



Billy Bates

March 5, 1936 - May 31, 2015

Billy Bates, 79 of Corsicana, passed away Sunday, May 31, 2015. He was born March 5, 1936 to Warnie and Willie Robinson Bates in Eureka. He was attended Memorial Baptist church in his younger years and he has been attending Word of Life Church. He enjoyed bowling in leagues and was a champion bowler. He also enjoyed played fast pitch softball in his younger years. He worked for Texan Glove Company for 30 years. He raised cattle and at one point had registered Charolais cattle.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Alton Bates, Don Bates, Clinton Bates, Nathan Bates; son Michael Bates.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Beverly Bates of Corsicana; children, Debbie Carlson and husband John of Austin, Debra Payne and husband Jim of Mansfield, Mark Bates of Corsicana, Darla Talley and husband Mike of Corsicana, Belinda Curry and husband Chris of Corsicana, Bruce Bates of Corsicana; grandchildren, Brandon Bates, Jennifer Carlson, John Carlson, Morgan Langford, Lauren Payne, Gage Curry, Brianna Bates, Macee Curry, Austin Payne, Logan Bates, Blair Bates, Bree Bates; great grandchildren, Ashtyn Carlson, Harlie Carlson, Keylee Carlson, Hallie Bates, Hannah Bates, Issac Kiser, Harper Bates, Kennedi Langford. Sister Wanda Fannin and husband Jimmy of Crawford; daughter-in-law, Paula Bates Smith and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital PO Box 1000 Department 142 Memphis, TN 38101-9908; Wounded

Warrior Project PO Box 758517 Topeka, Kansas 66675.

Cemetery Details

Hamilton - Beeman Cemetery

700 Farm to Market 2555
Corsicana, TX 75110

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana
1530 N. 45th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110
(903) 874-4774
info@griffin-roughton.com

Funeral Service

JUN 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Billy Bates*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Love the pickett family*

amanda pickett - June 10, 2015 at 11:45 AM



“ *Logan, Blair and Bree,
I am so sorry for the loss of your grandfather, I know he was very special to you. Know that he will always be in your heart and you will see him again one day.*

*Love y'all,
Ashley Hanna*

Ashley Hanna - June 04, 2015 at 11:35 AM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Billy Bates.*



June 03, 2015 at 09:06 PM

TC

“ *Bev, Bruce, Belinda,
I'm so proud to have known Bill and your family for so many years. I will always remember Bill's kindness and gentle heart. I'm sure he and my dad are already talking and laughing about the many, many times they shared bowling each other in matches to all hours of the night. Bev, you right there keeping score. Some of the most favorite memories of my childhood. May God bless.*

Terry Chambers - June 03, 2015 at 07:19 PM

JK

“ *Jill Kendall purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi
phyllum for the family of Billy Bates.*



Jill Kendall - June 03, 2015 at 11:47 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the
family of Billy Bates.*



June 03, 2015 at 09:59 AM

JA

“ *bev, I'm so sorry to hear about my good friend bill, we had lots of good times bowling over the years, good memories i think of all the time, I'm proud to say he was a good guy and even more a good friend,will miss him,but again will have good memories,god bless your family at this sorrow time, your friend always JAMES ALMOND.*

JAMES ALMOND - June 03, 2015 at 09:23 AM

VG

“ *Vickie Gacia lit a candle in memory of Billy Bates*



vickie gacia - June 03, 2015 at 06:52 AM

CR

“ *So sorry for your loss. Your family is in my prayers.*
Crystal Roberts

Crystal Roberts - June 02, 2015 at 03:49 PM

LM

“ *Billy was such a wonderful man and father-in-law. He had an immense sense of compassion for others. He would give anyone in need the shirt off his back. I have no words for Beverly, Bruce, Logan, Blaire, Bree, and all of the other family to take away the pain you all are feeling, for I grieve with you. Just know I am here to help in any way I can. We just have to remember he is in a better place with our Lord and Savior!*

*Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.
John 14:1*

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Matthew
5:4*

Leigh Moore - June 02, 2015 at 09:22 AM

BM

“ *Cows may come . . and cows may go . . .but my memory of Billy and HIS cows will last forever. If EVER there was a 'Gentleman Cowman', Billy was that person . . . Sorry to say I didn't know Billy in earlier years and throughout other endeavors, but knowing how he loved his cattle . . . I can't imagine him engaging in ANY activity with anything other than total commitment. Will miss your friendship and Christian witness.*

Beverly and all of the extended family members have our family's deepest sympathies and thoughts and prayers for your sorrow.

Brian McDaniel

Brian McDaniel - June 02, 2015 at 08:07 AM

LM

“ *Bev. I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I know what you are going through if there is anything I can do please feel free to call me 254-723-6796.*



linda morris - June 01, 2015 at 08:46 PM

SB

*Beverly, we are so sorry to hear of the passing of Bill. We have so many fond memories of bowling on the same leagues with you all. I wish there was something I could say to ease your grief but words escape me. I know the pain you are suffering now and all I can do is pray for comfort for you and the family. May God bless you all.
Raymond & Sharon Bland*

Sharon Bland - June 02, 2015 at 08:40 PM

MC

*We are so sorry for your family's loss. He was such a nice man and was always a pleasure to talk to. He always had a smile on his face.
Marvin & Stacy Cook*

Marvin Cook - June 04, 2015 at 01:30 PM