



John T Bates Jr.

June 19, 1929 - October 14, 2015

Johnny Thomas Bates, Jr., 86, died October 14, 2015 at his home.

A native of Pickens County, son of the late John Thomas Bates, Sr., and Evie Gillespie Bates, he was a retired police officer and a member of the Retired Police Association, District of Columbia, also retired from US District Court Security, a US Army Veteran and a charter member of Praise Cathedral.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Sweezy Bates of the home; one daughter and son-in-law, Susan B. and James Hill of Greer; one brother, Jack M. Bates, MD of Gainesville, GA; seven grandchildren, Claire B. Hill, Margaret Lipphard, Shawn Bates, Will Bates, Alicia Bates, Anthony Bates and Jason Dietrich and five great-grandchildren.

Mr. Bates was predeceased by one son, Kenneth Bates.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. Saturday at Praise Cathedral conducted by Pastor Jerry Madden and Pastor Bob McCuen. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Memory Gardens.

Honorary escort will be the Senior Adults at Praise Cathedral.

Visitation will be held 1:00-1:45 p.m. Saturday at Praise Cathedral.

The family is at the home.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 301 University Ridge, Suite 5850, Greenville, SC 29601.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Memory Gardens

14050 East Wade Hampton Boulevard
Greer, SC 29651

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 17. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

Praise Cathedral
3390 Brushy Creek Road
Greer, SC 29650

Service

OCT 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *The Wood Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of John T Bates Jr.*



The Wood Mortuary - October 15, 2015 at 04:10 PM

MF

What a beautiful tribute to Uncle Johnny. Our prayers are with you all.

Melanie

Melanie Faulkner - October 16, 2015 at 08:06 AM

FH

So sorry to hear about Johnny. We have a lot of great memories. Our thoughts and prayers for all the family.

Fred & Beatrice Hamilton

Fred & Beatrice Hamilton - October 17, 2015 at 12:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John T Bates Jr..*



October 16, 2015 at 09:19 AM

NC

“ *My Thoughts and prays are with your family at this time in need.
Natsha Collin(Gentiva Hospice).*

Natsha Collins - October 16, 2015 at 07:43 AM

SH

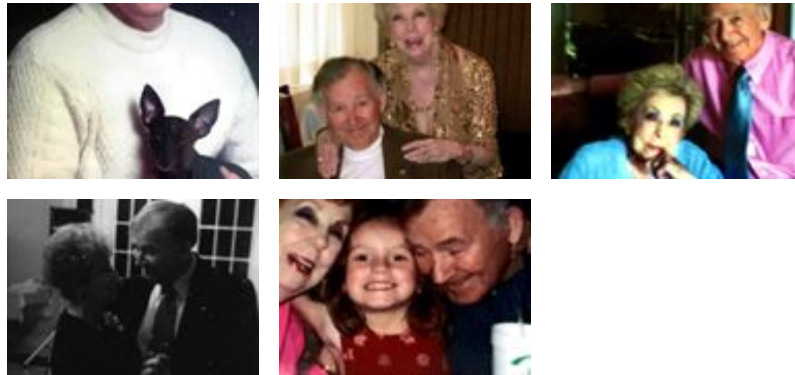
“ *Praying for the family.Love and prays Stacey
Howell(Gentiva Hospice)*



Stacey Howell - October 16, 2015 at 07:36 AM



“ *28 files added to the album Life Tributes*



The Wood Mortuary - October 15, 2015 at 03:56 PM

DL

“ *Sorry to hear of the home going of Brother Bates. Love and prayers
for the family.*

Dolly Lynn - October 15, 2015 at 10:22 AM



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October 15, 2015 at 08:57 AM