



James 'JC' Carl Bates

October 25, 1977 - December 9, 2024

JAMES "JC" BATES, age 47, passed away on December 9, 2024, in Grove, Oklahoma. He was born on October 25, 1977, in Oklahoma City, OK to Terry and Bonnie (Sanders) Bates.

JC grew up and attended school in Moore, Oklahoma. The family moved to Grove in 2017. He dedicated nine years of service as an irrigation technician at Turf Boys lawn care company in Grove. Beyond his professional life, he was deeply involved in his community and faith as an active and committed member of the Church of the Shepherd (COS) in Grove. JC was known for his outgoing, happy nature, and a soft heart that defined his generous and loving spirit, and always wearing flip flops, no matter what the weather.

His passion for motorcycles and his love of God led him to serve as the president of the local Christian Motorcyclists Association. JC was also an avid fisherman and a fervent fan of Oklahoma University sports, sharing many game days with friends and family.

JC is survived by his wife, Julia Bates; children, J.T. Bates and Caleb Bates of Chelsea, Oklahoma; six stepchildren, Hazel Hibbs, Casey Hibbs, and Jared Wyatt, all of Oklahoma City, Mason Wyatt of Wichita, Kansas, Nikaya Wyatt of Lendon, Utah, and Gracie Hibbs of Edmond, Oklahoma; brother, Jeremy Bates and his wife Delana of Verdigris, Oklahoma; several adored

grandchildren, and aunts, uncles and extended family in Tennessee, as well as a host of friends and co-workers. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial services for JC will be held at 1 pm on January 11, 2025 at Nichols-Stephens Funeral Chapel. JC's life was a testament to his loving nature and his commitment to his family and community. His presence will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Arrangements entrusted to Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 11 (CT)

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Tribute Wall

ST

“ I remember meeting JC for the first time at Pistol Pat's at a CMA meeting . Joe Minardi introduced us and I remember saying "My best friend is also named JC! (Jesus Christ) He was always positive and enthusiastic. He always expressed great care for his wife, Julia. Their renewal of vows at CoS was beautiful and meaningful. So sorry to lose his presence so soon. Praying for Julia and family as you continue living absent his physical presence. Interesting that another JC's funeral was just 2 days earlier: President Jimmy Carter at age of 100- oldest of any US Presidents ever . - Carolyn (and Steve) Taylor

Steve & Carolyn Taylor - January 10, 2025 at 01:09 PM

NS

“ Just a good good man. He will be very missed. Gone way to soon



Nick and Teri Stallings - December 17, 2024 at 11:42 PM

KG

“ I am sending my deepest condolences. JC was such a bright shining light. He was always willing to help someone in need. He was always making people laugh. He will be deeply missed



Kayde Gamber - December 12, 2024 at 12:47 PM

CB

JC was such a sweet good caring person always willing to help when needed, will miss him , looked forward on Sunday morning to greet him at church, prayers for Julie and family, we do not always understand why God called him home so young but what ever the circumstances we will all be together in heaven and we always except God's will in our lives , we pray fir the peace that passes all understanding for JC's whole family during this difficult time!💙💙💙🙏🙏🙏

Connie Blood - December 20, 2024 at 10:08 AM



“ *Rob N Steph Plummer lit a candle in memory of James 'JC' Carl Bates*



Rob N Steph Plummer - December 12, 2024 at 10:58 AM



We will miss your large heart filled with God's love for everyone you came in contact with. Our memories of you are filled with smiles, laughs, a contagious spirit and your desire to help anyone at anytime - an amazing man. We LOVE you JC and Julia.

Rob N Steph Plummer - December 12, 2024 at 11:00 AM

RW

“ *We loved JC! Always ready for a conversation. Never saw anyone that enjoyed fireworks more than JC. Can't believe you have gone on to be with your Lord so soon Save a spot so we can talk again, JC. We will miss you.*

Kenton and Robbi Wright.

Robbi Wright - December 12, 2024 at 04:13 AM

JB

“ Jc was always and will always be my rock, my world my everything. He loved me with all his heart just as I love him with all mine. We shared a love that only God could have brought together.



Julia Bates - December 11, 2024 at 11:07 PM

KM

I know that you probably have no idea who I am, but I am J.C.'s older sister on his biological mother's side. I would love to be able to talk to you on the phone or online anytime and maybe ask you a few questions about my little brother and his life. I will understand if you don't want to, but I would really appreciate it if you would. I have missed my brother very much since I was taken from my family when he was only 1-1/2 years old. My name is Kathy. If you would like to call me, my number is (618) 420-7517.

Kathy Majka - March 09 at 04:56 PM

FV

“ JC was always a fun and loving character we first met when him and my dad were working together and then we became neighbors for quite some time. I always loved running into JC and his wife at Walmart believe it or not and always cracking jokes. You were such a loving and caring person. Fly high JC we will continue loving you from heaven 🙏

Faith Vaughn - December 11, 2024 at 08:58 PM

DB

“ Met JC when I started at Turf Boys years ago. He was a great guy. I kept in contact after I left there. But not as much as I would've liked. Fast forward to 2021. I bought a house and he wound up being one of my neighbors. He was one to help anyone he could and never think twice. Gone to soon. And will never be forgotten. I love ya bub. Rip up them streets of gold on that Harley 🕊️

Dakota Bogue - December 11, 2024 at 08:48 PM

KT

“ JC helped my husband and I while we were struggling. He's helped us with so much and from the bottom of our hearts we thank him. We're gonna miss you!

Kaylee Tyndall - December 11, 2024 at 07:32 PM