



Lewis Samuel Bates

June 27, 1915 - March 4, 2014

Lewis Samuel Bates age 98, of Arab passed away Tues. March 4, 2014, at Valley View Nursing Home in Madison. Mr. Bates was born on June 27, 1915, in Union Grove, AL to J. Braze and Dora Martin Bates. He was a graduate of Jacksonville State University and worked as a Coach, Teacher and Principal in several different school systems. He moved back to this area and worked for the Postal Service where he retired as a Mail Carrier. Mr. Bates served in World War II. He was a longtime member of Arab 1st United Methodist Church and was a 32nd Degree Mason where he was member of a Huntsville Masonic Lodge. He was married to Frances Bates who preceded him in death. He was also preceded by his Daughter: Becky Logan and Grandson: Ken Logan. Survivors include: Daughters: Carolyn Fowler of Denver, CO and Cathy Bates of Madison; 6 Grandchildren and 9 Great Grandchildren. Funeral Service will be Sat. March 8, 2014, at 3 PM at Gober Funeral Chapel. Burial will be in Arab Memorial Cemetery. Visitation will be at the Funeral Home from 2 PM until 3 PM. Pallbearers will be: Kerry Hayes, David Fowler, John Fowler, Greg Francovitch, Cal Francovitch, and George Francovitch.

Cemetery Details

Arab Memorial Cemetery

450 South Main Street
Arab, AL 35016

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 8. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Gober Funeral Chapel
1331 Guntersville Road
Arab, AL 35016
(256) 586-8111
goberfuneralhome@otelco.net

Service

MAR 8. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lewis Samuel Bates*

October 23, 2023 at 12:35 AM



“ *My Grandfather is a very special person to me. I learned so much from him, from camping in the Smokey Mountains, to riding roller coasters at Opryland, and going to watch the Atlanta Braves Baseball Games, boating, building tree houses, living life to the best. He was 98 years old and has lived a long life, from farming many acres with mules in his bare feet, playing baseball and basketball in college, coaching basketball, WWII Vet., but the best thing of all was the time we spend together. See he was a Rural Route Mail Carrier and almost every Saturday and during the summer when I was out of school, with pillow under my arm to sit on, I would wait on the side of the road waiting on him to pick me up. He had a Dodge Duster car and he would sit in the passenger seat and operate the brake and gas and I would drive for 6 to 7 hours a day delivering mail in the country. I did this when I was 12, 13, 14, so this is how I learned to drive. Boy the times we had during this. It was the best, listening to all the stories when he was in the war and playing basketball. And no matter how many times he told me the same story time and time again, it didn't matter, I just sit there and listened to every one like it was the first time I heard it. He knew the names of every President, Vice President in the US and who ran against them. He had the sharpest mind of anyone I have ever met.*

He was very very great man and I love him so much.

Kerry Hayes

Kerry Hayes - March 06, 2014 at 03:16 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Lewis Samuel Bates.* ”



March 05, 2014 at 05:56 PM