



## Rev. Brandon Martin Gates

February 15, 1978 - September 8, 2022

Rev. Brandon Martin Gates age 44 of Knoxville and formerly of Dayton went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Thursday, September 8, 2022 at his home. Brandon was born on February 15, 1978 in Cumberland County and raised in Rhea County by his late grandparents, Martin and Mattie Harris. He was also preceded in death by his mother, Debbie Harris.

Brandon was a graduate of Calvary Christian High School, received his Associates Degree at Lee University and then earned his Bachelor of Ministry and Master's of Divinity at WBSU. Brandon was a credentialed minister at age 16.

He pastored at the Dunlap Church of God, then Junction Church of God in Finley and currently he was pastoring at the New Harvest Church of God in Knoxville. Brandon was an avid TN VOLS fan and enjoyed hunting and golfing.

Brandon is survived by his wife Melinda (Pelfrey) Gates of Knoxville, his son, Ethan Pelfrey of Pikeville, his dad, Tommy Gates of Wilton, AL, sister, Tammy Story-Samples of Bean Station and currently parenting Raylee Minton at home.

Funeral services for Pastor Gates will be held Tuesday, September 13, 2022

at 12 o'clock noon at The Family Church with Dr. Tim Hill officiating. Brandon will lie in state at the church after 10:00 a.m. He will be laid to rest in Rhea Memory Gardens.

The family is being cared for by the Vanderwall Funeral Home.

Please share your memories and photos of Pastor Gates on his online guest register at [www.vanderwallfh.com](http://www.vanderwallfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

SEP **13.** 12:00 PM (ET)

The Family Church  
3314 Rhea County Hwy  
Dayton, TN 37321

# Tribute Wall

SH

“ *Sherri lit a candle in memory of Rev. Brandon Martin Gates*



sherri - September 13, 2022 at 12:18 PM

JE

“ *Jeremy lit a candle in memory of Rev. Brandon Martin Gates*



Jeremy - September 13, 2022 at 10:32 AM

AW

“ *Amanda Wilkey lit a candle in memory of Rev. Brandon Martin Gates*



Amanda Wilkey - September 13, 2022 at 04:54 AM

SJ

“ *We love you Brother Brandon . You will be truly missed 😭 Sissy and Kevin Jernigan in Dyersburg Tennessee*



Sissy Jernigan - September 13, 2022 at 02:38 AM

KJ

“ Well this is hard for me as I'm sure it is for everyone that came to know Bro Brandon.. Well I'm sure he's looking down seeing the Vols are finally winning.. On a serious note.. this hit me very hard.. I honestly can say you touched my families lives in the short time you were here in Dyersburg.. Thank you Jesus for sending this man into our lives.. I'll see you again someday my friend.. and you'll know me I'll have on my Ford hat.. Love ya Brother Brandon.

Kevin Jernigan - September 13, 2022 at 01:04 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rev. Brandon Martin Gates.



September 12, 2022 at 10:06 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Brandon Martin Gates.



September 12, 2022 at 06:02 PM

SL

“ Shelia Long lit a candle in memory of Rev. Brandon Martin Gates



Shelia Long - September 12, 2022 at 04:03 PM

DH

“ So sorry Sue and I cannot attend the service for Brandon. We have a church related funeral at that same. Our prayers are with you and your family.

*The Hendersons*

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**Dwight Henderson** - September 12, 2022 at 03:26 PM

CG

“ Clint And Donna Gunter lit a candle in memory of Rev. Brandon Martin Gates



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**Clint and Donna Gunter** - September 12, 2022 at 10:37 AM

JS

“ Rev. Brandon was a great man of God, passionate an steadfast in his purpose for the Kingdom. He was a blessing to all of us in ministry, true example of of a surrendered life in Christ.

*Rev. Josephine Strobl*

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**Josephine Strobl** - September 11, 2022 at 08:41 PM

MM

“ Brandon your walkin those streets of gold. And when you preached I listened to every word feeling the spirit in that church when you preached was nothing more than awesome. Hearing your make his presence my priority got to me. I'm saved but I'm still a sinner and you made me want to be better by hearing your words.thank you so much .and you will always have my utmost respect for taking in my daughter and putting the word in her ears. U were def a blessing. I love you uncle Brandon now rest easy.til we meet again.

