



George Michael Bates

November 7, 1951 - December 3, 2016

George Michael Bates, 65 of Tennessee, formerly of Arab died Saturday, December 3, 2016 in Grace Health Care, Franklin, Tennessee.

Mr. Bates was born November 7, 1951, the son of George and Dorris Herring Martin. He was of the Methodist faith, a high school and college graduate.

He is survived by two sons: Matthew Bates (Crystal) of Fairview, Tennessee and Jon Bates (Kelley) of Burns, Tennessee; nine grandchildren; a brother: Joe Martin Bates of Gatlinburg, Tennessee and a nephew: Little Joe Bates, several cousins, other family members and many dear friends.

Funeral service will be 12:00 p.m. Thursday, December 8, 2016 at Gober Funeral Chapel, John Robles, officiating. Burial will be in Arab Memorial Cemetery, Gober Funeral Chapel, directing.

Cemetery Details

Arab Memorial Cemetery

450 South Main Street
Arab, AL 35016

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Gober Funeral Chapel
1331 Guntersville Road
Arab, AL 35016
(256) 586-8111
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ George Michael Bates

October 23, 2023 at 12:35 AM



“ Michael and I became best friends in the mid70s....he lived on my sofa for a while. When dates would come to pick me up I'd just introduce him as my brother. He would introduce me as his sister. We were pals for years but ultimately lost touch. About three years ago I ran an ad in the Gatlinburg newspaper asking that he or Joey call me. The paper barely hit the streets before my phone rang! Kathleen and I went to see him for his birthday that year but I hadn't seen him since. Soooo very sorry for your loss. Mike was loved.

Barbara Neeley - December 08, 2016 at 11:23 AM



“ Hello to all of you. My name is Kathleen Kirk. Mike and I were students U.T. Knoxville back in 1977 when we met. Long time ago.....We lost touch but recently I was able to visit Mike in the Hospital at St. Thomas as I live in Nashville now. This was a total coincidence but sometimes that is how things work out. We had many good times in the mountains as he and I both loved nature, fishing, hiking the things that you fall in love with in the Smokies ! I know he will be missed by many including myself. RIP Michael, love you, Kat

Kathleen Albert - December 07, 2016 at 07:45 PM

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“ *My heartfelt condolences to family. The best friend a bereaved person can have is our Creator, Jehovah God. Pour out your heart to him in prayer because "He cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7) Moreover, He promises that all who do so will have their thoughts and feelings soothed by "the peace of God that surpasses all understanding." (Philippians 4:6,7)*

Diane - December 07, 2016 at 10:51 AM