



Mr. Willie Harley Bates

March 1, 1943 - October 30, 2017

Willie Harley Bates, 74, husband of the late Sara Rachel Garrett, of 705 Highland Glen Court, Walhalla, passed away Monday, October 30, 2017, at GHS Cottingham Hospice House.

A native of Oconee County, SC, Mr. Bates was the son of the late Willie Duncan and Mary Dora Hall Bates. He was a member of Scenic Heights Baptist Church.

Mr. Bates is survived by his sons: Will Bates (Rita) of Walhalla, Derryl Bates (Kathy) of Westminster, Harley D. Bates (Sandy) of Seneca, David Bates of Walhalla and Martin Harris of Texas; brothers: J.W. "Bud" Bates (Brenda) of Walhalla and Edward Bates; sisters: Juanita Haney (Houston) of Walhalla and Susan Moore; thirteen grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and parents, Mr. Bates was preceded in death by his brothers: Alton and James Bates; and sisters: Caroline Bates, Louise Wilbanks, Frances Harbin, Florence Norton and Judy Dean.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 AM, Thursday, November 2, 2017, at Maranatha Baptist Church with burial to follow at Evergreen Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 PM, Wednesday, November 1, 2017, at Davenport Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Oconee Hospice of the Foothills, GHS Cottingham Hospice House, Attn: Foundation Office, 298 Memorial Drive, Seneca, SC 29672.

The family is at their respective homes.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Memorial Gardens

970 Highlands Highway
Walhalla, SC 29691

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

NOV 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Maranatha Baptist Church
240 Keowee School Road
Seneca, SC 29672

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Willie Harley Bates*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Juanita Johns lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Harley Bates*



Juanita Johns - November 02, 2017 at 12:48 AM



“ *Debbie Norton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Harley Bates*



Debbie Norton - November 01, 2017 at 06:51 PM



“ *JIM & MARGARET FARMER lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Harley Bates*



JIM & MARGARET FARMER - November 01, 2017 at 02:39 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Willie Harley Bates.



November 01, 2017 at 10:30 AM



“ Doug And Linda Reese Nix lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Harley Bates



Doug and Linda Reese Nix - October 31, 2017 at 09:41 PM



“ Kathy Welborn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Harley Bates



Kathy Welborn - October 31, 2017 at 09:33 PM



“ Bobbie Ledford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Harley Bates



Bobbie Ledford - October 31, 2017 at 09:31 PM

LB

“ *Larry Bruce lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Harley Bates*



Larry Bruce - October 31, 2017 at 09:06 PM

PO

“ *Pat Owens lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Harley Bates*



Pat Owens - October 31, 2017 at 07:43 PM

WB

“ *Wayne Barton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Harley Bates*



Wayne Barton - October 31, 2017 at 07:29 PM

GG

“ *Ginney Green lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Harley Bates*



Ginney Green - October 31, 2017 at 05:43 PM

DW

“ *David And Lisa Wilbanks sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Willie Harley Bates*



David and Lisa Wilbanks - October 31, 2017 at 02:23 PM

NJ

“ *Nina James lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Harley Bates*



Nina James - October 31, 2017 at 02:03 PM

LT

“ *Louise & Clarence Towe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Harley Bates*



Louise & Clarence Towe - October 31, 2017 at 01:24 PM

LT

“ Harley and I were in school together at South Pine Street and Walhalla. He was always so quiet and nice, yet his height was intimidating to me. I always made sure I was in line right behind him when we had to "march" those halls in perfect lines. Because he was so tall and slender, I must admit I felt safer with him in front of me as my protector. I haven't seen him in years but certainly remember his sweetness as a classmate. My condolences to his family. Louise L Towe

Louise & Clarence Towe - October 31, 2017 at 01:23 PM