



James "Jim" Bates

October 14, 1942 - November 13, 2012

James L. "Jim" Bates age 70 of the Bagley community, formerly of the Alden community, went home to be with his Lord Jesus Christ on November 13, 2012 at St. Vincent's Hospital, surrounded by his loving family and friends.

Mr. Bates was a retired bus driver from Greyhound Bus Lines.

He drove for the University of Alabama football and basketball teams for over 18 years. He attended Grace Baptist Church. He loved Alabama football; playing golf; and spending time with his grandchildren and family.

Funeral services will be Friday at 2:00 pm in the New Horizon Memorial Chapel. Rev. Cecil Sewell will officiate. Entombment will follow in the New Horizon Memorial Gardens mausoleum. Visitation is Thursday night 5-8 pm at the funeral home.

He was preceded in death by his parents Louie and Lillie Bates; his beloved brother Wayne and his special son Chris.

Survivors include his wife Sandra Bates; son, Todd Bates (Carla); daughter, Teri Turman (Jason); his beloved grandchildren, Tiffani, Jessica, and Dylan; Justin and Cory Freeman (Lea); great-grandchildren, Rylie "Little Meanie", Braxton and Jordan Freeman; sister, Wanda Sorensen (Larry); many sisters in law and brothers in law; many nieces and nephews and cousins. His friends who meant so much to him and with whom he loved playing golf, Shay Crump, Tim Plylar, Jerry Minyard, Richard Gilmer, Odell Gary Rasbury, John Ganey, Henry Russell, P.A. Waters, Dave Campbell, Wimp Sanderson, Bobby Martin, Robert Norman, Charles Trammell, B.J. Parker, Max Fredricks, Ed Reed and Charles Moore.

New Horizon Memorial Funeral Home, Dora directing
205-648-2323

Tribute Wall



“ *James "Jim" Bates*

October 05, 2023 at 01:15 PM



“ *words cannot say, or express how much I miss you. you taught me about friendship, and i live by that everyday, i wish you were still here. so many things that were misunderstood, you made so simple. I miss your words, and your laughter the most.*

LJ - April 11, 2019 at 06:22 PM



“ *Sandra, I Was Sad To Hear About Jim's Death. My Thoughts An Prayer's Are With You ALL. Gene Morrow.*

Gene Morrow - December 18, 2012 at 12:56 PM



“ *I am very sorry for the death of your dear loved one. Although the pain will seem unbearable at times, please find comfort that there is a day coming when this earth will be filled with happy people and peace will be everywhere and Mr. Bates will be there to enjoy it (Psalms 37:10,11,29). My sincere condolences to you.*

Pat F. - December 18, 2012 at 12:56 PM



“ *We are saddened by the news of the passing of Jim Bates. We always thought so much of him and will miss him greatly. Our prayers go out to Sandra and all his family as they say "goodbye" to their precious loved one.*

Jerry and Martha Terry - December 18, 2012 at 12:56 PM

CD

“ I am so very sorry to read of your great loss. Sandra, I know you lost your best friend. I also know that no amount of words can take away the pain you are experiencing, just know that soon all suffering will end, and that there is a wonderful hope of a resurrection awaiting all those in the memorial tombs.-Isaiah 25:8; John 5:28,29.

C and D Phillips - December 18, 2012 at 12:56 PM

JB

“ Sandra and family, I'm sadden to hear of Jimmy's death. I hold special memories of Jimmy as we worshiped at his Dad's church in Fieldstown. Those were some of the best days of my life. Even today, I get sad when I think that those days of worship are gone. It was the best church I have ever experienced and Jimmy and his family played a huge role in making it the best. I know there will be a missing link in our life and especially here during the holidays. Please know that Im thinking of you. Give my love to all. Joyce

Joyce Fields Blankenship - December 18, 2012 at 12:56 PM