



## Bowdre Elwood "Woody" Bates

June 3, 1958 - February 3, 2015

Bowdre Elwood "Woody" Bates, Jr.

Graniteville, SC—Funeral Services for Bowdre Elwood "Woody" Bates, Jr., 56, of Square Circle Road, who entered into rest February 3, 2015, will be conducted Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Sweetwater Church of God. Pastor Phillip Napier officiating.

Mr. Bates was a life-long resident of Aiken County and was the son of Bowdre Elwood Bates, Sr. and Sandra Carroll. He was Supervisor with the United States Post Office, attended Sweetwater Church of God and enjoyed playing golf. Mr. Bates enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. Mr. Bates was preceded in by his father, Bowdre Elwood Bates, Sr.

Survivors his wife of 26 years, Cindy R. Bates, three sons and daughters-in-law, Josh and Shawna Bates, Grovetown, Tyler Bates, Graniteville and Cody and Jessica Bates, Graniteville, two daughters and a son-in-law, Autumn Bates, Graniteville and Brooke and Jake Jones, Warrentville; his mother and step-father, Frances and Johnny Mock, Graniteville; seven grandchildren, Charlotte Jones, Gracelyn Bates, Aspyn Jones, Ethan Bates, Audri Bates, Isla Bates and William Bates; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Bruce and Janet Bates, Aiken, Jimmy and Teresa Moore, Graniteville and Sam and Cricket Moore, Graniteville; three sisters, Barbara Clark, Graniteville, Melody Carnell,

Lusby, MD and Marcie Parrel, Evansville, IN; several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Scott Augustine, Adam Bates, Joel Britton, Marcus Culbreath, Jake Jones, Jason Layfield, Dan Pilkington, and Bert Timm.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home this Thursday from 6 to 8.

Memorials may be made to Sweetwater Church of God, 1444 Edgefield Road, North Augusta, SC 29860.

Posey Funeral Directors, 1307 Georgia Avenue, North Augusta in charge of arrangements (803-278-1181). Visit the registry at [www.poseycares.com](http://www.poseycares.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Directors  
1307 Georgia Ave  
North Augusta, SC 29841  
(803) 278-1181  
admin@poseycares.com  
<https://www.poseycares.com>

## Service

FEB 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

Sweetwater Church of God  
1444 Edgefield Road  
North Augusta, SC 29860

# Tribute Wall



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Bowdre Elwood "Woody" Bates



Posey Funeral Directors - February 05, 2015 at 12:18 PM

SN

One of a kind my true friend....woody...met woody an cindy...around 2001....our kids were on the cheerleading. .for greg park....plus they were my neighbors an I had no idea..lol...biggest heart...ful of smiles shared a lot of wonderful memories I will never forget..when my world was falling apart u was still my friend not a lot of friends stick around like that....Woody loved his wife an his children to the moon an back...hard. working to give them the best... what a true loving kind hearted...funny...husband...dad...an.friend...u were a blessing to me an my kids...an kept us smiling..an I thank god for letting us have that ...We will miss u dearly...

stefanie nardi - June 01, 2015 at 12:23 PM



“ Bowdre Elwood "Woody" Bates

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ Bowdre Elwood "Woody" Bates

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM

JK

“ I just found out Woody passed away. I knew the teenage Woody, my best friend lived next store to him on Alpine Dr. He was fun and I enjoyed being around him. Thoughts and prayers to his family.

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**Janice Kern** - August 31, 2017 at 10:55 PM



“ He sure did love his wife & children they were always # 1 and not to mention his sweet grand babies !

I use to go stay with autumn and he was always making me laugh and was such a fun person to be around and for a father he was attended fun times with his kids !

This was a perfect man and lord knows he's so missed by so many who loves him so very much .

I just spoke to autumn and she was telling me how much she missed him and how hard things are for them at moments !

I wish I could make things better for these sweet kids he had and beautiful and most sweetest wife ever !

I will always have great memories with this family love you guys and Rip Mr woody ;)

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**Whitney Collins** - June 02, 2015 at 11:45 PM

MR

“ You are so missed!!! We all love you. Please continue to look down from Heaven and hep your family through this terrible loss. Help them through the healing process and may God allow you to reach down to your family during the hardest of times. We will all see you again one day and what a day of rejoicing that will be. God bless you and may you bless your family.

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**Marlene Reed** - June 01, 2015 at 09:18 AM

LH

“ *Linda Porter Hadden sent a virtual gift in memory of Bowdre Elwood "Woody" Bates*



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**Linda Porter Hadden** - February 20, 2015 at 12:52 PM

MM

“ *Death Leaves a heartache no one can heal, Love leaves a memory no one can steal. Mary Montgomery ( MV Band Booster)*

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**m montgomery** - February 10, 2015 at 06:46 AM

LH

“ *Praying for you all*

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**lauren ham** - February 06, 2015 at 11:47 AM

WS

“ *May the Lord bless your family during this difficult time. We are so sorry for your loss.  
Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Alvin and Wanda Shealy*

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**Wanda Shealy** - February 06, 2015 at 08:54 AM

GP

“ *So very sorry for your loss...*



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**Gwen & Jerry Proctor** - February 06, 2015 at 08:36 AM

RS

“ *Rose & Louis Storey lit a candle in memory of Bowdre Elwood "Woody" Bates*



Rose & Louis Storey - February 06, 2015 at 07:21 AM

RS

*Cindy, so sorry to hear of Woody,s passing. May God be your comfort and peace in the days ahead. IN OUR PRAYERS. Rose & Louis Storey*

Rose & Louis Storey - February 06, 2015 at 07:29 AM

HN

“ *Thinking or the reunion of woody and Mr Bates make me smile*

Helen Little Natzi - February 06, 2015 at 07:21 AM

BB

“ *Barbara Bonner lit a candle in memory of Bowdre Elwood "Woody" Bates*



Barbara Bonner - February 06, 2015 at 03:36 AM

KW

“ *Kim Watkins lit a candle in memory of Bowdre Elwood "Woody" Bates*



Kim Watkins - February 06, 2015 at 03:32 AM

JB

“ Johnny Kim Jason Brent lit a candle in memory of Bowdre Elwood "Woody" Bates



Johnny Kim Jason Brent - February 06, 2015 at 03:31 AM

MM

“ I remember Woody from Midland Valley Band Booster, He was always a kind man always willing to lend a helping hand. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, Love leaves a memory no one can steal  
Mary Montgomery

Mary Montgomery - February 05, 2015 at 08:46 PM

SY

“ Sheila Young lit a candle in memory of Bowdre Elwood "Woody" Bates



Sheila Young - February 05, 2015 at 06:47 PM

SB

“ Sarah Barton lit a candle in memory of Bowdre Elwood "Woody" Bates



Sarah Barton - February 05, 2015 at 05:53 PM

SB

*I worked with Woody for, pretty much, 15 years, as a letter carrier, starting out downtown, then at the Summeral Station, on the south side of town. He could throw some mail, let me tell you, and deliver it faster than the speed of light. He loved working hard and I never heard him complain about a thing, he just did his job and did it well. I knew Woody to love his family, and he worked hard for them. God bless his family, at this sorrowful time, gone way too soon. I know he left a legacy of love behind, as witnessed by the many photos his family shared. I pray that peace and love surround you now, and in the difficult days ahead.*

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**Sarah Barton** - February 05, 2015 at 06:01 PM



*“ would he worked for me for over 6 years off and on I couldn't have asked for a better supervisor or friend I'm going to missing I just hope that he's looking down on us and everything's going to be fine yes you usually could get me out of a bad mood one of the silly jokes and I'm going to miss that rest in peace buddy I love you man*

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**Michael Partlow** - February 05, 2015 at 01:29 PM

BW

*“ Sorry for the lost, I worked with Woody at SRP. He was a very likeable fella. I hated to hear of his passing. My husband worked with his mom years ago at Graniteville Co. , James Wilson. Praying for the family!  
Bonnie Wilson*

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**Bonnie Wilson** - February 05, 2015 at 01:28 PM

BP

“ I received word of Woody's death yesterday, what a tragedy. I knew Woody as a giving person to all he met. He worked hard to provide for his family and reached out to those less fortunate. He touched so many children's lives at Christmas time by taking time to correspond with them. He loved giving them that cherished moment (I can only imagine with wide eyes and a smile from ear to ear when they read that special letter) all at his own expense. There are many other unknown kind acts of kindness that Woody did for others not seeking recognition. I pray that the family finds comfort and strength in God's words knowing their husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend is with our lord today.

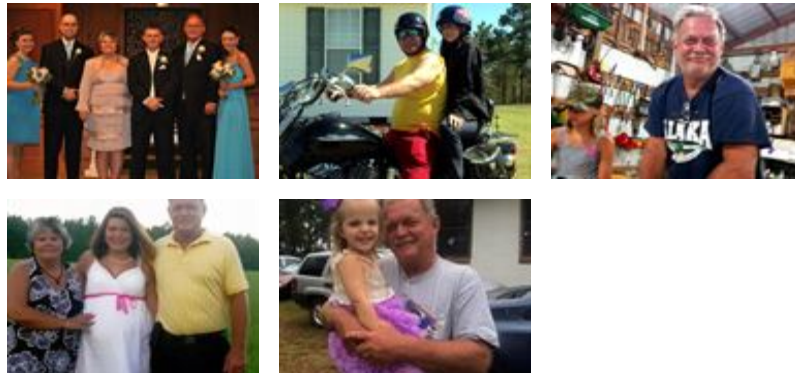
*Billy Pierce*

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**billy pierce** - February 05, 2015 at 12:48 PM



“ 30 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Posey Funeral Directors** - February 05, 2015 at 12:07 PM

TT

“ I love all of the fun time with the band. He was our water boy for the band's. He will be dearly missed. Prayers for the family.

