



Wilbur Harris Bates

November 11, 1934 - April 11, 2018

Wilbur Harris Bates, 83, of Soso, born November 11, 1934, passed away on April 11, 2018, at South Central Regional Medical Center.

Visitation will be held at Memory Chapel on Sunday, April 15, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. with services to follow at 3 p.m. Interment will be at Union Line Cemetery. Bro. Kenny Morris and Bro. Roy Crouch will officiate.

Mr. Bates was retired from South Central Regional Medical Center where he was employed as a security guard. In later years he would jokingly tell his family that he was “going to his office” and would then go to Wal-Mart and sit on a bench to people watch and greet those he knew.

Mr. Bates was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Mildred O. Bates; father, Willie Bates; mother, Mellie Bates; daughter, Sandra B. Parker; sisters, Maxine Rivers, Jestine Skipper, Bonnie Sue Roney, and Eloise Matthews; and brothers, William S. (Buck) Bates and Charles Bates.

Survivors include his son, Robert Bates (Cyndie) of Soso; daughter, Lottie Tucker (Mark) of Laurel; sisters, Dorothy Holifield of Laurel, Helen Stephens of Heidelberg, and Willie Grace Reynolds of Pensacola, FL; brother, Paul Bates of Pearl; and special friend, Carolyn Clark. Also surviving him are his grandchildren, Steven Parker, Daniel Tucker, Matthew Tucker, Mary Beth Bates, and John Roberts Bates; and great grandchildren, Blake Parker, Noah Tucker, Maggie Tucker, Katie Tucker, and Trace Tucker.

Pallbearers will be John Robert Bates, Blake Parker, Daniel Tucker, Steven Parker, Dr. Glenn McGee, and Andy Stringfellow.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Union Line Cemetery

Corner of Jefcoat Road and Union Line Road
Soso, MS 39480

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 15. 1:30 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
Laurel, MS 39440
(601) 428-5235
memorychapel@comcast.net
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Service

APR 15. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Lottie: So sorry to hear of your fathers passing. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family . He will truly be missed.
David and Angela Rudolph, Alison & April.*

Angela Rudolph - April 17, 2018 at 09:54 AM

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“ *Steven and family,*

Please accept my condolences on the loss of your grandfather, but as Christians we know where he'll spend eternity and that offers some comfort.

May God's love and peace surround each of you during this time.

Sandy Bagley

Sandy Bagley - April 13, 2018 at 12:55 PM

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“ *Dr. David Roy and Staff purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Wilbur Harris Bates.*



Dr. David Roy and Staff - April 13, 2018 at 11:30 AM

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“ We were so very sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Bates...we were some of his Wal-Mart friends that enjoyed seeing & chatting with him each Friday...we really missed him when he was no longer able to be there...to all the family we send our deepest sympathy.
Lessie Clark & Rhonda Cooley

Rhonda Cooley - April 12, 2018 at 06:24 PM