

Celebrating the Life

of
Bobby Gene Yates

Sunrise:
April 5, 1960



Sunset:
December 28, 2018

*"I have fought a good fight, I have finished
my course, I have kept the faith."*

II Timothy 4:7

Service:
Wednesday, January 2, 2019
11:00 am

Grenada High School Auditorium
1875 Fairground Road
Grenada, MS 38901

Rev. Sammie L. Blake,
Officiating Pastor
Burning Bush M. B. Church



Life Reflections

Deputy Bobby Gene Yates was born April 5, 1960 to the late L.W. and Lura A. Yates.

He entered into eternity to be with the Lord on December 28, 2018 at 11:29 am at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, MS.

Bobby was dedicated to his family and friends. At the age of fourteen years old, he started working as a store clerk, and for several years he was employed at Weyerhaeuser, Bruce, MS. At the time of his death, he was currently employed with the Grenada School District for 25 years and still faithfully serving with the Grenada County Sheriff Department for 20 years.

He joined the Burning Bush M. B. Church at an early age and remained a faithful member until his homegoing. Being a dedicated servant of God, in 1978 he was instrumental in helping start a Gospel Singing Group, "The Pure Hearts" later the name changed to the "Exciting Hearts of Joy." When he was not working, he was on the road with the "Exciting Hearts of Joy" sharing the Love of God through song. Bobby had a passion for cooking, singing, and playing his guitar.

Bobby united in holy matrimony with Sandra Johnson on November 20, 1999. During their union they shared many years of traveling, camping, riding ATVs as they enjoyed the wonders of God's creations.

He leaves to cherish his loving memories; his wife of nineteen years, Sandra J. Yates; three sons, Douglas Yates, Timothy (Katie) Yates of Grenada, MS and Curtis Haynes of Houston, TX; a special grandson, Brendyn Yates; three brothers, Larry Yates of California; James (Tasha) Phillips of Grenada, MS and Norfray (Kim) Wilson of Georgia; five sisters, Mary Lee Yates of California; Mary Ann (Tim) Nason of Grenada, MS, Rachael (Jerry) Echols of Calhoun City, MS, Louise (Christopher) Tilmon of Southaven, MS; and Christine (Hosea) Reece of Olive Branch, MS; three granddaughters, Rosalina Yates, Audrey Yates, and Anna Yates; his stepmother, Bessie Yates of Grenada, MS; his mother-in-law, Emma Johnson of Calhoun City, MS, his father-in-law, Russell Johnson of Bellefontaine, MS; a sister-in-law, Shelia Thompson of Brandon, MS; four brothers-in-law, Ricky (Mary) Johnson of Bellefontaine, MS; Kevin (Greta) Johnson of Tulsa, OK, Calvin (Bonita) Robinson and Lee Wayne (Tanya) Watson of Eupora, MS. Bobby also leaves uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, co-workers and extended family that really loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, L.W. and Lura Yates; a sister, Brenda Yates; and two brothers, Eddie D. Russell and D. K. Wilson.

"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference."



Celebration of Life



Mistress of Ceremony.....Mrs. Edna W. Williams

Processional.....Minister & Family

Scripture Reading

Old Testament.....Pastor James Phillips, Open Door Abundant Life

New Testament.....Rev. Randy L. Jackson, Belle Flower MB Church

Prayer.....Rev. Clarence Buchanan, New Birth MB Church

Solo.....Mrs. Gail B. Smith

Reflections.....2 minutes, please

Friend ~Christopher Hankins

Exciting Hearts of Joy ~Stanley Burl & Hearts of Joy

Grenada School District ~Dr. David Daigneault, Superintendent

City of Grenada ~Mayor Billy Collins

Grenada County Sheriff Department ~Gregory Conley & Sonja Willis

Family ~Larry Yates, Douglas Yates, & Tim Yates

Nation of Islam ~ Abdul Tariq Muhammad

Words of Encouragement.....Rev. R. C. Chambers

Musical Selection.....Men on a Mission

ObituaryRead Silently.....Soft Music

Tribute.....Bobby “Walk Around Heaven”

Eulogy.....Rev. Sammie L. Blake

Pastor, Burning Bush M. B. Church

Final Call SO-5.....911 Dispatcher

Funeral Directors In Charge.....Clark Williams Funeral Home

Recessional..... “I’m Depending on You”.....Rev. R. C. Chambers

Active Pallbearers

Caylon Johnson
Ricky Johnson
Kevin Johnson

Reginolde Burl
Nicholas Burl
Rusty Johnson

Honorary Pallbearers

Stanley Burl
Roy Williams
Gregory Conley
Sonja Willis

Tracy King
Chris Plummer
Bernard Hankins
Pat Hughes

Jackie Wilson

Flower Bearers

Nieces, Cousins & Friends of the Family



Committal Services

Pleasant Grove Cemetery
741 Dr. King Drive
Gore Springs, Mississippi



Repast

Lewis Johnson Senior Citizen Complex
299 Dr. MLK, Jr. Blvd.
Grenada, Mississippi

Acknowledgments

The family of the late Bobby Gene Yates would like to thank each of you for your many expressions of love, sympathy, prayers, telephone calls, visits, flowers, cards and other acts of kindness. They have been a real source of strength during our time of bereavement. May God bless each of you.

~The Family



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