



## James Kenneth Bates

September 1, 1941 - May 26, 2016

Funeral service for James Kenneth Bates, age 74, of Decatur, will be Saturday, May 28, 2016, 2:00 p.m. at Shelton Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Dr. Chris Martin officiating. The family will receive friends for one hour prior to service. Interment will be in East Lawrence Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Bates, who died Thursday, May 26, 2016, at his residence, was born September 1, 1941, in Lawrence County, to James Roland Bates and Mildred Inez Stover Bates. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Jerome Bates. Mr. Bates retired from Monsanto following 32 years of service, and was a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. He had a tremendous love of cattle farming and Alabama football.

He is survived by his loving wife, Pat (Graves) Bates of Decatur; two sons, Scott Bates of Decatur, and Todd Bates (Tisha) of Hartselle; one brother, Bobby Bates of Trinity; one sister, Jean Hallman of Moulton; and three grandchildren, Lauren Bates, Meredith Bates, and Davis Bates.

Pallbearers will be Davis Bates, Chad Bates, Wayne Bates, Lacy Bates, Anthony Tyler, and Dusty Sims.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Pat and family; so sorry to hear of Kenneth's passing. I am one of his LCHS classmates 1959 and see him every year at our reunions. He will be so missed this year. Take care and know you are in my prayers.



Nancy Early Hall - May 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Scott, so sorry for the loss of your Dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire family during this time.



Debbie Cole - May 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Debbie Cole lit a candle in memory of James Kenneth Bates



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“ Pat, Scott and Todd, so sorry to hear of the loss of your husband and father. Thoughts and prayers for all of you.



Ann Hopper - May 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *May GOD bless Kenneth and all of his Family.I am Friend of Kenneth from the Cattle Business. and a Cousin of Ray Locke.*



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**Jackie Yarbrough Toney Ala** - May 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM