



## Occie Kenneth Bates

December 15, 1936 - October 15, 2024

Funeral Service for Occie Kenneth Bates, age 87 of Cullman, will be at 2:00 PM on Sunday, October 20, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home; burial at Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM on Saturday, October 19, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Bates passed away on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at his residence. He was born, December 15, 1936, to Occie Lorenzo Bates and Vassie Williams Bates.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 34 years, Norma Louise Bates; parents; and daughter-in-law, Felisha Bates.

Kennith and Norma were married from October 7, 1971 until her passing. He retired as a heavy equipment operator with Employers Operating Engineers, Local 520, where he was a union member for 66 years. He also served in the United States Army.

Survivors include his son, Eugene Bates; granddaughter, Caitlin Bates; grandson, Braxton Bates and a host of extended family and friends.

The Bates family would like to thank Diana Lee, Joy Williams, Kathy Alexander, Kim Bradford, Pam Ray and Gentiva Hospice for the love and care they gave.

# Cemetery Details

## Cullman City Cemetery

821 Lessman Cir SW  
Cullman, AL 35055-5201  
(256) 734-3833

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **19**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cullman Heritage Funeral Home  
255 County Road 1435  
Cullman, AL 35058  
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info@cullmanheritage.com  
<https://www.cullmanheritage.com>

## Funeral Service

OCT **20**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

CL

“ Kenneth was the first person to welcome my husband and I to the community in 1989. Our daughter, granddaughter has always considered him an extended and much loved part of our family. I will miss his advice and his friendship very much.

Carol M Lanier - October 25, 2024 at 03:18 PM

CM

“ Carol M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Occie Kennith Bates.

Carol M. - October 25, 2024 at 03:12 PM

ET

“ Kenneth and I were cousins. He was about 10 years older than me. I have fond memories of visiting him whenever I was in AL. We kept in touch by phone at Christmas in the last few years. It was always interesting to hear about Eugene and his family, and how the cattle were doing.  
It's good to know that he was able to be at home with Hospice. He was very proud of his home. May memories be a blessing.  
Edith Templeton

Edith Templeton - October 19, 2024 at 02:02 PM

DC

“ Thank you, Kennith, for sharing your love of family history with me. I will cherish all the pictures and detailed family tree of our family forever. Love Donna Rakestraw-Cacace



Donna Cacace - October 18, 2024 at 03:16 PM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Occie Kenneth Bates.*



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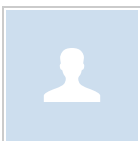
October 18, 2024 at 01:03 PM



“ *Merchants Bank of Alabama - Kerry Hanvey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Occie Kenneth Bates.*

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**Merchants Bank of Alabama - Kerry Hanvey** - October 18, 2024 at 01:03 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Occie Kenneth Bates.*



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October 18, 2024 at 09:44 AM



“ *Tyson, Meranda, Bill, and Vickey Pruett planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Occie Kenneth Bates.*

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**Tyson, Meranda, Bill, and Vickey Pruett** - October 18, 2024 at 09:44 AM

DM

“ *Diane Joiner Maier purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Occie Kennith Bates.*



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**Diane Joiner Maier** - October 17, 2024 at 09:56 AM

DM

“ *Diane Joiner Maier planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Occie Kennith Bates.*

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**Diane Joiner Maier** - October 17, 2024 at 09:56 AM