



## Ronnie Lee Bates

January 1, 1951 - September 16, 2021

Ronnie Lee Bates of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma was born to Charles and Sallie (Elam) Bates on January 1, 1951, in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma and passed from this life on September 16, 2021, in Seminole, Oklahoma at the age of 70 years.

Ronnie grew up and attended school in Pauls Valley. He worked as a department manager for many years for Walmart. After his retirement from Wal-Mart, he worked for the Pauls Valley school district as part of the custodial staff for several years. On May 14, 2001, Ronnie married Linda Frost in Purcell, Oklahoma. In his spare time, Ronnie enjoyed reading, music, traveling, food and had an extensive DVD collection. He was especially fond of good old western movies. Ronnie enjoyed life quietly but lived it to the fullest.

Mr. Bates is survived by:

Wife: Linda Bates

Stepson: James Daniel Frost

Stepdaughters: Ruth Ann Johnson and Suzanne Mackey

Brother: Charles Bates

Sister: Peggy Helm

A host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, family, and friends

Mr. Bates was preceded in death by:

Parents: Charles and Sallie Bates

Brothers: Harry and Jerry Bates

Nephews: Chance Bates and Jimbo Helm

Great-nephews and great-niece: Jake Bittle, Trey Helm and Brittney Rogers

Funeral services are scheduled for 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at the Beaty Baptist Church with Rev. Gerald Biswell officiating. Interment will be in the Byars Cemetery under the direction of Wooster Funeral Home. You may send a condolence to the family at [www.woosterfuneralhomes.com](http://www.woosterfuneralhomes.com).

## Cemetery Details

### Byars Cemetery

Byars, OK

## Previous Events

### Funeral Service

SEP 21. 1:00 PM (CT)

Beaty Baptist Church  
32090 Airline Rd.  
Pauls Valley, Ok

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ronnie Lee Bates*

November 12, 2022 at 02:44 AM



“ *Melanie Frost lit a candle in memory of  
Ronnie Lee Bates*



**Melanie Frost** - September 24, 2021 at 03:32 PM



“ *Linda this breaks my heart. Love to you and  
your family.*



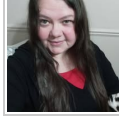
**Darlene McAlister** - September 20, 2021 at 08:29 PM



“ *Linda sorry for you lost*



**Tammie Jackson** - September 19, 2021 at 07:43 PM



*I will miss seeing him. He was an awesome person..thankful I was to have met the both of you. Praying for u for peace n strength n comfort*

**Karen Williams** - September 21, 2021 at 04:03 PM

MS

“ *I am so sorry for the family’s loss. My family grew up with Sallie, Charlie and all their kids. I have great love and memories of them all. My heart goes out to Peggy, Linda and all the family. May your memories of Ronnie help you thru the coming days.*

*Steve & Mary Brown Selby and family*

**Mary Brown Selby** - September 19, 2021 at 12:38 PM

LI

“ *Linda, sorry to hear of this. He fought a long battle. I loved working with Ronnie at Walmart. He knew when I called him over the intercom to bring the mop bucket. Cause he knew I had made a mess of something. May God give you peace thru this time*

**Libby** - September 17, 2021 at 07:58 PM

MB

*Linda my heart goes out to you. I pray you have peace and comfort through this trying time.*

**Margaret Bowman** - September 18, 2021 at 08:15 PM

DJ

*So sorry Linda he was a great man. I know you will miss him.*

**Deann Johnson** - September 19, 2021 at 07:39 PM

PF

*Linda. So sorry for your loss. Ronnie was a good man and I have memories of you both while we worked at Walmart. Patsy Fitzgerald*

**patsy fitzgerald** - September 21, 2021 at 01:26 AM

CE

*Linda, so sorry to hear of the passing of Ronnie. I remember when I went to Hawaii he asked my to bring him back a real hula dancer on my luggage but one wouldn't fit so he got one that was a souvenir instead. Ronnie will be missed. Cassandra*

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**Cassandra Elms** - September 21, 2021 at 11:48 AM

JS

“ *God Bless you Ronnie. You were the best cousin a girl could have. Always cheerful, a bright spot in my childhood. We had a lot of fun as kids. I never expressed how grateful I was to have you in my life. You will be deeply missed. My Love to Linda. Janis Spencer*

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**Janis Spencer** - September 17, 2021 at 07:31 PM