



Claude L Bates

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Claude Leland (Lee) Bates, Jr, age 72, passed away July 15th, 2020. Lee was born (November 19, 1947) in Waycross, GA where he was raised. As a child, Lee was active in Boy Scouts and earned the honor of Eagle Scout in December 1965. He helped his father and uncles in their bee keeping business and would often tell stories of working for them in the summers. As an adult he belonged to the Boy Scouts Order of the Arrow and received his Silver Beaver Award in 1990. This is a very rare award presented for serving 25 years as a Boy Scout Leader. He not only had fun teaching boys to become responsible young men, as an adult leader he was also Lodge Advisor (Chewhaw 90-92) and also served as Scouting Coordinator for Chewhaw. He enjoyed attending Boy Scout Jamborees and organized them as well. He also was very active in helping with the upkeep of Camp Osbourne for the Scouts. He rebuilt the dock one year and worked on the construction of several of the other buildings over the years.

He was an auto-cad technician and worked in the mobile home construction business in GA for over 30 years designing & naming different models of mobile homes for several companies: Littleton Corporation, LRA and Peach State Homes. He moved to FL a little over 15 years ago, where he worked as an ice cream truck driver and an auto-cad technician for a local construction contractor. When he wasn't working he would drive around and find construction projects to watch. He watched them build the overpass by Clearwater mall, apartment complexes downtown and wherever something new was going up he would be watching.

He accepted Christ as a child & told me on several occasions, he knew where he was going when he died.

Lee was a loving husband and will be truly missed.

He is survived by his wife of 6 years, Eleanor Rouse Bates of St. Petersburg, FL. His brother, Bill Buck Bates & his wife Cecilia (Pedi) of Greenville, SC.



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His nephews: Zachry Bates, his wife Kristen and their daughter, Lawrenna Grace of Statesboro, GA and Buck Bates, his wife Haleigh and their children, Caden Buck, Adeline Cecilia, and Mason George.

His niece: Allyson, her husband Eddie Roberts and their children Lillian Mabel and Leland Bates of St. Simon's Island, GA

Eleanor's sister: Brenda Rouse Hodge of Pinellas Park, FL

Eleanor's uncle: Harry Ulmer and Aunt, Cecelia Poorman both of Clinton, AR

Eleanor's brother-in-law: Martin Schrader, of Chiefland, FL

Eleanor's nieces & nephews: Kristine Schrader Dillon of Chiefland, FL & Samantha Schrader of St. Petersburg, FL, Chris Nelson, Sr. & Robert Hodge III of St Petersburg, FL & Matthew Schrader of Chiefland, FL

Eleanor's great nieces & nephews: Lisa Nelson, Issabelle Nelson, and Christopher Nelson Jr of St. Petersburg, FL; Christian Schrader, Noah Hobbs & Michael Schrader of Chiefland, FL

He is preceded in death by his mother, Lois Evelyn Buck Bates and his father, Claude Leland Bates, Sr. both of Waycross, GA



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Visitation


 **Monday**, August 10, 2020

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET


 **Memorial Park Funeral Home and Crematory**
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709



Funeral Service

 **Monday**, August 10, 2020

 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM ET

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Memorial Park Funeral Home shared a **Webcast Video**.



August 7 at 9:46 AM



Matthew Mills August 30 at 10:25 PM
Rest in Paradise Claude.



Seth Tucker lit a candle in honor of Claude.

Seth Tucker lit a candle in memory of Claude Bates

September 19 at 3:47 PM



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Mohamed Hanafee lit a candle in honor of Claude.

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August 16 at 11:08 AM



Max posted:

Kind and gentle man.Inspiration to those around him.Never had a dull moment together.Knew exactly what to do to make me smile.You will be missed my friend.

September 1 at 9:41 AM



Eleanor October 11 at 10:25 PM
Thank you sounds like you knew him he is missed. Planning a ceremony next fall to spread his ashes at Camp Osborn



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DI

Diana posted:

He is wobderful

September 1 at 9:23 AM

AM

Amelia lit a candle in honor of Claude.



August 31 at 7:35 AM

EM

Ellianna Mullen posted:

He was a good friend

August 30 at 7:08 PM

JD

Jay Duggan November 23 at 5:16 PM

Thank you for sharing his last message to you. It showed just how beautiful of a soul he was.

JA

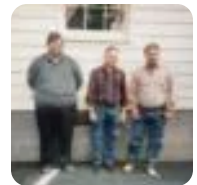
Jade posted:

RIP Claude ❤️ hope his family is doing okay

August 29 at 9:38 PM

KB

Kristen Bates shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.



August 10 at 7:20 AM



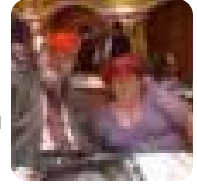
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Eleanor Rouse Bates shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



To my husband Lee, I remember the first time we met 9 years ago and our beautiful wedding outside in paradise. I will always remember your soft touch, gentle ways, your opinion about everything, stories of you growing up in Waycross, Boy Scout stories and Camp Osborn, tidbits of information that I wondered why I needed to know whatever it was you were telling me, the trips to the mountains for our honeymoon and birthday trips and cruises exploring other countries for your 66th birthday and several Red Hat cruises. You were a real sport on those even dawning a red sequin ball cap on one of them. On the day God called you home on angel wings, I'm sure your wings were ready, but my heart was not. I think of you every day remembering something you did or said and smile, or cry or both. We were supposed to spend the rest of our lives together, now I realize you spent the rest of your life with me. I am so glad I was the last face you saw. I was so shocked at how quickly you were gone, here one minute and literally gone the next. I love you to the moon and back or I----this much-----I (arms outstretched) as you used to say. I know you are watching over me with mom & Sharon from heaven. Until we meet in heaven....I miss you and will always love you...

July 25 at 9:03 PM



Jim Smith shared an album called **Memories Album**.



July 25 at 9:03 PM



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Lee Bates (Left)



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August 4 at 6:19 PM



Lee in his red sequin hat on a Red Hat Cruise



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July 25 at 9:03 PM



never knew you but always a brother



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Claude by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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