



Renard Gales

June 26, 1959 - July 22, 2025

Renard Gales was a hardworking family man dedicated to a life of duty and service. Born June 26, 1959 to Dorothy Gales in Atlanta. Renard was a twin, and the fifth of ten children. While in high school, he wore number 63; he was nicknamed "Tiny Feet." Despite his toughness on the field, he graduated in the top 10% of his class. He proved he was as smart as he was athletic. Upon graduation in '77, he joined the U.S. Army where he served for 18 years, retiring in 1995. In '96, Renard joined American Freightways as a mechanic, and soon fell in love with driving. In 2001, FedEx bought American Freightways, and Renard drove for them until he passed. With his no-nonsense leadership, yet being lovingly approachable, Renard built a family at FedEx, forging a strong brotherhood with his co-workers. Renard continued his love for driving by providing transportation services for his church.

Renard married twice, his first marriage produced two children: Josh and Ashlei Gales. In 2009, Renard married Carolyn Denise, who he called his "Gift from God." They experienced a beautiful partnership until he passed. Renard welcomed Carolyn's two sons with open arms, and was an excellent husband and father as he was a soldier and brother.

Throughout his life, Renard set the example for diligence and responsibility as a man, strength and resilience as a person, and steadfast faith as a believer. He was a great example to us all.

He leaves to cherish his precious memory his loving, devoted, and supportive wife, Carolyn Denise Gales, His three sons that were by his side helping, supporting, and standing with him to the end: Joshua K. Gales O. J. Kemp, and Chris S. Kempe, daughter, Ashlei Gales, two granddaughters, Mikah Kemp, and Arains Gales, four goddaughters, Michaelle Valentin, Carlise Bhatti, Zarla Bhatti and Zadie Bhatti, two sisters Iris Gales and Donna Gales; three bouthers, Bernard Gales, Sidney Hamilton, and Darryl Hamilton and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, loving relatives, friends, and co-workers.

Cemetery Details

Cape Canaveral National Cemetery

5525 US-1
Mims, FL 32754

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Zanders Memorial Chapel
232 W. Michael Gladden Blvd.
Apopka, FL 32703
(407) 886-3388

Service

AUG 2. 3:00 PM (ET)

Majestic Life Church
821 South Kirkman Road
Orlando, FL 32811

Tribute Wall



“ *MONICA DENISE SCOTT lit a candle in memory of Renard Gales*



MONICA DENISE SCOTT - August 15, 2025 at 02:08 PM



“ *Angela R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Renard Gales.*

Angela R. - August 01, 2025 at 11:59 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Renard Gales.*



July 31, 2025 at 08:32 PM



“ *Donna Dailey & family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Renard Gales.*



Donna Dailey & family - July 31, 2025 at 07:53 PM

ET

“ Etoya & Tracee purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Renard Gales.



Etoya & Tracee - July 31, 2025 at 04:46 PM

PP

“ Philip Piazza purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Renard Gales.



Philip Piazza - July 30, 2025 at 11:14 AM

PP

“ Philip Piazza planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Renard Gales.

Philip Piazza - July 30, 2025 at 11:14 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Renard Gales.



July 27, 2025 at 07:48 AM

PD

“ My husband Don and I had the pleasure of going on a cruise with Renard, Carolyn and his family last year. We had such a wonderful time, and we often talked about how, when we retire, we’d get an RV and travel the country. Little did I know that would be the last time I would see my brother-in-law.

I remember you and I competing in games with Carolyn and my husband Don — and boy, did we enjoy winning! Those memories will always bring a smile to my face.

You will be deeply missed. Even at your lowest points, when I called to check on you, your spirits remained resilient and good, as always. You would simply say, “I've had better days, sister-in-law.”

We will miss you brother-in-law. Rest in peace.



Pepper and Don - July 25, 2025 at 09:57 AM

CG

Thank you sister. You and Don will now have a third leg. The four of us had so much fun together. I miss him so much that at times it is hard to breathe.

Carolyn Gales - July 25, 2025 at 05:00 PM

PE

You're welcome. I'm sure you do. It's still so hard to believe.

Pepper - July 27, 2025 at 10:46 AM

CG

Thank you Philip, Donna and family, and Tracee and Etoya for the flowers!

Carolyn Denise Gales - August 01, 2025 at 04:03 PM

MF

I was not blessed to have met you, but you married my uno friend and sister from day one if she was happy then I was happy. I'm so glad God put you together. Carolyn I'm so sorry for your loss, but you are always family we've been connected since 1984.... And though we went on our separate journeys we have always been family. May God comfort you as you go through this terrible loss. But know that being absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. I love you always and forever

Marla Facey - August 02, 2025 at 04:21 PM

LM

*Dear Carolyn,
So sorry for your loss.
Sincere Condolences ,
Prayers Up.*

Lisa Martin - August 21, 2025 at 05:40 PM

CH

I am deeply saddened by the fact that I just heard of Bro. Gales transition a couple days ago. It was my fault. I've been so preoccupied with my own life's journey. He drove me to church in the church van and we enjoyed conversations on a variety of subjects. He loved his wife and family and was looking forward to retirement. I gave him my recipe for corn casserole earlier this year and probably one of the last times he drove me to church at Majestic Life Church, he told me he had made it but had to add a little something different to it. Bro. Gales will be truly missed by all who knew him. However, he is healed, he is whole, and he is with his father.

Cathy Hubbard - August 31, 2025 at 10:46 PM

CH

“ Years and years ago when Renard and my mother were dating, my brother and I were talking about our favorite video games. My brother asked, “Mr. G what’s your favorite video game?” Renard immediately shook his head and responded, “I don’t play games.” He was dead serious but we still all had a good laugh. Gotta love him

Chris - July 24, 2025 at 09:37 AM

CG

We still laugh at that. He did play "PIT" though. A wonderful husband.

Carolyn Gales - July 25, 2025 at 05:01 PM

AG

Carolyn, "I was deeply saddened to hear of Renard's passing. I met him over 40 years ago while I was married to his twin, and I will always remember his kind spirit and warm presence. My heartfelt condolences to the entire family. May you find peace and strength in the days ahead, and may Renard's memory continue to live on in all who knew and loved him."

Alesia T Gales - July 28, 2025 at 10:00 AM

CG

Alesia, thank you for your thoughtful words. Every room of our home brings a memory of him. Forty year later and I am sure his kindness was as you remembered. He was a great husband.

Carolyn Denise Gales - July 31, 2025 at 02:03 AM