



## Michael Bates

May 29, 1960 - January 6, 2006

Michael Eugene Bates went to be with the Lord Jan. 6, 2006, at the age 45. He was born May 29, 1960. Michael was a fighter through his illness and was known to all as our "Hero". He loved his children very much and was especially proud of his new grandbaby. Michael was the strength that brought his family together and always looked forward to celebrations with them on special occasions. Michael worked for the City Environmental Services of Corsicana from 1986 through 1999 until he took retirement due to his disability and then enjoyed his cows and tractor and spending time with his family and friends. He also had many hobbies: hunting, fishing, gardening, cows, tractors, and guitars that he greatly enjoyed. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Services will be 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, 2006, at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Chet Brake officiating. Interment will follow at Hamilton-Beeman Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Dwayne Robinson, Marty Bruton, Ronny Woodall, Ken Williams, Buddy Richards, Greg Eddins and Kenny Kennemore. Honorary pallbearers will be nephews and nieces. He is survived by his wife, Paula Bates of Pursley; son, Michael Brandon Bates and wife Kristin of Katy; daughter, Brianna Alice Bates of Pursley; one grandchild, Hannah Marie Bates of Katy; mother, Evelyn Hoover and special friend Curtis McKinney of Corsicana; father, Bill Bates and wife Beverly of Corsicana; stepfather, Ken Williams of Kerens; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Mary and Winford Robinson of Tyler; brothers, Mark Bates of Corsicana, Jeffery Williams of Carrollton, and Bruce Bates and wife Leigh of

Corsicana; sisters, Debbie Carlson and husband John of Pflugerville, Debra Payne and husband Jim of Mansfield, Darla Talley and husband Mike of Corsicana, and Belinda Curry and husband Chris of Corsicana; sister-in-law and husband, Dawn and Randy Clay of Pursley; nephews and nieces, Jennifer Carlson, John Carlson Jr. and wife Liz Anne, Morgan Talley, Lauren Payne, Brody Clay, Gage Curry, Austin Payne, Macee Curry, Logan Bates, Blaire Bates, Bree Bates, Kristen Talley, and Jana Villacci; and great-nephews and great-nieces, Harley Carlson, Ashton Carlson, Keylee Carlson and Kasey Carlson. He was preceded in death by grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W.O. May and Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Bates; uncle, Alton Bates; and father-in-law, James Minatra

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael Bates*

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“ *Paula & Family*

*We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Miranda loved Mike so much. He will be missed. You are all in our hearts and prayers.*

**Meryl Gibbs** - January 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Paula, Brandon & Brianna-*

*You are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you all. Hope to see you soon.*

*Love, Corwin & Dawn*

**Corwin & Dawn Whitfield** - January 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *If all of us had one wish in life, would it be that we made a difference ?*

*Michael, did that and more.*

**Cheryl & David Taylor** - January 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Paula, Evelyn and family...Please know you are all in my prayers. Michael fought a hard fight and is no longer in pain. May he rest in peace in the arms of our Lord.*

**Cindy Asby** - January 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *Michael was indeed a hero to his family...and what a great fighter! Paula gave and took strength in him and you all will remain in my prayers as always!*

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**Cindi Sliger** - January 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Paula, Evelyn, and families,*

*Michael's fight is over. No more transplants, no more medications, and no more suffering. He faced his illness with courage and determination and he was blessed to have such a devoted family by his side with equal courage.*

*You have been in our prayers since we learned of Michael's illness, and now even more so. May God comfort you.*

*Dick and Cathy Miller*

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**Cathy (Lane) Miller** - January 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ *Uncle Mike,*

*You were the best uncle a boy could have ever asked for. We will miss you very greatly. Me and Lauren will miss coming down to see you but I am glad you are out of your pain. I will miss our memories like you taking me and Brianna on your 4 wheeler. You always made us laugh in different ways. It will not be the same without you. I will always treasure your gifts like the pocket watch and my shelf that you made. I know that you and God will be happy because your are out of pain and suffering.*

*Love always,*

*Your nephew Austin*

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**Austin Payne** - January 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Mike was such a great guy! He never met a stranger and would always go out of the way to reach out to others. He would always find the top of the mountain to shout from. He will be deeply missed. I know he struggled, but I also know we will gain strength from his battle. He loved his family above all and I find comfort in his devotion. I will pray for God's sustaining power to get you through the tough times.

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**Thom Layfield** - January 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ My sympathy is with his family and Paula especially. I will keep you in my prayers.

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**Don Sykes** - January 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ To all in this family.....you are in our prayers at this time. God bless you all.

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**Harry and Mae Sutcliffe** - January 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ PAULA AND FAMILY--

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND THE FAMILY. GOD BLESS YOU. GOD WILL WATCH OVER YOU AND BLESS YOU IN THE FOLLOWING DAYS.

OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY,

DEAN AND WILENE

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**DEAN AND WILENE MURRAY** - January 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Blessings on the family at this time of loss. Paula, Mary Francis and Winford, We're praying you you. Cecil and Billie

Cecil and Billie Sanders - January 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Paula and Brianna you will be in my prayers. If you need anything just let us know. Love you both. God Bless.

John and Deanna Francek - January 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I know what you are going through, as I lost my husband Donny Burns almost two years ago. It is so difficult.  
My thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Dixie Burns

Dixie Burns - January 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ To the Bates Family. Sorry to hear of your loss. Our prayers are with you.

THE TURNS

Craig Turn - January 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ Mrs. Bates,

*I don't know if you remember me, but I used to work at HEB. I worked in the photo dept. I remember you always coming in with your beautiful children, with the blonde hair and blue eyes. I know that your husband has fought a long tough battle thru the yrs. I am sorry for your loss. I know that no words can comfort you so I will just be praying for you all. Just lean on Jesus and on your family, because they will be the ones who helps you get thru this. Take care.*

*with love and prayers,  
Violet Crum*

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**Violet Crum** - January 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ *My mom worked with Paula at the Bank twenty years ago. I thought about Mike a lot, and what he went through. I love you guys. I pray for you all of the time. I am glad we could have that fundraiser for him last year. the gospel music concert.*

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**Emily Barlow** - January 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *I am sorry for your loss. Hope you are doing well. Hope to see you at the reunion this year.*

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**Jo Ann Cockrell** - January 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM

NN

“ *Paula and family- So sorry to hear about Michael. I know he had fought for a long time. You'll be in my prayers.*

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**Nancy Neal** - January 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ To Evelyn, Paula and family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. I know  
what a long battle he fought with all  
the ups and downs. My deepest  
sympathy to all of you.

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**Stephanie** - January 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Darla & Family,  
I am so sorry to hear about Michael. I know that you all have been a  
great support to Michael and he knew how much you adored him. I  
am praying that God eases some of your pain and that you can find  
comfort knowing that he is in a perfect place with no pain.

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**Dyan Lambert McCurdy** - January 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Dear Family, It was my honor to get to visit with Michael a few  
months ago. He and I had the opportunity to visit about our  
schooldays together, and our times together during the summer  
playing baseball. He was a strong person and he loved his friends  
and family, and I know that we all have a void in our heart at this  
time due to his death, but he is at peace now....I will always  
remember that visit and cherish it for the rest of my days....Rodney  
Payne

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**Rodney Payne** - January 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ michael was a great person and loved to help everyone,he is one of the first people we met when we moved into the area ,and he helped us so much,he was very vibrant and possitive,and loved to hunt,he was very good to my kids. my kids will miss him so much ...You all are in my prayers.....

Michael and Jennifer Krnavek and Family - January 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ mike i will miss you so much...you always believed in me ,you were always there for me ...we spent alot of time riding and talking,and laughing,.you gave me my first pair of boots (and i still have them),you are -by every definition of the word-"my hero" ...thank you for the memorys....I will Miss You.....

TJ Evans - January 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Mike was such an exemplary young man who loved God, family, life and friends. He was a courageous fighter against all the physical problems that attacked his body. Our remembrances of him will bring satisfactory fulfillment. He will most definitely be missed. We have a blessed hope that we shall see him again in the resurrection at the last day.  
Clinton Bates

Clinton and Jackie Bates - January 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Paula,

*We love you very much, and if you need anything please let us know! Mike was a wonderful person and he will truly be missed. We will keep you and your family in our prayers.*

*God Bless*

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**Teresa and Fran** - January 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Brianna ,I'm so sorry for the loss of your dad. Your in our hearts and prayers. He is in a better place, and no longer suffering. Remember, he is watching over you all the time.

*Love,*

*Brittany*

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**Brittany Miller & Family** - January 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ I have such fond memories of Michael when we were growing up and he spent so much time at our house. He was part of the family and we all loved him very much. I am very sorry for your loss and I know you will find comfort in knowing he is not suffering anymore and you will be with him again one day. He is at peace now and we are all better for having known him. Much love and prayers to all of Michael's family and friends.

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**LeAnn Fields Curry** - January 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Hi its Brooke im so sorry 4 ure loss and of the many times i have spent the nite i have always thought that he was a very funny man. He was always nice to me and he was very corageous and strong. he fought 4 a long time ansd now he is at rest with his maker!!!!!!

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**Brooke Martinez** - January 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ I LOVE YOU DADDY! YOU ARE THE GREATEST AN ALIVE!!!!!!!!!!!!

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**brianna** - January 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ I LOVE YOU SO FREAKING MUCH DADDY!!!!

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**Brianna** - January 06, 2006 at 12:00 AM