



Billy Joe Bates

May 23, 1926 - January 31, 2007

Mr. Billy Joe Bates, age 80, of Princeton, Texas passed away Wednesday, January 31, 2007 in Plano, Texas. He was born May 23, 1926 in Climax, Texas to Marvin Loyd and Mary Lee (Rodgers) Bates. On November 6, 1944, Billy married Helen Evans in McKinney, Texas. Mr. Bates was a retired aircraft mechanic and a member of the First Baptist Church of Princeton. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Helen Bates of Princeton, Texas; daughters, Laura Higginbotham of McKinney, Texas and, Cathie Grubb of Princeton, Texas; sons, Billy Calvin Bates, Terry Lynn Bates and Ronnie Glenn Bates all of Princeton, Texas and, Donald Keith Bates of Caddo Mills, Texas; 17 grandchildren; 29 great grandchildren; 1 great-great grandchild; sisters, Charlsie Trammell of Knoxville, Tennessee, Wanda Flanery of Princeton, Texas, Edith Terry of Blue Ridge, Texas; brothers, Eldon Bates of Merit, Texas, Johnny Bates and Jim Eddy Bates both of Princeton, Texas and, Loyd Darrell Bates of Blue Ridge, Texas; and numerous nieces, nephews and other loving relatives and friends. Preceding him in death were his parents, Loyd and Mary Bates; sister, Myrtle Brentees; brother, Marvin Loyd Bates; grandchild, Eric Timmons; and son-in-law, B. J. Higginbotham. Funeral Services will be held 2:00 PM Sunday, February 4, 2007 in the Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Chapel, Allen, Texas with Rev. Roger Berghauser officiating and his grandsons will serve as pallbearers. Interment will follow at Ridgeview Memorial Park. Family and friends are invited to the funeral home at their convenience on Saturday to pay their respects and to sign the register book. The family will receive friends during a visitation on Saturday evening beginning at 6:00 PM.

Memorials

Papaw it is nearly a year since you left us. i miss you more than anything and would give anything just to hear your voice again i love you very much and i will see you again love always shane

SHANE BATES, JANUARY 6, 2008

I am so sorry to here about your Dad. The Bates family was a big part of my life.....and are REAL PRINCETON folks. The Bow and Genevieve Woodard Family

GLENDIA VEE (WOODARD)DIXON, FEBRUARY 28, 2007

Laura, I'm so sorry to hear of your father's death. I want you to know that you are in my thoughts as well as your family. Inetha Roberts

INETHA ROBERTS, FEBRUARY 4, 2007

Papaw was a very gentle and caring man with the strength of a thousand bulls. He had a heart of gold that could easily be seen in his deep blue eyes and felt thru his hugs and kisses. His family was his most valued treasure, just as he is to us. Although the wonderful memories will carry us through, he will be missed so much. Heaven's been blessed with a beautiful soul. We love you always!! I think the following poem says it best.... The Broken Chain We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you. You did not go alone, for part of us went with you the day God called you home. You left us peaceful memories. Your love is still our guide. And though we cannot see you, you are always at our side. Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same, but as God calls us one by one, the Chain will link again. (Author-Unknown)

BRANDY, BREANA & MARIAH, FEBRUARY 2, 2007

Edith Terry, So sorry for your loss, Edith, you were so lucky to have such a loving brother. God Bless you,Danny, and your families. Pam Boddie, PrimoMicrophones

PAM BODDIE, FEBRUARY 2, 2007

Poppa Joe I love you and Helen.You will be dearly missed by everyone.All my memories are are fond of you to many to tell.But I was in your family A long time and I know you will be in Heaven with our Lord watcing over us all.I love You. Nancie nancie55@sbcglobal.net

LEROY&NANCIE BATES MARSH, FEBRUARY 2, 2007

There is no better daddy, father or friend any where in the universe. He was always there when we need help or guidance. Daddy you will always be loved, remembered and missed.

LAURA BATES HIGGINBOTHAM, FEBRUARY 2, 2007

I went to school with Billy, Terry, Darrell. I have seen Laura several times recently. My sympathies to the family, as it is a hard time for all of you right now. djlgibson2003@yahoo.com

DOROTHY LORANCE/GIBSON, FEBRUARY 1, 2007

"Worlds Greatest Papaw". He will be forever in our hearts. Shelly, Matt & Jordon

SHELLY JONES, FEBRUARY 1, 2007

YOUR IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. LOVE BUD & WILMA MACK

BUD & WILMA MACK, FEBRUARY 1, 2007

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