



## Johnny Lee Bates

*November 2, 1958 - July 2, 2015*

Funeral Services for Johnny Lee Bates, 56 year old Leonard resident, are scheduled for 2:00 P.M. Monday July 6, 2015 at the First Baptist Church of Leonard. Brother Mack Swain and Brother Glenn Murphy will officiate. Burial will be in the Fuller Cemetery west of Leonard on County Road 5025 in the Delba Community. Family visitation will be from 6 until 8 P.M. Sunday July 5, 2015 at the Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Chapel at Leonard.

Johnny was born November 2, 1958 at Sherman. His parents were Lewis Watkins and Evelyn Aleta Thorp Bates. He married Tammie Kay Watterson September 29, 1979 at Leonard. He was a farmer/rancher, a member of the First Baptist Church of Leonard, a member of the West Leonard Water Supply Board for many years and a member of the Leonard Saddle Club. He passed away at the Leonard Manor Thursday July 2, 2015.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law: Jennifer Leen'e and Jason Glenn Mendez of Wolfe City; his granddaughter: Jalyn Leen'e Mendez of Wolfe City; his sister: Jan Burgess of Leonard; his grandmother: Lydia Thorp of Leonard; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews and a niece.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his grandparents: John and Etta Mae Bradford Bates and Ernie Lee Thorp.

Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home of Leonard is in charge of arrangements: An online registry may be signed at [www.tjmfuneral.com](http://www.tjmfuneral.com).

## Memorials

*Tammy, My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

**KATHY MITCHELL (BURCHFIELD), JULY 6, 2015**

*Tammy, Jennifer so sorry for you loss!*

**MARK HENDERSON, JULY 6, 2015**

*So sorry to hear about John. His grandmother Etta Mae was my half-sister.  
Prayers for his family.*

**LOIS ANN BRADFORD OSBURN, JULY 5, 2015**

*Tammie, I am so sorry to hear about your husband. Please know that you and  
your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

**DENICE BURNSIDE WEBB, JULY 5, 2015**

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