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**Tonya turner** - February 05, 2015 at 11:36 AM

DF

“ Dear Bates family: so sorry for your lose. We met Woody and Cindy a while back and they were great parents. I could tell they really cared about family. He was a great man. Prayers for all of you.  
Ken and Donna Fisher



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**Donna Fisher** - February 05, 2015 at 09:28 AM

MP

“ I am sorry for your loss. I enjoyed the times spent with the family when the girls were cheering with Gregg Park. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Missy Creed Proctor** - February 05, 2015 at 09:28 AM



“ LaVonna Haley-Murphy lit a candle in memory of Bowdre Elwood "Woody" Bates



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**LaVonna Haley-Murphy** - February 04, 2015 at 11:59 PM

CJ

*I did not know him but from yalls comments he sounded great he will be missed alot cleve and teresa rains graniteville sc*

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**cleveland t rains jr** - February 05, 2015 at 06:40 AM

RO

*Thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family. It has been many years since I saw Woody and the family, but I have great memories and gratitude for the kindness showed to me by Woody and the entire Bates family many years ago. May God be with each of you and may you revel in good memories.*

*Rick*

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**Rick Oster** - February 05, 2015 at 08:09 AM

 Jim  
Free

“*Sorry to hear about the passing of Woody. We worked together in the 80's at the Aiken Post Office when he had the Woodside route. Man, could he put up some mail.. Also worked there with Bowdre. Sr. Great Post Office family. Memories. Looking forward to being with him on the other side.*

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**Jim Free** - February 04, 2015 at 09:38 PM

RF

“*Ricky has many memories of the two of you growing up as cousins. Our thoughts and prayers are with our family and friends. Rest in peace Woody. You may be gone, but never forgotten, your memory lives in our hearts forever.*

*Share Comment*

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**Ricky & Ann Folk** - February 04, 2015 at 09:24 PM

RF

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*Share Comment*

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**Ricky & Ann Folk** - February 04, 2015 at 09:24 PM

RF

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**Ricky & Ann Folk** - February 04, 2015 at 09:15 PM

RF

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**Ricky & Ann Folk** - February 04, 2015 at 09:15 PM

PR

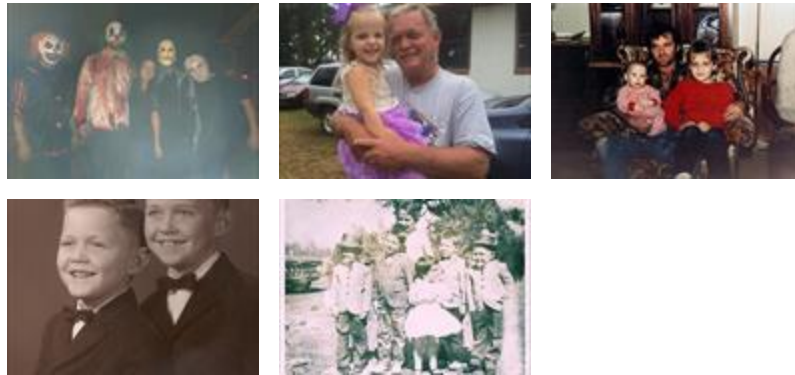
“ My memories of Woody is all about his craziness and fun with Cindy and the kids. I loved to hear about the treasure hunts he planned out for the kids. He was a hard working man who was devoted to his family. I am grieving for you Cindy, your kids and precious grandbabies. I am here for whatever you need me for... Love you all!  
Pam Randolph

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**Pam Randolph** - February 04, 2015 at 08:10 PM

BA

“ 102 files added to the album Woody through the years



**Bates** - February 04, 2015 at 06:52 PM

VR

“ Manny and I grew up with Woody, He rode the school bus with Manny. So sorry to hear of his passing. Sending prayers to the family.



**Vickie & Manny Reynolds** - February 04, 2015 at 06:49 PM

KM

“ Prayers to the family!



**Krista McCuen** - February 04, 2015 at 06:41 PM

JP

“ Rest in peace Woody I will always remember you as my good friend from our teenage years

**Jerry Preachers** - February 04, 2015 at 06:14 PM

JB

“ *Rest in peace cousin Woody, I'm praying for your family. Love you!* ”

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**Jackie Budd** - February 04, 2015 at 04:55 PM

WH

*Please express my condolences to my distant cousins especially Josh.  
Wm Hitt*

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**William Hitt** - February 05, 2015 at 11:36 AM