



Wesley Robert Bates

November 26, 1975 - August 25, 2023

Mr. Wesley "Wes" Robert Bates, 47, of Newnan, formerly of Tallapoosa, GA, passed away Friday, August 25, 2023, at Emory University Hospital. He was born November 26, 1975, in Carrollton, GA to William Rickey Bates and Sharon Smith Bates.

Wes grew up in Tallapoosa, GA where he was a man of many talents, he was a star quarterback, baseball shortstop/pitcher and played point guard in basketball, but golf quickly became his passion. Wes was a 1994 graduate of Haralson County High School where he played on the high school golf team all four years. He then attended Berry College in Rome. Wes was proud to be a PGA member (Georgia section) elected August 9, 2002, where he was an active member for 21 years. Wes loved golf and had a passion for teaching all ages how to play the game he loved so much. Wes treasured supporting The Adaptive Golf Association and spending his time teaching veterans the game of golf. When Wes was not working or teaching golf, he cherished spending time with his family. He enjoyed summer days by the pool and going to the beach. Wes was a diehard Georgia Bulldogs fan and enjoyed watching his Dawgs play.

The funeral is Saturday, September 2, 2023, at 1:00 o'clock at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson Street, Newnan, GA 30263. The visitation is Saturday morning between 11:00 o'clock and 1:00 o'clock prior to the funeral.

Condolences can be expressed online at www.mckoon.com.

Survivors include his wife, Angel Schaar Bates of Newnan; daughter Carlie Bates of Bowdon, GA; son Levi Bates of Bowdon, GA; stepdaughters Madison Strickland (future son-in-law Jacob Atha) and Ava Brooke Strickland of Newnan, GA; and parents Rickey and Sharon Bates of Tallapoosa, GA.

Special thanks to his lifelong friend Charles "Chris" Rampy for championing him along and being by his side for so many years.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
care@mckoon.com
<http://www.mckoon.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 2. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Funeral Service

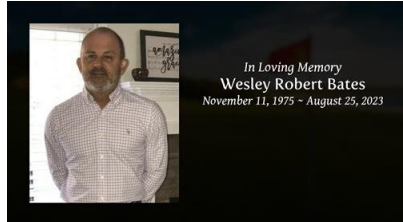
SEP 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home Chapel
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263

Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Wesley Robert Bates*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - September 18, 2023 at 11:35 AM



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Wesley Robert Bates*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - September 02, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Ricky and Sharon I am so sorry for your loss....prayers*

Stan Holloway - September 02, 2023 at 08:46 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Wesley Robert Bates.*



September 01, 2023 at 11:02 AM



“ *Steve and Diane Smith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wesley Robert Bates.*

Steve and Diane Smith - August 31, 2023 at 06:18 PM



“ *Steve and Diane Smith purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Wesley Robert Bates.*



Steve and Diane Smith - August 31, 2023 at 06:18 PM



“ *Jt M. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Wesley Robert Bates.*



Jt M. - August 31, 2023 at 12:53 PM

JS

“ Such a great man, leaving a great legacy. Every time I play with the veterans group he helped create and support I will carry his memory with me.

He was a gift to the world, and God needed him more than we did. I'm just glad I was able to share time with him, and get to know him. May his family find peace knowing how many veterans he helped find peace through golf.

God bless, and Godspeed.

Jamie S

James Srubas - August 31, 2023 at 10:08 AM

T"

I am sorry for your loss. Wes was a true friend to me. I'll miss him he was always there for me and the Veterans. Taking time out to help us anyway he could. We Salute Wes for a job well done. I guess God needed him more than us. Rest IN Peace my friend. Our prayers go out to Angel and the kids and family.

May You Find Peace.

" T "

Tony Hightower " T " - September 02, 2023 at 10:10 AM

JR

“ Sharon and Rickey I am so sorry about Wesley. He was such a sweet person. He and Alex were good Friends in school. May God Bless you and I see Wesley and Alex with God and having lots to talk about. Love you both and someday we will be with them. ❤️❤️🙏🙏



Jacqueline Roberts - August 29, 2023 at 08:49 PM

EB

My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Elizabeth T Blume - August 29, 2023 at 08:59 PM



I grew up with Wesley through elementary school and graduating high school together. We spent the night at each other's house a few times in middle school, we were both only children. I haven't seen Wesley since the 90's, but there is a certain bond you share with a childhood friend that grew up with you in the same community that friends you make later in life can never replicate. Wesley was a good man, I know because he was such an outstanding student and athlete when I was growing up. We looked up to boys like him. At the same time, he was an easy going, laid back guy. My condolences to his family. I know this is a huge loss.

Robbie Davidson - August 29, 2023 at 10:02 PM



Our thoughts & prayers are with Wesley s family. We just can t imagine their loss. Wesley was our neighbor all the time he was growing up & the world has suffered a tremendous loss.

David & Nancy Wilson - September 01, 2023 at 08:46 PM