



Jeffry Lynn Gates

March 5, 1960 - March 1, 2026

Jeffry Lynn Gates, 65 of Anderson, passed away March 2, 2026. He was born March 5, 1960 in Rushville to the late Cecil and Catherine J. (Owens) Gates. Jeffry was a 1978 graduate of Rushville High School. He worked at Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield for several years and taught health care workers to complete paperwork. Jeffry was a member of Unity Church of Indianapolis.

Jeffry was a very talented musician, playing every instrument. He also did studio work for John Mellencamp and Bruce Spingsteen. Jeffry was also in the band "Country Express."

Jeffry is survived by his loving companion of 14 years, Steven Gillam of Anderson and his brother, Bill (Mindy) Gates of Rushville. Jeffry was preceded in death by his parents.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a late date.

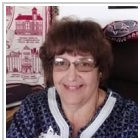
Tribute Wall

JO

“ Jodi Owens sent a virtual gift in memory of Jeffry Lynn Gates



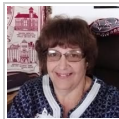
Jodi owens - April 16 at 11:19 PM



“ Theresia Glover lit a candle in memory of Jeffry Lynn Gates



Theresia Glover - March 10 at 07:58 PM



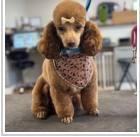
He is a really good person and will be missed by many. Known him most of my life. played organ and his band played at Gary and my wedding .

Theresia Glover - March 10 at 08:02 PM

CK

“ Jeff, as anyone who knew him, was a talented musician, had an affable personality and brought laughter and happiness when he was with people. I became friends with him when we delivered Meals On Wheels together as part of our community giving program when we worked for Acordia Local Government in the early 1990's. He was very particular about his car. May he rest in peace in God's hands.

Cindy Koebeler - March 06 at 06:08 PM



“ So very sad to hear of Jeff’s passing. He and I grew up as neighbors and friends who shared a love of music, singing, and playing games. He had a few rough times, but always seemed to come out on top. He will be missed by many friends and loved ones. Deepest condolences to Steve Gillam. You were his special one— caretaker and soul mate.

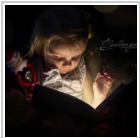
Rockie Levi - March 06 at 05:14 AM



“ I was so sad to hear that Jeff passed away. He always talked with me about playing music. I’m sure he’ll be missed.

Nick Moles
Nick Moles Music

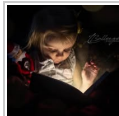
Nick Mokes - March 05 at 10:00 PM



“ Faith E Hankins lit a candle in memory of Jeffry Lynn Gates



Faith E Hankins - March 04 at 09:39 PM



I will miss you my dear friend. I always looked forward to Christmas when you played your beautiful music for me. Any song I wanted you played. Now you can play for your loved ones in Paradise!! It makes me happy to know that your pain you have suffered is over. Rest with Jesus Jeff!!

Faith E Hankins - March 04 at 09:47 PM

JC

“ I worked with Jeff in the late 80s in the Corporate Division at Blue Cross Blue Shield. We shared a love for country music -- Steve Wariner, Randy Travis were a couple of our favorites. He even gave me a cassette of Steve Wariner for my birthday! I'll always think of his kind and generous spirit. I'm sorry for your loss.

Janice Crago - March 04 at 01:59 PM

DS

“ Dorothy Slaven lit a candle in memory of Jeffry Lynn Gates



Dorothy Slaven - March 04 at 07:59 AM

CM

“ I met Jeff at my bank. He gave e his name. I asked "are you a keyboard player?" His reply was "well yes" . I said "your auditioning for a bandit this Friday? Its my husband's band" . From then on we have been very close friends. He always called me Sissy, as he thought of me as his big sister. I will forever keep him in my heart and his love, Steve, in my thoughts and prayers.

Carolyn Miller - March 03 at 12:55 PM

RT

“ Praying for his family and soul mate Stephen. I will miss and keep our random talks throughout our time as friends ❤️



Rebecca Truster - March 03 at 12:39 PM

TF

“ Truly saddened to hear this news. Jeff was such a Light. Even despite his health challenges, he was always giving to others...He expressed so much through his music. He would DJ parties or play and sing at a Sunday service. In the past, he would invite us to his home on the south side of Indy for a cookout and undoubtedly it would end in his playing the piano and sing along by all. Such fond memories.

