

A SOLDIER'S JOURNEY

*Home...*

### IT'S NEVER EASY

It's never easy when one must go, and one must stay behind;  
It's never easy, I know, I know-It sears both heart and mind.  
It's never easy, but go one must, when comes the day, the hour.  
It's never easy, but if we trust God will give strength and power.  
It's never easy! God will give strength and power.  
It's never easy! God knows this too  
That's why He stays quite near.  
To help us as we stumble through,  
The vale of grief and fear.  
It's never easy, but take God's hand, and pray til night has passed;  
Just trust, not ask to understand.  
And peace will come- at last.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

With grateful hearts and much love, we the family of Mr. Ricky Gates,  
wish to express our sincere thanks to each of you for all of your calls,  
prayers, cards and flowers during our time of bereavement. Thank you  
and may God bless each of you.  
*The Family*

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# RICKY GATES

DECEMBER 19, 1958  
NOVEMBER 26, 2022

HOMEGOING CELEBRATION





HIS LIFE, LOVE & LEGACY

# RICKY GATES



Ricky Gates was born on December 19, 1958 in Concord, Georgia to parents Roggie and Carther Gates. He graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in Atlanta, Georgia and attended Clark Atlanta University. He served in the United States Army for eight and a half years. He retired after twenty-five years as a Florida State Law Enforcement Officer for the Department of Agriculture. He was a member of Shiloh Baptist Church. Ricky loved to play golf, he had a love for carpentry and he loved to build things. He loved fishing and he loved his trombone and his jazz music.

Ricky passed away on November 26, 2022 and was preceded in death by his mom Carther Jean Neal; his dad: Roggie Gates; his caregiver: Clara Brown; his sisters: Arsula Head and Betty Jean Gates; and his brother: Tommie.

Ricky leaves to cherish his memory, his spouse: Terri Lynn, daughters: Terrica LaShun Kemp (Antone) and Tera Nikkia Gates; granddaughters: Akeria Leigh-Ann Gates and Jasmine LaShun Kemp; grandson: Travon John Kemp; sister-in-law: LaTonya Y. Cohens (Harold Thomas); niece: Brittney Brown; nephew: Brian Head; and a host of other relatives and friends.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Friday, December 9, 2022 | 11AM  
Mixon Town Chapel of Q. L. Douglas Funeral Home  
2403 Edison Avenue | Jacksonville, Florida 32206  
Bishop Joel Robinson, officiating

Processional / Viewing

Selection

Marvin Sapp – The Best in Me

Scriptures

Old Testament | Ecclesiastes 3 KJV  
2 Corinthians 1: 3-4 KJV

Invocation Prayer

Selection

Andre Crouch – Oh, It Is Jesus

Reflections

(Two Minutes Please)

Acknowledgements and Resolutions

Q. L. Douglas Funeral Home

Reading of Obituary

(Silently to Music)

Selection

Words of Comfort

Bishop Joel Robinson

Recessional

Hezekiah Walker - I'll Fly Away

INTERMENT  
Jacksonville National Cemetery