



Mr. Thomas Alan Bates

March 3, 1962 - September 25, 2018

Funeral services for Mr. Thomas Alan Bates will be held at 11:00 AM Thursday, September 27, 2018 at John E. Stephens Chapel. Rev. Larry Savell, Rev. Bobby Jack Henley and Rev. Ben McDaniel officiating. Interment in Beatline Cemetery. Visitation 6-8 PM Wednesday, September 26, 2018. John E. Stephens Chapel in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Bates, 56, passed away Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at his residence. He graduated from Lamar High School, moving back to Philadelphia after college. He graduated from Ole Miss with a BS degree in biology and BA degree in business. He worked in economic development. His hobbies include golfing, fishing and tennis. Mr. Bates was a member of Beatline Baptist Church.

Preceded in death: Brother, Gerald Lee Bates (May 2018).

Survivors: Parents, Thomas and Martha Bates of Philadelphia; numerous uncles, aunts, cousins and other relatives.

Pallbearers: Craig Nowell, Steve Nowell, Tim Nowell, Roger Williams, Virgil Williams, Richard Price.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **26**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Cemetery

SEP **27** (CT)

Beatline Cemetery
13180 ROAD 505
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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Thomas Alan Bates*

November 16, 2022 at 12:23 PM



“ *I always think back to the days on Edgewood drive when we all played together as kids. Alan and Gerald were great friends of mine and I remember enjoying a lot of good times with them. We camped together and fished together. Those were good times I remember fondly.*

Alan, I will see you and Gerald again soon

Michael Turner

MICHAEL TURNER - April 04, 2019 at 05:09 PM



“ *Alan was a great guy, friend, and servant of Choctaw County as Economic Developer. We are thankful for his time with us, and his accomplishments that help so many in our county now and in the future. I am so sorry family and friends for our loss, especially Mother and Dad who he spoke of often with love. Love Dannie Reed*

Dannie Reed - September 26, 2018 at 08:52 PM



“ *I am saddened to hear about Alan. I met him while working at MBCI- Finance Office in the early 90s. I really liked Alan. I remember we both loved The Jetsons cartoon show. My sincerest condolences.*



Carol Ann Edwards - September 26, 2018 at 08:39 AM

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“ Alan always had the nicest smile. Sort of a guilty crooked smile. But he was always happy. Loved his brother Gerald and his parents dearly. His smile and light will be missed here on earth. But heaven will have a new light to share as a bright star.



Debbie and Donny Hatcher & family - September 25, 2018 at 01:48 PM