

## Mr. J.W. Bates

July 11, 1935 - April 14, 2016

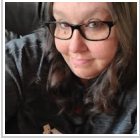
J.W. Bates age 80, of LaFayette, GA passed away Thursday – April 14, 2016. He was born on July 11, 1935 in Jackson County, Alabama to the late Bill and Della Rogers Bates. He was of the Church of God faith. He retired from The City of LaFayette after thirty seven years of service. He enjoyed watching baseball, playing poker, fishing and walking, and was an avid Alabama Crimson Tide Fan. Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his brother: Bill Bates and granddaughter: Samantha Weber. He is survived by his wife of sixty years: Dean Shelton Bates, daughters: Pam (Darryl) Webb, Angela (Scott) Weber all of LaFayette, GA, sons: Steve (Lynn) Bates of Summerville, GA, Keith (Shilloy) Bates of Ringgold, GA, sister: Merlene Harris of Henagar, AL, fifteen grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends Friday from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm and Saturday morning after 9:00 am prior to the service. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 pm – Saturday – April 16, 2016 in the chapel with Reverend Steve Miller officiating. Burial will follow in LaFayette Cemetery. Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Homes – LaFayette Chapel. Online guestbook at [www.wilsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## LaFayette City Cemetery

E. Villanow St.  
LaFayette, GA 30728  
(706) 639-1500

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lisa Potter lit a candle in memory of Mr. J.W. Bates*



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**Lisa Potter** - April 16, 2016 at 07:53 AM

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“ *To Aunt Dean and the rest of the family, you will be in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. With love, Heidi McVay Hale*

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**Heidi McVay Hale** - April 15, 2016 at 10:51 PM

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“ *Keith, although we did not really know your dad, it's obvious from all we've heard and read that he was a great family man. We know you will miss him terribly. You and all your family are in our prayers. May God give you comfort in knowing that he was more than your father...he was your brother in Christ...and because of that, you will spend eternity together in heaven. When your dad comes across Wayne's dad up there, I expect there's going to be a lot of Bama talk going on! :) Linda and Wayne DuBose*

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**Linda and Wayne DuBose** - April 15, 2016 at 10:06 PM

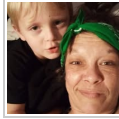
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“ *Sorry for your loss! Prayers during this time. Tracy Sexton*



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**Tracy Sexton** - April 15, 2016 at 09:06 PM



Thanks Tracy, I love you girl. . 💜💜💜

**Kerri Carrington** - April 16, 2016 at 06:34 AM

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“ A sweet man and a good friend. I love you all and am so sorry for your loss. God bless you all.

**Karen Thompson** - April 15, 2016 at 08:30 PM

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“ With our deepest sympathy.

*Drew and Kathy Murner and family.*



**Kathy Murner** - April 15, 2016 at 07:41 PM

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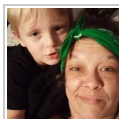
“ He was the best papaw anybody could ever ask for. He would help anyone who needed and his handshake meant everything. If he said it, you could vet he was telling the truth. He left us all so heartbroken when he went to glory but I'm not gonna cry for him, just for us having to go on without him. Love you papaw💔 Heather

**Heather Rhinehart** - April 15, 2016 at 04:51 PM

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*Bet not vet*

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*My Papaw was the greatest man I've ever known.. he was so loving , kind, and always thought of others and put his family first. I will truly miss him , and will always do things that would make him proud of me*

**Kerri Carrington** - April 15, 2016 at 10:05 PM