



## Lavon Allen Bates

August 4, 1950 - September 1, 2011

Lavon Allen Bates, age 61, of Alpharetta was called to his eternal home September 1, 2011. Lavon grew up in Alpharetta and attended Milton High School and Kennesaw Junior College. He was a member of Northside Baptist Church in Roswell, Nelms Masonic Lodge #323, and the Plumbers, Pipefitters and Service Technicians Local Union 72. He served in the Georgia National Guard. He was a dedicated instructor for the Mechanical Trades Institute in Atlanta. He will be remembered as a loving father, talented singer, devoted runner and an avid motorcyclist. He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Lavon Bates. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law Adam and Brittany Nicole Mitchell, mother Margie Lenora Bates, fiancée Cindy Jones, sister and brother-in-law Stephen and Lenora Monroe, sister and brother-in-law David and Rhonda Chatham, brother and sister-in-law Johnny and Tammy Bates, Ann Rich, Patrick Bates, and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 on Tuesday, September 6, at Northside Baptist Church, Roswell, with Gabriel Chatham and Reverend Jason Barber officiating. Interment will be immediately following the service at Green Lawn Cemetery, Roswell. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Northside Baptist Church, 11125 Houze Road, Roswell, Georgia 30076. Visitation: 4:00PM to 8:00PM on Monday, September 5, 2011 at Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory, Roswell/Alpharetta, 770/645-1414. [www.northsidechapel.com](http://www.northsidechapel.com)



# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 5. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory  
12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

## Service

SEP 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

Northside Baptist Church  
11125 Houze Road  
Roswell, Ge

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lavon Allen Bates*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Margie, Lenora and Rhonda. I am very sorry for your loss. Although I did not get to see Levon too many times in recent years, I often thought of him and have memories of him singing and what a wonderful voice he had. He was always nice and respectful to everyone I ever saw him with. I know he had many freinds and many family members who loved him very much. I know Levon was a good man who loved his family also. He will indeed be missed. My prayer is for all his family. Levon is surely with God now.##imported-begin##Randy E. Fowler##imported-end##*

September 10, 2011 at 10:21 PM



“ *I truley looked forward to seeing and talking to Lavon in the early hours of the mornings. I will certainly miss the time but I will charish the times we had  
Richard##imported-begin##Richard Pawlowski##imported-end##*

September 06, 2011 at 08:17 PM



“ My sincerest commiserations to Lavon's family, friends and the new love of his life. Lavon and I were great friends in high school, sang in the choir together and were members on the track team. We often had midnight escapades, as lads do. I am so glad we were able to make contact again recently. he was a wonderful man and will be missed by many. God bless you.##imported-begin##Mark Greene##imported-end##

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September 06, 2011 at 04:31 PM



“ I am truly going to miss Lavon's smiling face. He was a regular member at Gold's Gym in Austell and took my class often. He was a great guy. I am so glad I had the opportunity to know him.##imported-begin##Alecia Norman##imported-end##

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September 06, 2011 at 03:10 PM



“ It breaks my heart that I could not be in Georgia for your going home ceremony. I still can't believe that you are not on this earth but rather with the Father. The months after we rekindled our friendship were so healing. I believe for both of us. God used you to place value on the person that I am and when I think of all the things you shared and were so heartbreakingly honest about with me both verbally and through your thousands of written words, my heart is so full. I would like to think I was instrumental in your getting over painful things from the past so that this time you could have an awesome relationship with Cindy. My arthritic fingers will never get over the hours and hours of texting. (I was used to people talking their hearts out.) I know you taught me so much about who I should be going out with in the future. We ladies who have been abused need to learn from the good guys Doc. I don't know of any male friend that when talking we both laughed and we both shed tears together so often. I have also never known a dad who loved a daughter or was as proud as you were of Brittany. I pray for a chance to talk to her sometime. Your honesty on calling me out when I messed up and my doing the same and sharing what God really wanted me to say to you. I wanted you to feel, the intimacy that I feel with him. I am sure that is hard to believe because I could be such a pain in the \_\_\_\_\_. (As could you) I also know that when healing happens our lives and hearts open up warts and all. I loved our discussions about how it is so much more than attending the "family church" but rather it is spending time with Him daily. I know how much you loved Cindy and wanted to guard that relationship like no other. I also will never forget our conversations about your beautiful mother, Margie and your precious sisters. I wondered how many men idolized their father like you did Charles. I praise God for your friendship at the lowest moment in my life. I always wonder at the things God allows both good and bad. You, unlike Doc Holliday who you jokingly compared yourself to because of your self image as an adventuresome wild boy were the good. I know we will never know why He allows things to happen when they do, but my greatest prayer is that he will use this tragic accident to bring others closer to him. I hope your friends and your students could realize that Christ

