



Mr. Alva Donald Yates

April 16, 1928 - July 22, 2023

Mr. Alva Donald Yates, of Michigan and formerly of Bowdon, passed away on July 22, 2023. He was 95.

Mr. Yates was born on April 16, 1928 in Fyffe, Alabama to the late William David Yates, Sr. and Annie Mae Gibbs Yates. He retired in 1991 after having worked at Cadillac and Southwire. Mr. Yates always believed in being active and kept his yard in immaculate shape. He walked everyday at the mall until he was 87 and enjoyed riding his Harley Davidson Electra-Glide motorcycle. He played softball with his brothers, nieces, and nephews at Sunday dinners and enjoyed traveling to Florida, Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama to visit family. He was soft spoken but loved to dance the night away. He and Julia were the last two on the dance floor at his nephew Donny's wedding! But most of all, he will be remembered for his big heart and stepped up as a father by adopting two young boys during his first marriage and accepting three children of his surviving wife as his own.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Deborah Weaver Robertson; his son, Larry Yates; his granddaughter, Leanna Scheuer Coshino; and his siblings, Sybil Richardson, Leonard Yates, Cecil Yates, D.C. Yates, Reba McClain, Wilford Yates, and Vernon Yates.

He is survived by his wife, Julia L. Yates; his daughter, Dawn Weaver Wiggins (Dale Bowering); his sons, Barry Yates (Pat) and Danny Weaver (Mary); his siblings, W.D. Yates, Jr., Kenneth Yates, Willodean Clay, and Kate Blair; fourteen grandchildren; eighteen great-grandchildren (and expecting number nineteen); three great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, July 29, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at the Chapel of Rainwater Funeral Home. Mr. Jerome Yates will officiate and remembrances will offered by friends and family. Pallbearers will be Richard Yates, Danny Yates, Mark Hammond, Myron Rogers, Dennis Yates, and Dwayne Yates. Entombment will follow at Carroll

Memory Gardens in Carrollton.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday, July 28, 2023 from 4:00 till 8:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to do so may make contributions to Goldridge Baptist Church in Graham, Alabama or the Alzheimer's Association.

Cemetery Details

Carroll Memory Gardens

914 Stripling Chapel Road
Carrollton, GA 30116

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 28. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rainwater Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

JUL 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ 2 files added to the album *Service Video*



Rainwater Funeral Home - August 14, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ 54 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Rainwater Funeral Home - July 28, 2023 at 12:38 PM

VT

“ *Valarie Triglia lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alva Donald Yates*



Valarie Triglia - July 28, 2023 at 07:40 AM

BR

“ *Bob & Chris Richards lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alva Donald Yates*



Bob & Chris Richards - July 27, 2023 at 03:20 PM

WG

“ Wayne Gibbs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alva Donald Yates



Wayne Gibbs - July 26, 2023 at 06:47 AM

DY

“ Donna Yates lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alva Donald Yates



donna yates - July 25, 2023 at 04:48 PM

SG

“ Susan McCaghren Gibbs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alva Donald Yates



Susan McCaghren Gibbs - July 25, 2023 at 03:20 PM

LV

“ Lisa Vise lit a candle in memory of Mr. Alva Donald Yates



Lisa Vise - July 25, 2023 at 02:57 PM