



Thuy Ngoc Gates

February 20, 1948 - September 4, 2025

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Thuy Gates, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother who left this world on September 4, 2025, at the age of 77. Thuy was born on February 20, 1948, in South Vietnam, where her journey began. In 1973, she married Fred Gates, and together they took the brave step of moving to the United States in 1975, ultimately settling in Amarillo in 1976.

Thuy was a vibrant spirit who poured her heart into everything she did. Her gardens were nothing short of magical, filled with colorful flowers and thriving vegetables that showcased her green thumb and love for nature. She was also an excellent seamstress, creating beautiful garments with a skill that left many in awe. Shopping brought her joy, and she had a knack for finding the perfect treasures. Most of all, Thuy expressed her love through her amazing cooking, filling the homes she touched with warmth and delicious aromas.

To her grandchildren, she was lovingly known as “bà ngoại” a name that reflected the special bond she shared with them. Thuy’s laughter, kindness, and nurturing spirit will be deeply missed.

She is survived by her daughters, Loni Ramirez and husband Sal of Wichita Falls, TX and Cynthia Torres and husband Daniel of Amarillo; 2 sons, Guy Gates and wife Connie of Goodyear, AZ and William Gates and wife Marti of

Gilbert, AZ; 2 sisters, Susan Carpenter and Thi Nounng Pham, both of Washington; 2 brothers of Vietnam; 6 grandchildren, Jimmy Matlock, Bryant Matlock, Emily Ramirez, Preston Gates and wife Savannah, Colby Torres and wife Odalys and Mackenzie Ritchey and husband Andrew; 5 great grandchildren, Calian Gates, Camila Torres, Luis Torres, Rowan Ritchey and Nixon Ritchey and 1 more on the way, Brecken Ritchey and her beloved dog, Phoenix.

Thuy was preceded in death by her parents; 2 sisters; husband, Fred Gates and granddaughter, Brittany Torres.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Shafer Mortuary Services Funeral Home
1502 South Cleveland Street
Amarillo, TX 79102

Funeral Service

SEP 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Shafer Mortuary Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Thuy Ngoc Gates*



Shafer Mortuary Services - September 07, 2025 at 05:36 PM

BD

“ *Brandy and Denise purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Thuy Ngoc Gates.*



Brandy and Denise - September 07, 2025 at 01:36 PM

BD

“ *Brandy and Denise planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thuy Ngoc Gates.*

Brandy and Denise - September 07, 2025 at 01:36 PM

HL

“ *Henry and Betty Lafuente purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Thuy Ngoc Gates.*



Henry and Betty Lafuente - September 06, 2025 at 11:00 AM

CH

“ *Thuy Gate had known a kind heart who was always willing to help everyone. We miss her .
We are Deeply sorry for the loss of Your Mother. Her love and strength will Forever remembered.*

Chua Giac Hoa - September 06, 2025 at 07:22 AM

PH

“ *Phật Tử Chùa Giac Hoa purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thuy Ngoc Gates.*



Phật Tử Chùa Giac Hoa - September 06, 2025 at 07:14 AM

PH

“ *Phật Tử Chùa Giac Hoa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thuy Ngoc Gates.*

Phật Tử Chùa Giac Hoa - September 06, 2025 at 07:14 AM

LF

“ *Love, the Rice Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Thuy Ngoc Gates.*



Love, the Rice Family - September 05, 2025 at 10:02 PM

LF

“ *Love, the Rice Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thuy Ngoc Gates.*

Love, the Rice Family - September 05, 2025 at 10:02 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thuy Ngoc Gates.



September 05, 2025 at 09:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Thuy Ngoc Gates.

September 05, 2025 at 09:18 PM



“ Saak Family (FL) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thuy Ngoc Gates.



Saak Family (FL) - September 05, 2025 at 08:21 PM



“ With hugs, Kimberley Trang purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Thuy Ngoc Gates.



With hugs, Kimberley Trang - September 05, 2025 at 07:11 PM



“ With hugs, Kimberley Trang planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thuy Ngoc Gates.

With hugs, Kimberley Trang - September 05, 2025 at 07:11 PM