



David Wayne Bates

October 8, 1967 - April 18, 2024

Obituary for David Wayne Bates

Services for David Wayne Bates, 56, of Tyler, Texas, will be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 2:30 p.m. at Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler with Dr. David O. Dykes officiating. Burial will follow at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

David passed away Thursday, April 18, 2024, in Tyler, Texas. He was born on October 8, 1967, in Dallas to Dowell Wayne Bates and Mary Bates.

David was a devoted follower of Jesus Christ and found strength and guidance through his faith.

He was an active member of Green Acres Baptist Church, where his faith was nurtured and his spirit uplifted. His belief in Christ fueled his actions and shaped his character, evident in his unwavering commitment to serving others.

A graduate of Grand Saline High School in 1986, David pursued further education at Tyler

Junior College attaining his degree in Fire Protection followed by completion

of Kilgore College

Fire Academy, where he laid the groundwork for his distinguished career in firefighting.

His commitment to service was unparalleled. David began his career in the fire service in 1989

at Kilgore Fire Department. In 1991 he began what would be a 30-year career at Longview Fire

Department. Throughout his tenure, he ascended the ranks, showcasing his leadership and

dedication. Serving as assistant Fire Chief of Operations for the last decade of his career, David

left an indelible mark on the department and the community it served. Above all, his passion for

his brotherhood fueled his love for the fire service.

David's contributions were widely recognized, receiving accolades such as the Firefighter of the

Year award in 2004 and the Lieutenant's Award in 2006. His pursuit of excellence led him to

complete the fire service Chief Executive Officer Program at Texas A&M Engineering Extension

Service in 2018.

Upon his retirement from the fire service in 2020, David embraced a new venture, founding

Bates Property Inspections. His entrepreneurial spirit thrived as he built his business and forged

lasting connections within the community.

Yet, beyond his professional achievements, David's true passion lay with his

family. He embodied sacrificial love, prioritizing their well-being above all else. A devoted husband and loving father, David cherished every moment spent with his loved ones.

David was preceded in death by his father, Dowell Bates. He is survived by his beloved family including his wife of 33 years, Kimberly Bates; daughter, Brooke Bates; son, Kelby Bates and wife Emily; granddaughter, Sunny; mother, Mary Bates; sister, Stacey Collum; and numerous extended family members.

Pallbearers honoring David's memory will be Jon Eric Johnson, Gareth Juays, Michael McNatt, Andy Parker, Steve Green, Kolby Beckham, David (DK) Smith, and Cory Crowell.

Visitation is scheduled from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at Stewart Family Funeral Home, located at 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway in Tyler.

Contributions can be made to the 'Hunger for Love' organization. David had a heart for the homeless and prayed for them often. 11179 CR 168 Tyler, TX 75703. The family would also like to acknowledge the caring staff at Christus Louis and Peaches Owen Heart Hospital for their valiant efforts and excellent care provided to David.

Cemetery Details

Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery

7825 South Broadway Avenue
Tyler, TX 75703

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Service

APR **24**. 2:30 PM (CT)

Green Acres Baptist Church
1607 Troup Hwy.
Tyler, TX 75701

Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of David Wayne Bates



Stewart Family Funeral Home - April 23, 2024 at 11:07 AM

RR

“ Kim, I'm so so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers..
Reneé Rice

Renee Rice - April 24, 2024 at 05:59 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Wayne Bates.



April 24, 2024 at 10:25 AM

TT

“ The Higginbotham Day Two Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Wayne Bates.

The Higginbotham Day Two Team - April 23, 2024 at 10:04 PM

TT

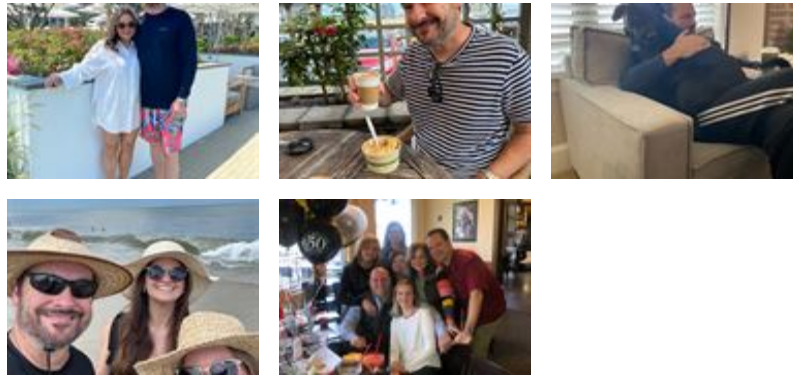
“ *The Higginbotham Day Two Team purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of David Wayne Bates.*



The Higginbotham Day Two Team - April 23, 2024 at 10:04 PM



“ *232 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - April 23, 2024 at 11:00 AM

TF

“ *Thigpen & Jackson Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of David Wayne Bates.*



Thigpen & Jackson Family - April 23, 2024 at 10:31 AM

VF

“ Verni Waldron & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Wayne Bates.

Verni Waldron & family - April 22, 2024 at 10:37 PM

VF

“ Verni Waldron & family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of David Wayne Bates.



Verni Waldron & family - April 22, 2024 at 10:37 PM

LO

“ Love, Jennifer Ochoa purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of David Wayne Bates.



Love, Jennifer Ochoa - April 22, 2024 at 10:04 PM

TF

“ The Kelley Family and Shaw Family purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of David Wayne Bates.



The Kelley Family and Shaw Family - April 22, 2024 at 07:05 PM

SM

“ Steve & Peggy Meazell purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of David Wayne Bates.



Steve & Peggy Meazell - April 22, 2024 at 04:30 PM

CH

“ Cleo Hill purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of David Wayne Bates.



Cleo Hill - April 22, 2024 at 02:52 PM

CR

“ Cecilia & Pete Riegler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Wayne Bates.

Cecilia & Pete Riegler - April 22, 2024 at 01:32 PM

CR

“ Cecilia & Pete Riegler purchased the *Emerald Garden Basket* for the family of David Wayne Bates.



Cecilia & Pete Riegler - April 22, 2024 at 01:32 PM

HW

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Holly Walker - April 22, 2024 at 10:43 AM

KH

“ Kathy Pendergrass/fam Marci Holbrook/fam planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Wayne Bates.

Kathy Pendergrass/fam Marci Holbrook/fam - April 21, 2024 at 10:33 PM

KH

“ Kathy Pendergrass/fam Marci Holbrook/fam purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of David Wayne Bates.



Kathy Pendergrass/fam Marci Holbrook/fam - April 21, 2024 at 10:33 PM

KW

“ Stacy and Family.....So sorry for the loss of your brother, son, father, and friend. Sending prayers for the peaceful repose of the soul of David and for an escort of angels to his Heavenly home.....Kim Whitehill (Tyler VIP RR)

Kim Whitehill - April 21, 2024 at 03:55 AM



“ Love, Vance, Elli, and Harrison Lee planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Wayne Bates.

Love, Vance, Elli, and Harrison Lee - April 20, 2024 at 11:31 AM



“ Love, Vance, Elli, and Harrison Lee purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of David Wayne Bates.



Love, Vance, Elli, and Harrison Lee - April 20, 2024 at 11:31 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Wayne Bates.



April 20, 2024 at 10:32 AM