



## Mr. Willard Alton Bates

March 5, 1940 - June 24, 2014

Willard Alton Bates, 74, husband of Amanda Martha Jane Webb Bates, of 821 Campbell Town Road, SC passed away Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at his residence.

A native of Oconee County, Mr. Bates was the son of the late Willie D. Bates and Mary Dora Hall Bates. Mr. Bates worked for the City of Walhalla. He was a member of Open Arms Tabernacle

In addition to his wife, Mr. Bates is survived by sons, RL Webb of Westminster, SC, James Webb of Westminster, SC, James Lamarc Byrd of Weatherford, TX; daughters, Janice Smith of Charleston, SC, Rhonda McClain of Walhalla, SC, Rebecca Moore of Walhalla, SC; brothers, JW Bates of Walhalla, SC, Harley Bates of Walhalla, SC, Edward Bates of Westminster, SC; sisters, Florence Norton of Walhalla, SC, Juanita Haney of Walhalla, SC, Frances Harbin of Pickens, SC, Susan Moore of Westminster, SC, Nina James of Walhalla, SC; twenty six grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, and fourteen great great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Bates was predeceased by brother, James Bates; sisters, Judy Dean, Carolina Bates, and Louise Bryant.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, June 27, 2014, 2:00 PM at Davenport Funeral Home Chapel, with burial to follow at Oconee Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 PM, Thursday, June 26, 2014 at Davenport Funeral Home.

Flowers are accepted.

The family is at the residence.

# Cemetery Details

## Oconee Memorial Park

1923 Blue Ridge Boulevard  
Seneca, SC 29672  
<http://oconeememorialpark.com?>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 26.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Davenport Funeral Home  
311 S Highway 11  
West Union, SC 29696  
(864) 638-3611  
[davenportfhoffice@gmail.com](mailto:davenportfhoffice@gmail.com)  
<https://www.davenportfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

**JUN 27.** 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Willard Alton Bates*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM

DW

“ *Martha, I'm so sorry to hear about Alton. Sorry that I didn't make it over there. Praying for peace and comfort for all of you. Love you. Dot Webb*

**Dorothy Webb** - June 27, 2014 at 04:38 PM

ME

“ *Please allow me to offer my condolences to the, Bates family with these comforting words: In Paradise, Jesus will fulfill his role as “the resurrection and the life.” (John 11:25) He will resurrect countless millions, giving them an opportunity to live forever in Paradise on earth. (John 5:28, 29) Imagine the reunions as beloved friends and relatives, long separated by death, embrace one another, quite beside themselves with joy! All mankind will praise God for his restorative power. I am very sorry for your loss. May God's Word comfort you and your family. Sincerely, Meryl ~ [crochetmerylsway@gmail.com](mailto:crochetmerylsway@gmail.com)*

**Meryl** - June 27, 2014 at 02:56 PM

JT

“ *John Thompson, Don & Lucille Johnson.*



**john thompson** - June 27, 2014 at 07:36 AM

BB

“ *Barbara Burrell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willard Alton Bates*



**Barbara Burrell** - June 26, 2014 at 07:27 PM

MG

“ *Missy Galloway lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willard Alton Bates*



**Missy Galloway** - June 26, 2014 at 07:23 PM

BM

“ *ALTON WAS A VERY SWEET PERSON.I ALWAYS GOT A HUG.NO MATTER HOW LONG IT WAS BETWEEN WHEN WE SAW EACH OTHER.HE WAS A GREAT GRANDFATHER.LOVED HIM.*

**BRENDA MCINTOSH** - June 26, 2014 at 08:18 AM

JF

“ *I will always love you and miss you will you tell grandma I love her i miss her*

**judy faye** - June 26, 2014 at 07:43 AM

DN

“ *Doug And Linda Reese Nix lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willard Alton Bates*



**Doug and Linda Reese Nix** - June 25, 2014 at 07:25 PM

LI

“ *LITTLETON'S lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willard Alton Bates*



**LITTLETON'S** - June 25, 2014 at 05:48 PM

CA

“ *CAROLYN lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willard Alton Bates*



**CAROLYN** - June 25, 2014 at 05:46 PM

WF

“ You will forever be loved and missed Papa. Love Always  
Your~ Grandchildren



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Webb Family - June 25, 2014 at 03:37 PM

LM

“ Louise McMahan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willard Alton  
Bates



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louise mcmahan - June 25, 2014 at 03:31 PM