I lost my Life Partner on 1/28/26 and Jeff was sending me messages of love and support. Jeff, I now return that message of Love to you. Rest in Peace. Leighton, we are here for you. lean on all to help through this difficult time. Todd

Todd Foushee - March 03 at 05:48 AM

CG

“ *Cindy Griffith lit a candle in memory of Jeffry Lynn Gates*



Cindy Griffith - March 02 at 10:37 PM

DB

“ *Danny Bennett lit a candle in memory of Jeffry Lynn Gates*



Danny Bennett - March 02 at 08:30 PM

JS

“ *Jane Starkey lit a candle in memory of Jeffry Lynn Gates*



Jane starkey - March 02 at 07:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jeffry Lynn Gates.*



March 02 at 07:26 PM

LW

“ *Jeff will truly be missed. I will always remember him as school band member , sat together for 6 yrs. Jeff also shared his talent on my wedding day!
Sorry for your loss Steven you were the light of his life, great care giver and friend* 💔

Lynette (Turner) Williams - March 02 at 06:54 PM

GG

“ *Jeff will be really missed. He was a great musician. Great person. He had a lovely heart. He knew no strangers just all around super Guy.*



Gary and Theresia Glover - March 02 at 06:09 PM

WW

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Jeff was such a sweet and caring person. I will always cherish the memories of Jeff and Steve coming to visit us in North Carolina. Hugs and Prayers. RIP Cuz

Wendy and Davey Warren - March 02 at 05:45 PM

DN

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family.



David and Monica Newman - March 02 at 04:34 PM

SC

“ This is very sad to hear. So many fond memories of Jeff and his entire family growing up. He had a heart of gold.

I remember the last time I spoke with him, he was not doing well and was hoping to get better. Rest in Peace my friend. You aren't suffering anymore. Peace and comfort for his family and friends. 🙏🥹



Sally Collyer - March 02 at 04:24 PM



“ Melissa Becraft lit a candle in memory of Jeffry Lynn Gates



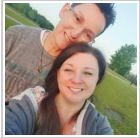
Melissa Becraft - March 02 at 03:28 PM

JB

“ His music and love for people will never be forgotten.



Janet Safewright Bolan - March 02 at 03:25 PM



“ I have only known Jeffry for a short time, but in that time, he was the most welcoming person I've ever met. He welcomed me into his home, and there we shared our love for antiques and music.

Rolanda Cain - March 02 at 02:52 PM



“ I remember Jeffry from High School. Great personality and kind to everyone. Ambitious and talented. RIP Jeffry.

Al Bills - March 02 at 02:03 PM

SR

“ Shelva Richard lit a candle in memory of Jeffry Lynn Gates

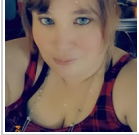


Shelva Richard - March 02 at 01:50 PM

SR

“ Jeff and I were friends for over 40 years and I will miss him terribly. Payers for Stephen and Jeff's family and loved ones. Rest in peace Jeff❤️

Shelva Richard - March 02 at 01:47 PM



“ *He was an amazing person and will be missed so much*



Trish Garner - March 02 at 01:39 PM

CS

Jeff was an amazing guy. He loved everybody. I worked with Jeff for many years AT BCBS. I remember him being kind to everyone. He loved to cook and invite special friends to his home in Rushville. He was an awesome singer/entertainer. Jeff I will miss the chats on FB. love you my friend ❤️

Carmenna shirley - March 02 at 01:50 PM

MW

“ *Mary Ann Weightman lit a candle in memory of Jeffry Lynn Gates*



Mary Ann Weightman - March 02 at 01:32 PM

KR

“ *Many good memories going to hear Country Express* 🙏

Kathy Richardson-Hill - March 02 at 12:50 PM

KR

“ *Kathy Richardson-Hill lit a candle in memory of Jeffry Lynn Gates*



Kathy Richardson-Hill - March 02 at 12:50 PM

KM

“ *Kelly & Susie McClure lit a candle in memory of Jeffry Lynn Gates*



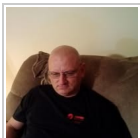
Kelly & Susie McClure - March 02 at 12:30 PM

SW

“ *Susie Walker lit a candle in memory of Jeffry Lynn Gates*



Susie Walker - March 02 at 11:54 AM



“ *Jim Walker lit a candle in memory of Jeffry Lynn Gates*



Jim Walker - March 02 at 11:43 AM