



Bates Warren Tunnell

December 6, 1968 - November 23, 2025

Bates Warren Tunnell was born in Ada, Oklahoma in 1968. He lived in Davis and McAlester before settling in Pauls Valley in 1976. He loved growing up there and truly enjoyed his school friends in both Whitebead and PV. He graduated from PVHS in 1988. Bates was previously married to Amy Yeatts and was grateful for the time spent being a family with Amy and her son Tyler. Bates later lived in Norman and worked in several restaurants there.

Everyone who knew Bates admired his gorgeous hair, especially his curly mullet of the 80s and 90s. He inherited his dad's love of sports and his mother's love of cooking. He will be remembered for his outgoing personality, love of people, lasting friendships, and distinctive chuckle. He very recently became ill and entered hospice very soon after. He felt extremely fortunate for the exceptional home provided by Gospel of Life, a Catholic charity.

He is survived by his brother Bart Tunnell, and family Penny, and Amanda all of Norman and Ariel Tunnell of Los Angeles. He was preceded in death by his parents Joe Tunnell in 1984 and Sue Tunnell in 2020.

The family would like to thank Sister Maria and everyone at Gospel of Life and Elara Caring Hospice for their kindness and compassion.

Memorial service for Bates will be Saturday, November 29 at 11:00 AM at

Wooster Funeral Home in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma officiated by Herman Stevenson. If you would like to send your condolences to the family you may do so at www.woosterfuneralhomes.com

In lieu of flowers please donate to Gospel of Life at St. John Paul II Dwelling [4113 S. Eastern Ave. Moore, Oklahoma 73160] by calling, 405.378.2436 or going to their website <https://www.gospeloflifedisciples.org/donate>.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Wooster Funeral Home
1601 S. Chickasaw
Pauls Valley, OK

Tribute Wall

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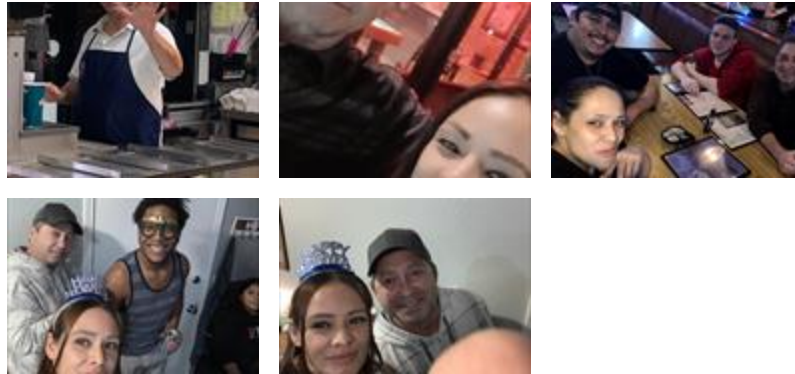
“ *Melissa Maldonado lit a candle in memory of Bates Tunnell* ”



Melissa Maldonado - January 31 at 04:52 PM

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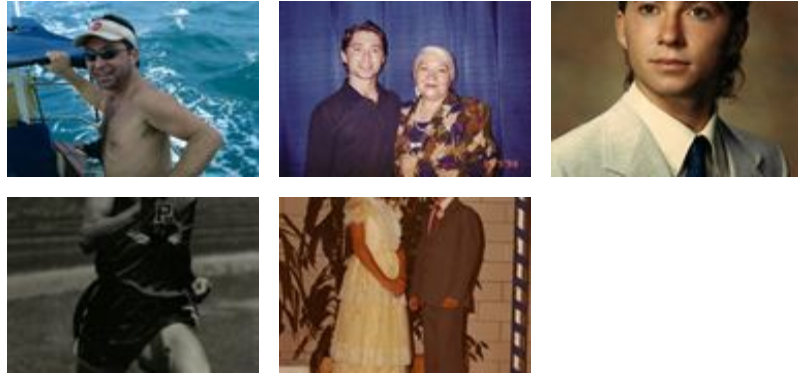
“ *I love you Bates and miss you more* ”



Melissa Maldonado - January 31 at 03:49 PM



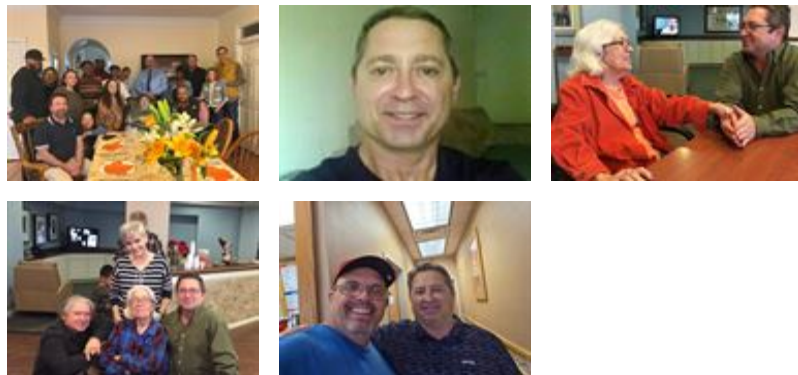
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Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services - November 29, 2025 at 10:06 AM



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Wooster Funeral Home & Cremation Services - November 29, 2025 at 12:40 AM



“ Jill Holt lit a candle in memory of Bates Tunnell



Jill Holt - November 27, 2025 at 03:39 PM

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“ *Tiffany Travis lit a candle in memory of Bates Tunnell*



Tiffany Travis - November 26, 2025 at 02:41 PM

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“ *Tina Hughes (washburn) lit a candle in memory of Bates Tunnell*



Tina Hughes (washburn) - November 25, 2025 at 02:40 PM

RC

“ *I always enjoyed bumping into Bates. Such a friendly, kind soul and contagious smile. Rest easy, buddy! Robin Clinton*

Robin Clinton - November 25, 2025 at 10:29 AM

SW

“ *Grandma Edmunds always called him puddin. Can't remember her calling anyone else a pet name!!*

Stacey Wood - November 24, 2025 at 10:19 PM

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“ Tina McCarty Hume lit a candle in memory of Bates Tunnell



Tina McCarty Hume - November 24, 2025 at 10:17 PM

PW

“ Bates was one of a kind! His laugh was the BEST. I never knew him to stay mad about anything. He was one of my genuine friends. I was blessed to spend Saturday evening with him and will cherish his friendship always.

Penny Wood - November 24, 2025 at 09:30 PM

AP

“ I'm very saddened that I didn't get to say goodbye. I would often stop in Norman and visit with Bates, at work usually, and he always had a gleam in his eyes and an infectious smile that was as genuine as he was. He is an all around good guy and whenever I would leave his presence I would have a spring in my step. He was a positive spirit of this world that would make you feel the same way. Loved you like a brother Bates, I hoped you knew that.

*Forever in my thoughts,
Amy*

Amy Pierce - November 24, 2025 at 08:13 PM