

Neal Bates Hatchett

69, a resident of the Summers Community died February 12, 2002 at the Washington Regional Medical Center in Fayetteville, Arkansas. He was born December 22, 1932 near Evansville, Arkansas the son of Normon Bates and Lena Collins Hatchett.

He served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict, and retired from GTE in California as an Engineer after 30 years of service.

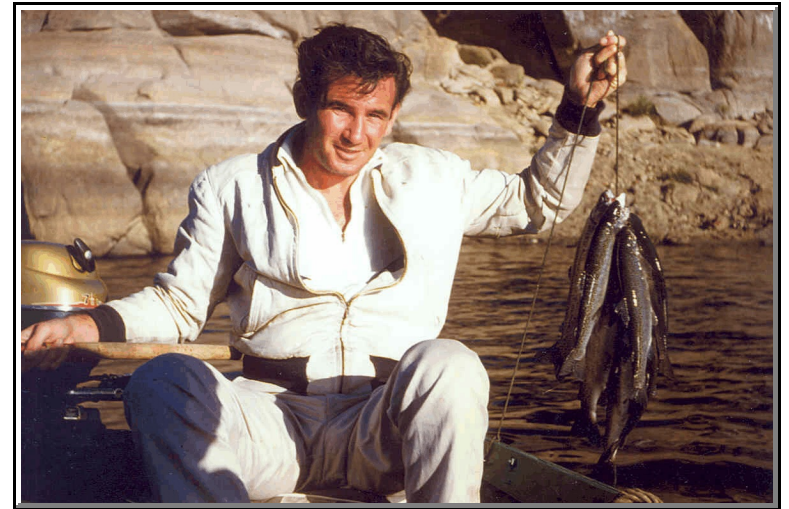
Survivors include his wife, Joyce Shook Hatchett; one son, Norm Hatchett of Farmington, Arkansas; one daughter, Kelly Hatchett of Fayetteville, Arkansas; three sisters, Freda Arnold of Lincoln, Arkansas, Cleo Carden of Whittier, California and Jimmie Duke of Fontana, California; one granddaughter, Ayla Hatchett of Farmington, Arkansas.

APPRECIATION

On behalf of the Hatchett family, we wish to express their gratitude for your many kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed and for your attendance at the memorial service.

Luginbuel Funeral Home
Prairie Grove, Arkansas

IN LOVING MEMORY



Neal Bates Hatchett

December 22, 1932 - February 12, 2002



FOOT PRINTS IN THE SAND

ONE NIGHT I HAD A DREAM . . .

I DREAMED I WAS WALKING ALONG THE BEACH WITH THE LORD AND ACROSS THE SKY FLASHED SCENES FROM MY LIFE.



FOR EACH SCENE I NOTICED TWO SETS OF FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND, ONE BELONGED TO ME AND THE OTHER TO THE LORD.

WHEN THE LAST SCENE OF MY LIFE FLASHED BEFORE US, I LOOKED BACK AT THE FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND. I NOTICED, THAT MANY TIMES ALONG THE PATH OF MY LIFE, THERE WAS ONLY ONE SET OF FOOTPRINTS. I ALSO NOTICED THAT IT HAPPENED AT THE VERY LOWEST AND SADDEST TIMES IN MY LIFE. THIS REALLY BOTHERED ME AND I QUESTIONED THE LORD ABOUT IT. "LORD, YOU SAID THAT ONCE I DECIDED TO FOLLOW YOU, YOU WOULD WALK WITH ME ALL THE WAY, BUT I HAVE NOTICED THAT DURING THE MOST TROUBLESOME TIMES IN MY LIFE THERE IS ONLY ONE SET OF FOOTPRINTS. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY IN TIMES WHEN I NEEDED YOU MOST YOU SHOULD LEAVE ME." THE LORD REPLIED, "MY PRECIOUS, PRECIOUS CHILD, I LOVE YOU AND I WOULD NEVER, NEVER LEAVE YOU DURING YOUR TIMES OF TRIAL AND SUFFERING. WHEN YOU SAW ONLY ONE SET OF FOOTPRINTS, IT WAS THEN THAT I CARRIED YOU."



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Neal Bates Hatchett

DATE and PLACE OF BIRTH

December 22, 1932 - Evansville, AR

DATE and PLACE OF DEATH

February 12, 2002 - Fayetteville, AR

DATE, TIME and PLACE OF SERVICE

Monday, February 18, 2002 - 10:00 A.M.

Luginbuel Chapel - Prairie Grove, AR

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude Music Chapel Selections

"Amazing Grace" Special Music

"In the Garden" Special Music

Obituary Jackie Uselton
Amazing Grace Fellowship - Lincoln, AR

"Ava Maria" Michael Crawford

Words of Comfort Jackie Uselton

Prayer Jackie Uselton

"My Way" Special Music Selection

Postlude Music Chapel Selections

GRAVE SIDE SERVICES - BEATY CEMETERY - LINCOLN, AR

Closing Remarks Jackie Uselton

Prayer Jackie Uselton

FINAL RESTING PLACE

Beaty Cemetery
Lincoln, AR

PALLBEARERS

Pat Summers - Richard Stewart - Thomas Bond
Bobby Standley - Bud Cox - Ronnie Rinehart

HONORARY PALLBEARER

Scott Ramsey