



Edward "Tater" Bailey

May 17, 1988 - December 12, 2025

Edward "Tater" Bailey, age 37, resident of Menlo, Georgia, passed away on Friday, December 12, 2025 at Erlanger Hospital, Chattanooga, Tennessee. Mr. Bailey, son of Marjorie Ann Smithson and the late Eddie Bailey, was born May 17, 1988 in Nashville, Tennessee. He worked as a diesel mechanic for BJ's Trucking and later for Cowart Mulch as a forklift operator. Mr. Bailey enjoyed working on cars, fishing, and processing deer. At home, many would see him listening to country music and country rap. He would also watch western movies and shows, particularly Heartland. Most of all, he looked forward to spending quality time with his family, specifically his kids and grandchildren. The family remembers him as the "life of the party" and one who spread joy to everyone.

Other than his father, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Mark Briscoe and Bobby Lee Briscoe.

He is survived by his mother, Margie (Gordon) Parks; seven children, Hagan Grooms, Michael (Chessie) Bailey, Kelley Chastain, Marie Bonnie, Michael Chastain, Blake Bailey, and Juan Parkman; one sister, Hope Chrystine Martin; four grandchildren, Dralian Norman, Bristol May Bailey, Riverlyn Rose, Dusti Rose, Emma Mullins, Bryson Mullins; former spouse, Nikki Chastain; aunt, Wanda Tinker; his dog, Diesel; many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services are scheduled at the Chapel of W.L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home, 555 West Cloud Springs Road, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia on Saturday, December 20, 2025, 2 p.m. with Pastor Eric Youngblood officiating. Interment

will follow at Alsobrook Family Cemetery, 580 Long Branch Road, Menlo, Georgia. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday, December 19, 2025 from 4-8 p.m.

Arrangements by W.L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home, 555 West Cloud Springs Road, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **19**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home-Ft. Oglethorpe Chapel
555 West Cloud Springs Road
Ft. Oglethorpe, GA 30742
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info@wilsonfuneralhome.com
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Funeral Service

DEC **20**. 2:00 PM (ET)

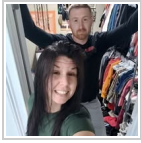
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Burial

DEC **20** (CT)

Alsobrook Family Cemetery
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Tribute Wall



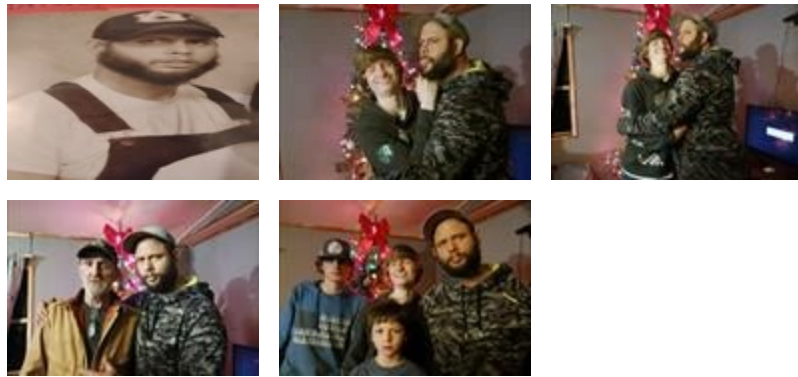
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Michael House - December 25, 2025 at 10:48 PM



“ Tater,R.I.P. we all love you and miss you so much and you will never be forgotten 💕



Hope Martin - December 22, 2025 at 05:45 PM



“ RIP Tater. It was a pleasure knowing you brother.

Mike Goode - December 22, 2025 at 03:10 PM



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Jessica House - December 20, 2025 at 09:42 AM



“ Amy Danny Danielle Kayla Jasmine Neeley purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Edward "Tater" Bailey.



Amy Danny Danielle Kayla Jasmine Neeley - December 20, 2025 at 08:30 AM



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Jessica House - December 19, 2025 at 10:44 PM

MB

“ *To: The best dad in the world
I can't really pick a favorite memory with you. All the long night we had riding around like, the time we was riding around on the 4wheeler and it ran out of gas and we had to want back home to get the truck and more fuel. Or the times we used to get up early and go get wood to keep us warm the point is I don't have a favorite memory but I'm beyond grateful for the father and dad you were and the man you helped me become, I love youu dad it's not a goodbye it's a see you later I'll forever tell stories of you to your grandkids. See you later I'll keep a cold one for you*



Michael Bailey - December 18, 2025 at 08:52 PM

JS

“ *To my uncle you were one of the few men in my life who I will stay forever grateful for with everything you have taught me and showed me. all of our late night talks by a fire or just us staying up and listening to music. I will cherish those memories and moments for a life time. You will forever be missed eddy boy and forever loved by so many and don't worry I'll always keep a cold one for you. L.L.T*



Joey Sebright - December 18, 2025 at 07:06 PM

YF

“ Yank’s Quick Stop Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward "Tater" Bailey.

Yank’s Quick Stop Family - December 18, 2025 at 05:13 PM

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“ Yank’s Quick Stop Family purchased the Pretty PI ease for the family of Edward "Tater" Bailey.



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KC

“ We weren’t related by blood but by marriage and even though that was the case it never felt that way you and the boys became our family from the day we met I still remember everything my best memories are with papa Tate I never called you dad maybe a few times when we were younger but that’s what you were you were to me an amazing dad and you were my absolute best friend, I’ll miss all your home cooking and all our late night chats with everyone, every ride, every store trip, we will just miss you in general, you were an incredible person you got taken from us way too soon but I promise we will live out your memories just how you would’ve wanted papa Tate! It’s forever LONG LIVE TATER☐ I love you forever and always...



kelley chastain - December 18, 2025 at 01:41 PM

JP

“ I think the best memory was when all of us kids went to the best together with you papa Tate! We had the time of our lives and you always talked about how you wanted to go back! but this time around you would rent a bus and take the whole family! Man tater you will always be missed!!



Juan parkman - December 18, 2025 at 01:39 PM