



Robert Franklin Gaines

July 12, 1923 - May 14, 2013

Frankfort " Robert F. "Bobby" Gaines, 89, passed away Tuesday, May 14, 2013, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington.

Services for Mr. Gaines will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 17, 2013, at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home with Mr. Tony Elam and Mr. Jerry Lester officiating. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be at the funeral home Thursday from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

The son of the late Tucker and Lorene Tate Gaines, he was born July 12, 1923, in Owen County, Kentucky. Mr. Gaines proudly served in the United States Army during the World War II era. He retired as a Franklin County Deputy Sheriff after 18 years of service. Before his duties as a deputy sheriff, he was employed at KenWel and then National Distillers where he worked for 20 years. After his retirement from the Sheriff's Office, he served as Senate Doorkeeper during several legislative sessions. Mr. Gaines was a devoted member of Thornhill Baptist Church having served in several positions " Deacon, Adult Sunday School Director, Chairman of Ushers and Golden Agers. He was a member of Kentucky Peace Officers Association (K.P.O.A.) and Kentucky Public Retirees.

Mr. Gaines is survived by his loving wife of 48 ½ years, Wilma Gaines Gaines; daughter, Meribeth Gaines; sisters, Daisy Tomlin, Marie Bellew (Bill); father-in-

law, Harvey Gaines, Jr.; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, John Will, Jimmie D., Calvin, Louie and Ira Thomas Gaines; and sisters, Alberta Jones, Roberta Howard, Lucille Lewis and Irene Harney.

Pallbearers will be Greg Howard, Buddy Howard, Jeff Harney, Jimmie Shelton, Paul Curry and Stan Ritchie. Serving as honorary bearers are Tim Gaines, Bill Bellew, Stanley Ritchie, Truett Cohorn, Joe Buckner, John Gilbert, William Ballard, Ted Collins; and present and former members of Steadfast Sunday School Class.

The family wishes to express sincere thanks and appreciation to special caregivers Brenda Bryant, Yolonda Gross, Billy Smith and neighbor, David Rivers.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Franklin Gaines*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Wilma and Maribeth: I was so sorry to hear about Bobby's death. He was always so nice and friendly to me. I thought so much of him. I know how close your family has always been and I know you will miss him so much. My prayers are with you all. Allen Jackson*

Allen W. Jackson - May 18, 2013 at 10:12 AM



“ *Wilma, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time. I'll never forget how special the "Gaines" family has been to my whole family. God Bless you.*

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are that God will comfort you. I really enjoyed knowing Bobby as I grew up in Thornhill and attended Thornhill Baptist Church.*

Tom Hedges - May 17, 2013 at 04:50 PM



“ *Keeping your family in our prayers. Our sincere condolences for your loss. Love, Jeff, Sharon, Katelyn and Hollyn.*

Sharon Mofield-Boswell - May 16, 2013 at 07:49 AM