



## Johnny L. Bates III

January 27, 1972 - November 23, 2023

Johnny Leaster Bates, III, went home to the Lord on November 23, 2023, at the age of 51.

Johnny was preceded in death by his daughter Celeste Bates, grandson, Vincent Rice, and mother, Margaret Craddock.

Johnny graduated from Watson Chapel High School in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Afterwards he spent three years in the United States Navy specializing in computer training. As an employee of Boar's Head in Forrest City, he continued his training and education for hydraulic machinery.

Johnny was an accomplished self-taught guitarist and played with bands such as the Rodd Fox band. He enjoyed performing and took part in the Beale Street Battle of the Bands.

Johnny is survived by his loving wife of 16 years, Ginger Bates of the home; daughter, Chelsea Bates; son, Jackson Bates of Forrest City, AR; daughter, Jaci Flowers; granddaughter Reece Tribble of Jonesboro, AR; grandsons, Isaac and Deacon Rice of Tupelo, MS; father, Johnny (Carolyn) Bates, Jr. of White Hall, AR; and sister Cynthia (Donald) Burns of Forrest City, AR.

Johnny will also be remembered by his nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, co-workers, friends, and all who knew him. He had a huge heart and never met a stranger.

# Cemetery Details

## Moutain Springs Cemetery

15669 Hwy 5  
Cabot, AR 72023

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **26**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM.

Rusty Nails Cowboy Church

## Service

NOV **26**. 2:00 PM.

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## Burial

NOV **26** (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Cynthia Bates Burns lit a candle in memory of Johnny L. Bates III*



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**Cynthia Bates Burns** - November 29, 2023 at 07:36 AM