



## Lance Gates

July 13, 1947 - October 6, 2018

Lance Brian Gates, beloved husband, a Rapid City and Dexter Michigan resident, passed away Saturday, October 6 at his home. He was born July 13, 1947 in Oak Park, Illinois. On December 4th, 1970, he married the love of his life, Susan, and was married for 48 years. Lance served our country as a radio operator in the Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a veterinarian tech, an avid fisherman, a sharp-eyed bird watcher, an outdoor enthusiast, and all around nature lover.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Maxine and Cody Gates. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Sue and his dog snowflake, brother Larry, many nieces, nephews and sisters and brothers-in-law.

Visitation will be held Saturday October 13, 2018 at the Kalkaska Funeral Home at 2 pm, with the memorial services starting at 2:30 pm.

Lance will be remembered for his love of fishing, his warm heart for all animals, his quick wit, and his loyalty to family and friends. We will deeply miss Lance; our husband, brother and best friend. We love you, you horses rear. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Lance's honor to the Cherryland Humane Society.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Kalkaska Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT **13**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home  
152 S Cedar St  
P.O. Box 1457  
Kalkaska, MI 49646

# Tribute Wall



“ We were deeply saddened to hear the news about the passing of Lance. We are sorry we did not get to talk to you in person; Steve and I want to send this note.

*We have the best memories of visiting with you, Lance and the dogs in Dexter and at your home up north. I am sure most people who have visited know this one, Lance is a vegetarian; except for bacon. Only Lance ...we are going to miss his fun-loving spirit so much.*

*Hoping these words will help you find comfort during this time of sorrow.*

*Love Michele and Steve*

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**Michele Blinder** - October 17, 2018 at 09:28 PM

SW

“ This is the hardest time in my life. I will miss,so many things about you.You married a stong person. So I want everyone to know this is just a new chapter in my life. I wish you were here to share this time me. I will make new memories but never forget the memories that we had together. Animals dogs, antiques,FISHING ,poker and wonderful friends and family.i will always love you and Snowflake ❄️ will always look for you to bring her a rib bone.Goodby

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**Sue Gates wife** - October 11, 2018 at 11:27 AM

JS

*Lance, our beautiful little neighborhood will be forever changed! You were the one The was always so friendly laughing... helping ( esp with the dogs)... Already seems so different without you. You will not be forgotten and we will help look after Sue and Snowflake!! Judy and Howard*

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**judy seaver** - October 12, 2018 at 09:09 AM

CF

*That touched my heart. I love you both so much!*

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**carrie fleming** - October 12, 2018 at 11:39 AM

RD

“ *My friend, we love you and Sue forever! You were a true friend and we loved working with you and Sue in your Antque store here in Dexter. Those memories I will treasure forever!*

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**Robert & Sherry Devine** - October 10, 2018 at 05:55 PM

JR

“ *Sue I am so sorry for your loss I will always picture Lance in the middle of a stream fishing rod in hand with that famous Lance grin !*

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**Jeff Revill** - October 10, 2018 at 10:11 AM

PP

“ *I miss you so much. I'm here with Sue at the house and it's so wrong. You should be here. You gave me a love of fishing, and I think of all the times in the rivers with you and all the fish we caught. The late nights playing poker, always taking your money. you've been in my life since I was 18 and the hole in my heart hurts so bad, you were so much fun, sometimes a horses ass, but I still loved you. Up north will never be the same.  
Pam Piper*

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**Pam Piper** - October 09, 2018 at 08:35 AM

JF

“ Sue, I am so sorry for your loss. I remember the wonderful memories we shared at Mike and Carrie’s wedding. My BFF Bernie loved you and Lance so much. You are in my thoughts and prayers. RIP Lance.

*Judy Fleming*

*Carrie’s mother-in-law*

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**judy Fleming** - October 09, 2018 at 12:25 AM



“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



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**Carrie Gates Fleming** - October 08, 2018 at 11:30 PM



“ To my Uncle Lance... who I ustu call "Lanny". Boy, if you were here too hear the end of calling you Lanny. I know it made you happy when I fin Lance but I hope you know you will always be Uncle Lanny to me for s

When I was a child you were my teasing uncle, I got tickled, teased, ar shrunk my Koala Bear from large to tiny in the sink. That is a story we i now... it is pretty funny! But you were also my fun and loving uncle, the with me, took me canoeing and taught me how to fish. I always knew tl was also your way of showing me how much you loved me. As I becan became my friend as well as my uncle. We got each other and loved o unconditionally. We talked about our four legged babies, our family anc about nothing. I am going to miss our phone calls and your voice so m

I know more than anything how much you loved us and would want us funny stories. We will keep your memory alive.

I love you always & forever, Carrie

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To my Aunt Sue... I will be there for you day and night as your niece ar so many stories to tell, pictures to look at, and good times to look back strength within each other. Sometimes sad, sometimes mad, but we w smile. I know how strong you are, but even the strongest need friends on, we will be your rock whenever you need it. You can count on that.

Lance loved you so much. You are his everything; his wife, best friend, legged mommy and partner in so many ways. You two just got each ot that is precious and rare.

I love you Aunt Sue, Carrie

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Carrie Gates Fleming - October 08, 2018 at 11:13 PM