



Mr. Jimmy Lee Bates

January 7, 1947 - June 6, 2023

Mr. Jim Bates, age 76, of Woodstock, Georgia passed away Monday, June 5, 2023. Jim was born on January 7, 1947, in Hot Spring, Arkansas, the son to the late Alvin John Bates and Ana Belle Bates.

Jim married the love of his life, Vivian Bates, in January 1966. Jim and Vivian loved each other dearly and shared a sacred marriage for 57 precious years. The marriage was blessed with two children, Arnold (Sherry) and Angela (William Glisson), and three grandchildren: Brennan Bates, Lauren Bates, and Emma Glisson. Jim is survived by his sister, Pat Ellis, of Woodstock, Georgia. Jim was a most beloved husband, father, and grandfather. He loved spending time with his family and friends, taking vacations, hunting trips, fishing trips, and especially telling of his life experiences and funny stories.

Jim has a rewarding career in the Nuclear Industry for over 40 years specializing in chemistry and health physics. He had a passion for his work and was respected greatly for his knowledge and ability throughout the United States and overseas.

After Jim's retirement, he helped refurbish a 17-unit condominium in Treasure Island, Florida and worked for Medical Imaging Solutions USA, LLC. As Director of Legal and Recruiting.

Although, his greatest joy was being a part of his granddaughters' lives. He helped Lauren take care of her barn and all her animals. He helped take care of Emma from the time she was a baby and helped homeschool her from the 4th through the 7th grade. He was always sharing his life and stories with

Emma and Lauren which they will cherish forever.

His influence and love will always remain in the lives of family members and all who knew him.

A celebration of life will be held at our cabin next door at 4346 Earney Road (residence) on June 24th at 6:00 PM. Casual dress and please no children under the age of 12 years. A shuttle service will be provided to accommodate appropriate parking from the shopping center at the end of Earney Road and Highway 140, which is less than a ¼ mile from the cabin. The family requests those who wish to make a memorial tribute to consider making a charitable donation to the Wounded Warriors Foundation.

Please visit www.northsidechapel.com to share memories and leave condolences.

Tribute Wall

FG

“ *Ms. Vivian and Arnold,*

My condolences on Mr. Bates' passing. I very much enjoyed working with him through the years, as he was always at the ready with a great story from his past. His faith in me meant a lot to me as I was starting my practice many years ago, and I was honored to work with him and with your family. He will be missed.

Frank Goldman - June 21, 2023 at 05:06 PM

JS

“ *My condolences to Vivian and all of Jim's family. Jim was an awesome man and a true legend in the nuclear industry. I was blessed to work close with Jim before he retired from INPO. He went out on top in true Jim fashion. I was honored to be his last INPO department manager.*

Three stories about Jim.

When I was chem manager at Clinton Jim briefed me on what he saw for the day. We had just installed noble metals and hwc and our condenser was the tightest it had ever been. This was huge. He brought all that up and ended with "that's all very good Joe but you know, I think your standards are lower than a snakes belly!" I never forgot that. His message was look forward at what is next to be done. High standards Jim is what I will remember.

The second was how CPI was created by Jim and Rod Bains CY mgr from Farley. They first drew the concept out on a napkin over dinner. It turned out to be a nuclear industry standard that was later refined by Jim's brother-in-law Bill Burke who I was also blessed to work with and is a very close friend.

Last, when Jim was in Japan he tried to cook shrimp over a candle with a toothpick. Not sure about this last story but several people have told me this and swear by it. True Jim.....innovative and a true legend. I think he would be very proud of all who followed and he touched.

Most of all, Jim was at his best when he spoke of his family. You could tell how deeply he loved Vivian just by the huge grin he would get on his face when he spoke about how proud he was to be her husband. They were a powerful team together. And no one father was prouder of his son than Jim who he just beamed each time he spoke of him.

Fair winds and calm seas old friend. We will see you on the other side.