*had begun a good work in you that went way past just being a lover of God. I now know that you will be singing in heaven's choir with a bandana on your head..I think I can hear you now yelling "Go Dawgs!" I will be thanking God for you but most of all praying daily for those that were close to you and loved you. Your memory will not leave our hearts. I amso glad I met that cute Lavon Bates with his thumbs in his pockets and those cute glasses. We from Milton class of 1968 will always smile when we share about you and our memories!##imported-begin##Mary Lynn Jones##imported-end##*

September 06, 2011 at 01:54 PM



*“ Hard to put into words what Lavon meant to me. He had a passion for the school and students. He loved teaching wheather it was apprentices or journeyman. He was the first to volunteer his time on weekends to further educate those in need. He never met a stranger, always meet you with a smile and hug. One thing for sure, he loved his daughter, he was so proud of Brit. Lavon you were a great friend and will be missed much! Thank you for everything you did, you made an impact on everyone's life that you touched including mine. It want be the same at MTI without you! Brittany you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Vickie Davis##imported-end##*

September 06, 2011 at 11:33 AM



“ Words cannot describe the huge hole in my heart. My deepest sympathy to his family. His school family is going to miss him greatly. Lavon has touched so many lives in different ways. I think anyone who met him has learned something from him. I know one of his great loves was this school. He intended for every one of his students to graduate, and he would do all he could to make that happen. And he would be smiling while he was doing it. Lavon, Rest In Peace, baby. We love you and miss you. And by the way, have i told you today that I love you?##imported-begin##Phyllis Vaughn##imported-end##

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September 06, 2011 at 11:24 AM



“ lavon will be missed greatly,we followed each other on facebook.##imported-begin##kenneth and sandy moore##imported-end##

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September 06, 2011 at 11:13 AM



“ I'm a student of lavones and will miss him really bad. Lavon was a good man, he loved all of us at the school and don't know anyone that didn't feel the same way about him. He was a great man and he talked about his daughter in a very proud way. He loved her very much. God definitely had a place for lavon in his kingdom##imported-begin##Tim Scarbrough##imported-end##

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September 06, 2011 at 10:04 AM



“ I will keep all of you in my prayers. Just found out about the accident this morning.##imported-begin##David Bales##imported-end##

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September 06, 2011 at 09:14 AM



“ Margie, and all of your loved ones, we want to express our deepest sympathy. Unexpected as this was Lavon is at home with the Lord and celebrating that victory is such a great blessing that we have. I know you will miss his presence here, but there will be a great reunion day.

Trusting in the love of the Lord to see you thru this very difficult time we love you and are praying for that peace that passes all understanding to just help you every moment of every day.

