
Walker Clay,
Emery Holden

Brother and Sister in law: William Edward Gaines, Jr. and Sharon Gaines of
Varnado

2 Sisters in law: Helen Gaines of Florida,
Elaine Jones of Franklinton

Wife of his children: Lexi Jean Gaines and her sister and brother in law Diane
and Toyé Courtney

Also numerous nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents William Edward Gaines, Sr. and
Jacquelyn Brumfield Gaines and a brother Gary Gaines.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home Friday June 9th from 5 pm until 8 pm.

A funeral service will be held in the funeral home chapel at 8 pm Friday with Rev. Marcus Rosa officiating.

Honorary Pallbearers are his grandchildren.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 9. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home, Inc.
1109 Bene Street
P.O. Drawer H
Franklinton, LA 70438
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Service

JUN 9. 8:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DH

“ *Worked with Steve a lot of years at the sheriff's dept. One of the wisest men I ever worked with. Loaded with common sense and quick with a joke. God bless you buddy. Sincerest condolences to the family*

David Holliday

David Holliday - July 08, 2017 at 09:20 AM

SJ

David - Thank you for the kind words. Steve Gaines, Jr.

Steve Gaines, Jr. - September 16, 2017 at 10:53 AM

BF

“ *Brian & Candace Imsand and family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Steve Gaines, Sr..*



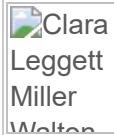
Brian & Candace Imsand and family - June 09, 2017 at 03:44 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers today and all the hard days ahead. A great man gone to soon. Asking God for Peace Comfort and Understanding, God Bless You All.*



Tammy Crenshaw Jeffers - June 09, 2017 at 11:08 AM



“ Years ago, Steve found out I wanted a dulcimer. He told me about a man in Mississippi who made them and we both ordered one and Fran, Steve, and I learned to play, though to this day I still only play melody by ear.

Family, I am so sorry for your loss. He was such a good man!

Clara Leggett Miller Walton - June 08, 2017 at 04:48 PM

AG

My Daddy will truly be missed. He taught me many things in life. He was a great advisor and I will miss the times we sat around and he told stories of his youth and throughout his life. I will cherish my visits to TN and the touring we did. I love you and miss you!! Yes You

Alicia Gaines-Holden - June 09, 2017 at 01:19 PM

JJ

“ John, Jennifer, and Jillian purchased the Heartfelt Memories for the family of Steve Gaines, Sr..



John, Jennifer, and Jillian - June 08, 2017 at 02:10 PM

JG

“ When I lived in Virginia as a kid we would come down with mom and dad for vacation to visit mama and papa. I went squirrel hunting with Steve on the Pearl River. We were walking and talking when we both heard some bushes moving. We both stopped and he pointed his shotgun at the bush and said in the coolest most calm way "if you shoot I'm going to shoot". So I guess there was someone in the bush but we kept walking. To this day I remember that and I think his calmness rubbed off on me. I always think about him and will never forget him.

John E Gaines - June 08, 2017 at 01:17 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Steve Gaines, Sr..*



June 08, 2017 at 11:20 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Steve Gaines, Sr..*



June 08, 2017 at 10:47 AM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. we will keep all of you in our prayers.
Terry and Perry Keen*

Terry Keen - June 08, 2017 at 10:39 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Steve Gaines, Sr..*



June 08, 2017 at 09:44 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Steve Gaines, Sr..*



June 08, 2017 at 09:35 AM



“ *Tim & Rhonda O'Rourke / Adam & Kaitlyn Bradley purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Steve Gaines, Sr..*



Tim & Rhonda O'Rourke / Adam & Kaitlyn Bradley - June 08, 2017 at 09:05 AM