



David Wesley Bates

January 9, 1964 - July 20, 2021

David Wesley Bates was born January 9, 1964, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, to Bobby Dean and Wanda June Cline Bates. He died Wednesday, July 20, 2021, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at the age of 57 years. David completed his secondary education in Owasso, Oklahoma, and graduated with the Owasso High School Class of 1982. David spent most of his working life with HollyFrontier Corporation in Tulsa as a boiler operator. He enjoyed a variety of pastimes, most of which involved just having a good time with his friends and family. He had worked as a DJ at 20th Century Electric Company in Tulsa and he enjoyed going dancing at other clubs as well. He was an avid fan of University of Tulsa Golden Hurricane football, which usually included a pregame ritual of tailgating. Most important was his role of “Pawpaw” to his granddaughter, Lilah. Those he leaves behind who hold many cherished memories include:
Son; Grady Bates, of Tulsa

Granddaughter; Lilah Mavee Bates

Brothers; Steve Bates and wife Cheryl, of Colorado Springs, Colorado

Jeff Bates and wife Brenda, of Fort Worth, Texas

Paul Bates and wife Sheri, of Talala, Oklahoma

Grady’s mother; Suzy Gammill and husband Jerry, of Bixby, Oklahoma

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bob and Wanda Bates.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday, July 26, 2021, at Mowery Funeral Service in Owasso. Funeral service will be held 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at the Mowery Funeral Service Chapel in Owasso

with Pastor Leonard Pirtle officiating. Serving as casket bearers will be Jeff Bates, Paul Bates, Austin Bates, Jerry Gammill, Jimmy Ford, and Mark Graham. Committal service and interment will follow at Graceland Memorial Park Cemetery in Owasso. The family requests memorial contributions be made to Toys For Tots, at www.toysfortots.org . Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso.

www.moweryfs.com

Cemetery Details

Graceland Cemetery

Hwy 20 & 145th
Owasso, OK 74055

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 26. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mowery Funeral Service
9110 N. Garnett Rd.
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Tribute Wall

LM

“ I was stunned when I learned of David's passing. He was one of the most outgoing and fun-loving people I've ever known. I will think of him with a smile on my face every time I go to a TU football game or attend a coach's radio call-in show. RIP David.

Larry & Judy McDougall - October 12, 2021 at 10:22 PM

TM

“ We are deeply saddened to hear of David's passing. He was a kind loving soul. Always enjoyed our visits in Laughlin...a good time. A life cut too short. Will miss your smile and wit. RIP gods speed. Our deepest sympathies Del & Tami McKinley



Tami McKinley - July 26, 2021 at 02:25 PM

BF

“ Brett Bailey Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of David Wesley Bates.



Brett Bailey Family - July 26, 2021 at 01:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of David Wesley Bates.



July 25, 2021 at 02:21 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of David Wesley Bates.



July 25, 2021 at 12:47 PM



“ *Steve, Cheryl. and other family members—
My brother and I are so terribly sorry for your loss. We remember your sweet family from growing up in Owasso.
With sincere condolences,
Steve Smith and Christine Smith*

Christine Smith - July 25, 2021 at 08:18 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of David Wesley Bates.



July 24, 2021 at 08:35 PM



“ *My husband David and I were neighbors to David Bates mom, she was a wonderful woman and the most precious memory I have of David is when he would come over every week to make sure she had the yard mowed and then he would take her out for lunch, I remember one day as I was visiting Mrs. Bates, David came over and we were feeding the kittens from a distance that had been born in the barn on her property, there were a lot of them and he was telling his mom we need to take those cats out and shoot them, not knowing David as well at that time I was shocked to hear that, I thought he was serious and then I looked over at David and he had this smile on his face as to say I'm just kidding, He knew both Mrs Bates and I were fond of the kittens and I guess he was trying to get a reaction out of us, He had a beautiful smile and such a loving heart for his mother, He was always there for her. I can still picture seeing them driving off together to have lunch. Now they are together for all eternity. RIP David, give your mom a big hug for me.*

Leslie Long - July 23, 2021 at 01:08 PM

CB

“ *To the entire Bates family. My thoughts and prayers go to each and everyone of you during this shocking difficult time. I was very blessed getting to know David. He will be missed by many. He was a very dear friend to my family and I. Love to all! Cindy Cohea Bordenkircher*

Cindy Bordenkircher - July 23, 2021 at 12:35 PM

JU

To David's family I am so sorry for your loss. He and I worked together and hung out when we could. He was a good hearted & generous person and I cherished our friendship. He always made me laugh. He is missed.

Jeanie Underwood

Jeanie Underwood - July 23, 2021 at 03:27 PM

MF

David was a great guy with a kind heart. I grew up with the Bates family and they are truly the best. Our thoughts and prayers to you all - Mark Ferrell and family.

Mark Ferrell - July 26, 2021 at 10:49 PM