Through  
God's Grace Gene and Pam

grace Gene and Pam###imported-begin##Gene and Pam  
Jones###imported-end##

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September 06, 2011 at 02:15 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.  
Ken and Vicki Hardin###imported-begin##Ken and Vicki  
Hardin###imported-end##

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September 05, 2011 at 09:03 PM



“ Our prayers and thoughts go with you all. It has been a long time since we saw Lavon, but we have many fond memories of him from past years.###imported-begin##Kenny and Gayle  
Rogers###imported-end##

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September 05, 2011 at 04:28 PM



“ I always tell the story of Lavon and I running the Atlanta half marathon. Lavon carried a fanny pack during the run and upon crossing the finish line after 13.1 miles of running he proceeded to open his fanny pack pull out a cigarette and declare I earned that one. You will be sorely missed and counted in my prayers.##imported-begin##Robert Henderson##imported-end##

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September 05, 2011 at 03:19 PM



“ Our Love, Thoughts and Prayer go out to your entire Family. So sorry for this great loss but so many precious memories. Hold on to your strong faith, God is so good and will continue giving you all strength.##imported-begin##Nan Reese and Miriam Webb##imported-end##

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September 05, 2011 at 11:23 AM



“ So sorry for the loss of a true Union Brother . His impact on life will be a great legacy.##imported-begin##George W. Thomasson Jr. (HONEYBUN)##imported-end##

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September 05, 2011 at 01:30 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to the family of Lavon Bates who was a Brother member of UA #72 and a dedicated instructor at our Mech. Trades Instit. He will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of being in his classes. Our prayers and thoughts go out to the family. God Bless!##imported-begin##Ronnie Addis##imported-end##

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September 04, 2011 at 06:37 PM



“ We were shocked and terribly saddened to learn of Lavon's passing. We pray the family will be comforted in knowing that Lavon was loved by many and especially by our family. He was a wonderful person who loved his family, his job, his students, his fellow co-workers and Union Brothers. You are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Mike & Gail Dennis##imported-end##

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September 04, 2011 at 06:04 PM



“ You were a true friend and brother. You will be missed by many. You made such a difference in the lives of everyone who knew you. We love you brother.##imported-begin##Bobby Alls##imported-end##

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September 04, 2011 at 10:48 AM



“ I would like to express my deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Lavon, my friend and brother as a member of Local 72. As an instructor his desire was to instill the highest skill of craftsmanship in the apprentices that came through his classes. In this time of great sorrow always lean on the Lord your God and He will give you comfort. Rest in peace my brother, until we meet again.##imported-begin##Herman L Streetman Sr##imported-end##

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September 04, 2011 at 09:58 AM



“ So shocked and sad to learn the news about Lavon. My mind went back immediately to memories of singing gospel songs with him in a duet or trio at Tabernacle Baptist Church, Alpharetta, in the early 70's. My prayers and love go out to his family.##imported-begin##Dennis Anderson##imported-end##

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September 03, 2011 at 03:42 PM



“ *Lavon you will be greatly missed you have be a blessing to me in my learning at school it will never be the same without you. You were a major piece to the puzzle to us all getting the best education in our field and you were always helping us to reach that goal. My prayers go out to your family because I know you will be greatly missed. Until I see you again. Love you Melody*###imported-begin###Melody Arnold###imported-end##

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September 03, 2011 at 12:07 PM



“ *To all the Family  
Our thoughts, and prayers are with you all. May God comfort you, and give you strength. I Love you all.*###imported-begin###Brenda (Daws) Hutchins & Don Hutchins###imported-end##

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September 03, 2011 at 12:06 PM



“ *Your honesty, integrity, and genuine love to and for your Brothers, is what set you apart. You will be missed my friend.*###imported-begin###Michael Boutte###imported-end##

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September 03, 2011 at 08:40 AM



“ *I only just met Lavon this school year but will miss him*###imported-begin###Terence Blade###imported-end##

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September 03, 2011 at 08:02 AM



“ *My heart breaks.. Lavon was a wonderful man who ALWAYS brought a smile to my face. My thoughts and prayers go out to all his family and friends who are so devastated by this lose. He will forever remain in my heart.##imported-begin##Valerie Garrett##imported-end##*

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September 02, 2011 at 05:49 PM