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**Mary minton** - September 11, 2022 at 08:22 PM

RR

“ *RUBY ROPER lit a candle in memory of Rev. Brandon Martin Gates*



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**RUBY ROPER** - September 11, 2022 at 05:48 PM

ML

“ *Missy Lyon lit a candle in memory of Rev. Brandon Martin Gates*



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**Missy Lyon** - September 11, 2022 at 03:48 PM

JO

“ *Johnnie & Sandy Owens lit a candle in memory of Rev. Brandon Martin Gates*



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**Johnnie & Sandy Owens** - September 11, 2022 at 03:03 PM

WP

“ *Wanda Pelfrey lit a candle in memory of Rev. Brandon Martin Gates*



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**Wanda Pelfrey** - September 11, 2022 at 11:09 AM

PM

“ Keeping the family in our prayers.



Pam metcalf - September 11, 2022 at 10:15 AM

MA

“ I was glad to be a friend of his one facebook. I will be praying for you family and the church



Michael Anthony - September 10, 2022 at 10:18 PM



“ Christina Cornelius lit a candle in memory of Rev. Brandon Martin Gates



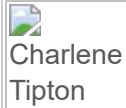
Christina Cornelius - September 10, 2022 at 10:07 PM

SG

“ Scott Gates lit a candle in memory of Rev. Brandon Martin Gates



scott gates - September 10, 2022 at 08:20 PM



Charlene Tipton

“ It took years for us to be close enough to attend church under pastor Brandon and sister Melinda. Always thought the world of them. Now.. he's been my pastor almost a year.. and I'm gonna miss him more than words could ever say.. love sister Melinda and Ethan very much and won't cease to pray over them. 💔

Charlene Tipton - September 10, 2022 at 08:15 PM

CH

“ Brandon was a good friend. He was there anytime he was needed. My condolences to Melinda, Ethan and Family.

Cecilia Hancock - September 10, 2022 at 07:46 PM

RS

“ Rev. Bob And Sylvia Sams lit a candle in memory of Rev. Brandon Martin Gates



Rev. Bob and Sylvia Sams - September 10, 2022 at 06:32 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Rev. Brandon Martin Gates.



September 10, 2022 at 06:14 PM

DE

“ *Danny Everett lit a candle in memory of Rev. Brandon Martin Gates*



Danny Everett - September 10, 2022 at 05:47 PM

KD

“ *As a youth, you were in the Creasman home many, many times, as a young man we watched you grow in the Lord and as an adult you were our brother in Christ and our great friend always growing in your Lord and Savior. We've had a lot of good times with you and Melinda and Ethan when we went on that fun cruise! Now you're cruising on that good Ole Gospel Ship! I can just see uou today rejoicing and running on those streets of Gold! You will be missed! We loved you, Mike and Kathy*

Kathy Defur - September 10, 2022 at 04:58 PM

WR

*Such a devout, dedicated man of God his entire life. Brandon was special. We are bereft at his passing.*

Wreba Rusbridge - September 10, 2022 at 11:35 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Rev. Brandon Martin Gates.*



September 10, 2022 at 04:29 PM

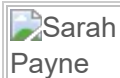


“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Brandon Martin Gates.*



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September 10, 2022 at 02:52 PM



“ *The Church of God and countless people including myself will forever be touched by the legacy and light of our precious brother Brandon Gates. My hope anchors in the fact that we will see you again in that place where death and sorrow will never happen again, and we can worship alongside each other for all of eternity ☐💔 I miss you already more than words can say brother. 💔*

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**Sarah Payne** - September 10, 2022 at 02:01 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Brandon Martin Gates.*



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September 10, 2022 at 01:06 PM



“ *All respects goes out to you Brandon, you have made it home. Such a great person and man of God. Our prayers are with your family. We loved you Brandon. Eddie and Wilma Gossett*

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**Eddie Gossett & Wilma Gossett** - September 10, 2022 at 12:04 PM

JR

“ Our hearts are filled with sadness and our eyes with tears. Brandon had a Zest for God and relentless strength to reach Souls for Christ! He ran his race and finished his course! He entered the Gates to be Greeted by his Savior and Family that enter before him! What a Celebration! Our Prayers for my Sister Melinda, Ethen and Raylee! God Hold you in his arms and comfort you as no other can! Much love to you!

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**Judy L Reed** - September 10, 2022 at 11:01 AM

DH

Brandon was a model student at WBSU. Always willing to serve others. He was our TN representative. In all of our conversations, I always knew that he loved God with all of his heart. We will miss him very much. Dr. Faye

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**Dr. Faye Hanshew** - September 10, 2022 at 11:12 AM

SO

Our hearts are broken but we know Brandon is rejoicing as he has entered the place he's always long to be. He loved the Lord with all his heart and soul I love you cuz til we meet again

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**Sandy Owens** - September 10, 2022 at 11:47 AM