



Ralph "Yogi" Bates

March 3, 1921 - May 17, 2016

Ralph Ernest "Yogi" Bates, 95, widower of Wilma Nanette Smith Bates, died May 17, 2016 at Alpha Health and Rehab.

A native of Greenville County, son of the late George W. and Ester Wade Bates, he was a U.S. Marine Corps Veteran, a retired employee of J.P. Stevens and of the Baptist faith.

Surviving are two sons, George Ronnie Bates of Greenville and Daniel W. Bates of Greer; four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, one step-grandson and two step-great-grandchildren.

Mr. Bates was predeceased by one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held 4:00 p.m. Thursday at The Wood Mortuary, conducted by Rev. Allyson Helvie. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Memory Gardens with military honors.

Visitation will be held 3:00-3:45 p.m. Thursday at The Wood Mortuary.

The family is at the home.

Those desiring may make memorials to the Greenville Humane Society, 305 Airport Road, Greenville, SC 29607.

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

MAY 19. 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.
300 West Poinsett Street
Greer, SC 29650
(864) 877-3351
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

Service

MAY 19. 4:00 PM (ET)

THE WOOD MORTUARY CHAPEL
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Tribute Wall

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“ Sorry to here of the passing of your father. Many fond memories of your family. Our prayers are with you.

Al Hunt and family

Al Hunt - May 19, 2016 at 06:14 AM

 Cyndi Deery

“ To the entire Bates family, may you find peace and comfort in your memories of Papa Ralph and may your loss be lifted with the love you have for him. Our deepest sympathies, Cyndi and James

Cyndi Deery - May 18, 2016 at 04:55 PM

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“ Ronnie and Jo. You are in our thoughts and prayers.



Mary Jean and Buddy Kerr - May 17, 2016 at 04:06 PM