



## Russell Lee Gates

February 26, 1940 - March 28, 2026

Russell Lee Gates, 86, of Monessen, passed away on Saturday, March 28, 2026 in Jefferson Hospital. A son of the late Roy Russell and Doris Jane (Ramsey) Gates, he was born in Charleroi on February 26, 1940.

A member of the Christ United Methodist Church in Bethel Park, Russell was raised in Bentleyville and moved to Monessen in 2013. He enjoyed traveling to Cancun, Mexico, working outdoors, cutting grass, and remodeling his home. He was employed as a Computer Analyst for U.S. Steel in Pittsburgh, retiring after 35 years, worked for over 10 years at PPG as a Supervisor of Security, worked over 10 years for the PA Department of Welfare in security in Donora, and was still working at 84 years old.

Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Mary Lou (Heilman) Gates, a daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Dennis Sanchez of Canonsburg, and two grandchildren, Hunter Daniel Leach of Southfield, Michigan and Hannah Marie Leach of Canonsburg.

A memorial service will be held at a later date at the Christ United Methodist Church in Bethel Park. Arrangements are being handled by the Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc., 700 Broad Avenue, Belle Vernon. 724-929-5300. [www.FergusonFuneralHomeandCrematory.com](http://www.FergusonFuneralHomeandCrematory.com).