

Kenneth Wesley Bates

Age 75, a resident of Fayetteville, Arkansas, passed away Thursday, April 20, 2023 at Washington Regional Medical Center in Fayetteville, Arkansas. He was born September 7, 1947 in Cloverdale, Alabama, the son of John Albert and Effie (Smith) Bates.

He was preceded in death by his parents and five brothers and sisters Maynard Bates, Donald Bates, William Bates, Jeff Bates, and Christine Elizabeth Neuendorf.

Survivors include his wife of 42 years Sandra Bates; three daughters Geneva Ann Haven, Regina Reaves, and Renee Bates; two step children Michael Fields and Shana Fields; five brothers and sisters Margaret Fancher, Mildred Peel, Carolyn Boone, Ronald Bates and Glenn Bates; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.



APPRECIATION

On behalf of the family, we wish to express their gratitude for your many acts of kindness, and for your attendance at the funeral service.

Luginbuel Funeral Home
Prairie Grove, Arkansas

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Celebrating *THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF*



Kenneth Wesley Bates

September 7, 1947 - April 20, 2023

"I'm Free"

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,
Fill it now with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.



CELEBRATING THE LIFE & MEMORY OF Kenneth Wesley Bates

DATE, TIME & PLACE OF SERVICE
Thursday, April 27, 2023 - 2:00 P.M.
New Life Tabernacle Pentecostal Church of God
Fayetteville, Arkansas

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude Music	Judy Schlinker
"Far Side Banks of Jordan"	
Obituary	Terry Schlinker
Prayer	
"Go Rest High On That Mountain"	
"Wait Till You See My Brand New Home"	
	Terry & Judy Schlinker
Words of Comfort	Terry Schlinker
Closing Prayer	
Postlude Music	Judy Schlinker

GRAVE SIDE SERVICES WILL NOT BE HELD. THE FAMILY WILL
REMAIN AFTER THE SERVICE TO VISIT WITH FRIENDS.

PALLBEARERS

Charles Boone - Jimmy Bates - Wayne Cronn
Larry Bransetter - Brad Walker - Mike Fields
Ronald Bates

FINAL RESTING PLACE

Campbell Cemetery
West Fork, Arkansas

Safely Home

I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh, So happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;

I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in heaven at last.

Did you wonder I so calmly
Trod the valley of the shade?

Oh! But Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.

And he came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread;

And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still;

Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's Will.

There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;

Do it now, while life remaineth---
You shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you home;

Oh, the rapture of that meeting
Oh, the joy to see you come!