Joe (and Gail) Sears

Joseph Timothy Sears - June 10, 2023 at 07:43 AM

RH

My deepest sympathy to Vivian and Jim's family. I was deeply saddened to hear of Jim's passing. I had the privilege of travelling with Jim on many trips to inspect US and international nuclear plants. I was his team leader on several of these trips. I remember him as one of the most dedicated and hardest working team members. While some details have slipped my memory, I remember one trip when he came to me in the evening at the hotel and was deeply distressed. He had a family emergency and was torn with resolving the conflict with his work and family. The company quickly solved the problem when we raised it and got Jim home immediately to deal with the problem. I recall that they sent the company plane to provide his transportation. He was a legend in his company and in the industry. As a colleague he was courteous and a gentleman to all. He also made us laugh with his occasional colloquialisms as Joe Sears mentioned ("...standards lower than a snake's belly.) To paraphrase one of my Irish descent blessings "Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, Friendship leave a memory no one can steal." Goodbye Jim.

Rick Haley - June 11, 2023 at 01:36 PM

BM

Jim and I were fellow evaluators for approximately 15 years. Although I had been a chemist and field engineer 15 years before joining INPO, Jim was more experienced at investigating the adequacy of how chemists and engineers jointly implement their respective industry standards to protect plant equipment. I can say Jim mentored me on the art of 5-layer questioning techniques to find facts and validate the truth. After all, the TRUTH sets us free to see the importance of what we do and compels us to take action to accomplish the best we can be as professionals and upholders of our vision. Working together as a team at power plants in the US and abroad, we used questioning techniques and tactful conversations to obtain information that was appreciated by engineers and chemists, that resulted in WIN/WIN outcomes. As strong believers, we will be eternally joined in Jesus' name.

*Rest in peace, my friend,
Equilla Minga*

Bernice Minga - June 11, 2023 at 03:29 PM

LL

It was very sad to hear of Jim's passing. Like many, I knew Jim over the years both from the industry side of the house when he was a tough evaluator of chemistry and as a colleague at INPO. Since I like hunting and guns, we hit it off pretty well and I remember lunch breaks that we often took to the local gun store to see what was in stock. On one occasion Jim took me with his son down to Alabama for a quail hunt. It was memorable because his son was the pilot, and I got to witness Jim's first miss ever on a quail and his second and third misses as well. On Jim's behalf, he was recovering from a neck injury at the time and may not have been able to shoulder his shotgun properly. Jim often talked about his love of god, country and family. Many condolences to the family and friends of Jim. He will be missed.

larry lucas - June 12, 2023 at 07:52 AM

KC

*Vivian
One of my fondest memories working at INPO was the review Jim and I did in France many years ago. What made it extra special was that you and your daughter joined us for a fun time in Paris. I thank you for allowing me to hang with you and Jim that weekend.*

*May God Bless
Kenny Christian*

Kenny Christian - June 12, 2023 at 02:29 PM

AB

*Thank you all for sharing the memories and kind words about my Dad. He loved his work and all of you; I feel like I know most of you from listening to him. And Larry, dad was talking about that hunting trip just days before he passed. Many, many fond memories I shared over a lifetime....I'm grateful and we were blessed. I will see you when I'm done with my work here, Dad. Love you,
A*

Arnold Bates - June 12, 2023 at 06:14 PM

CE

Jim and I were best friends growing up. I knew things about him no one else ever did. I knew his passions, his commitments, his determination and his deep love for others. I married his sister who also shares these traits. Jim was very successful in this life. He gained material wealth not as a goal in itself but as a consequence of his devotion to the things he believed in and valued. Most of all he gained the love and respect of those around him. When we die we can not take the material wealth we gained but we do take the spiritual wealth we achieved in terms of kindness to others, the love and respect of our family and friends, the strength of our character. In this respect Jim has entered into eternity a very wealthy man. I know that when I pass he will be one of the first ones to greet me in heaven. Love you Jim. We are still best buds forever.

Cliff Ellis - June 18, 2023 at 07:42 AM

GF

Jim and I made many trips together. As a team leader or executive representative when I saw Jim was on the team I said to myself - "no worries in Chemistry; Jim will get all the issues." He was a true professional. No one ever challenged his results. He made more contributions to our nuclear industry than I can ever capture here. I know you are hurting at this time of loss, but please know that Jim was admired and respected by his peers. God bless you all.

George Felgate - June 22, 2023 at 06:40 PM